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Updated every year, this book immediately distinguishes itself from similar titles with its sheer volume and comprehensive coverage. Minasi, CNN's resident computer expert, covers basic tasks such as disassembling a PC to advanced topics like formatting SCSI devices. This edition includes helpful illustrations of common upgrades a first in the book's 12-year history as well as two CDs (one is an hour-long instructional video, and the other contains more than 25 diagnostic tools). The latter are likely to get lost or stolen, but the book's text still stands strongly on its own. A more affordable but less in-depth guide is Preston Gralla's *How To Expand & Upgrade PCs* (Computer Media, LJ 6/1/01). Minasi's title is highly recommended.

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From the Back Cover

The Complete PC Upgrade and Maintenance Guide, Twelfth Edition is a problem-solving wonder. In simple, easy-to-follow language, it shows you how to prevent disasters, fix the ones that occur, and maximize your PC's power and longevity. Based on author Mark Minasi's popular \$800 seminars, this book is an unbelievable value. For only \$59.99, it teaches you everything you need to know to meet your PC challenges.

Coverage includes:

- Buying or building a new PC
- * Preventing hardware disasters
- Upgrading memory
- Replacing power supplies
- Installing EIDE hard drives
- Adding SCSI ports
- Partitioning and formatting EIDE and SCSI drives
- Protecting your PC from viruses
- Solving data backup challenges
- Adding and repairing removable media devices: DVD drivers, CD-ROMs, and others
- Troubleshooting printers
- Installing communications devices
- Upgrading mice and keyboards
- Installing video and sound cards
- Tackling networking issues
- Choosing a new PC or building one
- Troubleshooting Internet connectivity
- Solving special laptop problems

CD DESCRIPTION: On the first CD, you'll find over one hour of instructional video in which PC expert Mark Minasi teaches you his field-proven upgrade and repair techniques. These videos are a great resource and an unbeatable value. On the second CD, you get over 25 system tune-up and diagnostic tools-utilities that help you monitor and fine-tune your PC's performance, restrict access to programs and data, and recover quickly when disaster strikes. Plus there are more than 500 pages of bonus materials including an exclusive chapter on recovering data and fixing hard disks as well as a vendor guide!

About the Author

Mark Minasi is Sybex's most prolific and successful author with millions of copies of his books in print. He has 22 years experience in the computer business and has been teaching professional seminars since 1985. His Mastering NT Server and Windows 2000 Server books are the

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