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## **Tech News around the Net**

It's time for some delicious tech news from around the net.

### **Palm acquired for a cool \$1.2bn**

It wasn't HTC, Lenovo, or other technology giants as we expected. Turns out it was HP. Let's face it, Palm had its glory days in the past, but they failed to catch on to the "smartphone" revolution and stuck with their traditional PAD approach. Obviously it did not work out as well as Palm had expected. When Palm announced its webOS back in 2009, many thought the company was ready for a comeback. However, webOS never took off and gained very little tracking, which ultimately led to HP's acquisition. This doesn't mean webOS is a bad piece of technology. With HP's financial strength and distribution channels, we will be seeing webOS-enabled products on the market soon.

### **4<sup>th</sup> generation iPhone leaks**

As we move closer to WWDC in June, more and more next-generation iPhone rumours start to surface. First there was the "Gizmodo incident" after an Apple software engineer left a prototype iPhone in a bar. Several weeks after the initial leak, another prototype leak appeared on a Vietnamese tech blog. Not just iPhone, next-generation rumoured iPod Touch prototype also made its appearance on the same Vietnamese tech blog. Many are speculating this could all be Apple's marketing plot, while others feel it was the tech media who are behind these "well-planned" leaks. No matter what, we'll find out soon enough on June 7th, 2010.

### **Google I/O, 2010**

Google held the annual "Google I/O" conference May 27~28, 2010. Several key introductions including Google TV and Android 2.2 "Froyo". Google TV is essentially a platform as in Android. Google will provide the software and TV manufacturers will come up with TVs and accessories to complete the product. Google TV will be compatible with most of the cable companies existing today. Partners announced during the conference are Sony, Logitech, and Intel. Android 2.2 also has some nice features including Flash Player 10.1, better YouTube quality, and minor cosmetic improvements.