Chapter 3 - Networking and Group Computing

Network Cost

The approximate cost of a client/server network is set forth below. These are rough estimates, and the cost will change depending upon your individual requirements, such as number of workstations on the system, peripherals attached, software requirements, and remote communication needs.

- File Server \$1500+
- Data Backup System \$300 \$600
- Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) \$300 \$1500
- Hub \$300+
- Per individual PC
- Network Interface Card \$50 \$150
- Network Software \$50 \$150
- Cabling \$100
- Install System \$50 \$100
- Network Hub \$125 \$1000

The approximate cost of a peer-to-peer network is set forth below. These are rough estimates, and the cost will change depending upon your individual requirements, such as number of workstations on the system, peripherals attached, software requirements, and remote communication needs. The cost of a peer-to-peer system per PC is:

- Network Interface Card \$50 \$150
- Network Software \$50 \$150
- Cabling \$100
- Install System \$50 \$200
- Network Hub \$125 \$1000