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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 / developments in everyday terms. We'll also analyse and explain how you can use these ideas / devices to improve your daily life.



Office 2010 Beta now available for public testing

Microsoft has just released the beta version of its latest word-processing suite, Office 2010. Besides the usual interface / functionality enhancements, one noteworthy concept is the integration between Outlook and social networks. You will be able to manage your social network's account directly within Outlook. Upload photos, reply to your friends with just a few clicks. Office Mobile 2010 is also made available for your mobile devices. If you would like to give either version a try, you can download them [here](#).



Sony Ericsson announced their first Android phone, the "Xperia X10"

The first Android-based smartphone from SE is rather interesting. In a nutshell, the phone is equipped with the Android 1.6 operating system (not 2.0, or Éclair if you refer to it by code-name), a 1GHz processor, an 810MP auto-focus camera, a 4" display screen and WiFi connectivity. On top of the standard Android interface, SE has added two separate applications called "Timescape" and Mediascape. Timescape is a place where you can manage all your communication records with any contact on your phone in a time-sequential fashion, while Mediascape allows you to browse, play and edit all your media files (both offline and online) on your phone. You can find out more about this new phone at Sony Ericsson's official website [here](#).

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BenQ announced their first E-book reader, the "nReader"

[BenQ](#), one of the leading IT manufacturers in Taiwan has announced the nReader, their new electronic book reader (or E-book reader). Very much like the Kindle from Amazon, the nReader allows you to read e-books available online (of course you can also download them directly to the reader). Unlike Kindle, nReader supports Far-East languages such as Chinese, Korean and Japanese. The entire device weighs 200g and has an 800 x 600 resolution display. The battery will last 7500 page turns on one single charge.