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Apple News around the Net

It's time for something about Apple.



iPad

Apple has finally revealed its highly-anticipated iPad tablet reading device. With a 10" IPS touch screen and the latest version of the iPhone OS, the iPad wowed the fans with its innovative ideas and user-friendly UI. Many people have compared the iPad with netbooks and other mobile internet devices and feel the iPad does not have what it takes to dominate the market. However, the sales figures from iPad pre-orders have shown otherwise. It is estimated that over 50,000 iPads have been either pre-ordered or reserved since March 12th. With the final shipping date (April 3rd) approaching, we'll find out soon enough.



HTC vs. Apple

Apple is officially suing HTC (Google's partner) for various alleged patent infringements. HTC is one of Google's mobile phone partners and actually made Google's first smart phone, "Nexus One". There is a lot of speculation as to why Apple decided to go after HTC but not Google itself. Some said Apple needs Google for its search platform, while others feel that Apple is going after a much "easier" target. Regardless, the lawsuit brought against HTC served as an instant publicity boost for HTC which gained it a tremendous amount of attention across the IT industry.



No more iPhone screen protectors from the official Apple store

It is rumoured that Apple will stop selling all types of iPhone screen protector. These include both film-type protectors and the hard plastic covers used in some of the carrying cases but may include other types. Apple has given accessory suppliers a certain period of time as a buffer and the policy will be put in place in May. The reasons behind Apple's policy change remain unclear; some speculate that the need of a screen protector implies that the iPhone's screen is weak and can be easily broken.