

The Fable of the Unstable Cable



Jack Peterson thought he was tech-savvy. He'd bought every gadget on sale for the past five years. The table in front of him looked like a computer store had exploded.

Red cables. Blue cables. Black cables. Cables were everywhere. They twisted around his arms like electronic snakes. He couldn't tell which cord went with what anymore.

"I just wanted to charge my phone," he muttered, pulling at a white cable that seemed to be connected to three different things. His setup had become completely unstable. He wasn't able to make anything work.

His computer screen stayed black. His printer wouldn't work. Even the lamp on his table was off. Everything was disabled.

The IT guy at work had warned him: "Buy one thing at a time, test it, then move on."

Now Jack sat trapped in his own cable jungle, wondering if he should just throw it all away and start over.

Sometimes less really is more.