

CAR PC HACKS

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Personal computers are finding their way into the automobile in increasing numbers. Audiophiles are putting their entire music collection in the car on multi-gigabyte hard drives. SUVs are going beyond DVD players and providing mobile Video-on-Demand systems for their passengers. Gaming enthusiasts don't need to settle for just one console; by using emulation software, they can provide thousands of video games from Atari 2600 up to Playstation or PC games for enjoyment on long trips. And naturally, computer geeks continue to do inexplicable but undeniably cool things with their in-car computers, such as installing webcams, sharing MP3s between cars, and hunting for WiFi connections as they drive.

Written by computer hardware hackers and automobile customizers, *Car PC Hacks* is a collection of 100 tips, tutorials, and techniques for installing, configuring, and getting the most out of an in-car computer. Designed to inform hackers coming from both the automotive and the computer world, the book covers the basic power and hookup considerations of in-car computers in an easily understood way. You'll get detailed coverage of hundreds of things that an in-car computer can accomplish and exactly how to realized them in your own car PC. After reading this book, you may get more done in your car than anywhere else!

- Move your entire audio collection to the car and navigate with a remote control
- Install a PC-based in-car navigation system that is cheaper, faster, and more usable than the one that comes with new cars
- Plug your iPod directly into your factory sound without using FM or tape adapters for the best quality sound
- Plug into the car computer and find out what the "check engine light" is really saying
- Add satellite radio to your Car PC for under 50 bucks!
- Go beyond DVD players and put your entire MOVIE collection in the car
- Have your email and news (and RSS feeds) read to you as you commute to and from work
- Run a "TiVo"-like personal media recorder and record your favorite radio shows so they're waiting for you the next time you drive

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