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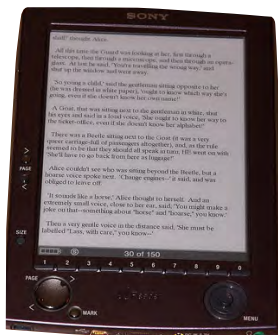
## Tech News around the Net

In this series, we will talk about some of the latest tech-related (both hardware and software) events, issues and developments in everyday terms. In this edition, we'll focus primarily on CES 2010, the International Consumer Electronics Show held in Las Vegas earlier this month. Some of the major trends are listed as follows:



### 3D

In case you did not know, 3D was one of the biggest showstoppers in CES 2010. Almost all the major technology manufacturers from around the world showed off some sort of 3D technology with televisions leading the way. With special goggles, you can immerse yourself in the exciting new world of 3D. Characters and objects jump out of the screen with vivid colours and lively action. The 3D technology is now mature enough to be available to mainstream users. Notebook computers are commonly equipped with 3D LCD displays and you can enjoy 3D on the go. Expect more movies and television programmes to be recorded and broadcast in 3D in the near future.



### E-reader

The E-reader, or electronic reader, was also one of the biggest stars of CES 2010. As predicted, 2010 will be the year for the E-reader to become mainstream. Screen sizes ranging from 6" all the way to 10" are now available and Microsoft demonstrated a prototype tablet computer from HP, setting a clear direction in the industry. The key area to watch is content for these devices - books, newspapers, etc. E-readers won't achieve market penetration without the support of content providers.



### Mobile computing

The trend was originally created by the iPhone and now almost all cellphone manufacturers in the world are producing more and more smartphones (in reality they should be called "mini mobile computers"). With mobile broadband widely available, users are changing the way they get online. Instead of using a conventional desktop or notebook computer, many users now want a mobile internet device that they can use on the road. More and more mobile applications will become available to fulfil daily tasks with ease. Expect more smart phones and application distribution platforms to become available later this year.