

# Wired News



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## Google to Provide VoIP

It is estimated that the voice-over-Internet Protocol industry is worth \$840 million with expectations of reaching 3.3 billion by 2010. Eager to tap into this market, Google has created a business relationship with VoIP Inc., in which they will provide VoIP services in 2006.

Voice-over-Internet Protocol allows users to make telephone calls using their computers. This service allows the customers to greatly reduce the cost of long distance telephone billing. Google's VoIP offering is provided through its Google Talk service, but it has been limited to date because Google Talk users can only start voice conversations with each other. By using a company like VoIP Inc. Google can quickly access a variety of telephony network providers.

Perhaps more interesting, Google is working with VoIP Inc. on a test of its click-to-call advertising, which lets Google search-users click on an ad and speak directly with advertisers. [Continue](#)



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## Socialization With CPU's

Contrary to what many believe, chat rooms and message boards allow young people to develop their personalities and socialize effectively. Studies suggest that regular chat room users tend to be more engaged with their communities and their age group. Online identities enhance self-discovery and the opportunity of making new friends, often leading to higher self-esteem.

Some scientists claim that the internet is not deteriorating socialization, but rather, offering a new means in which it can take place. Further, they claim that the internet can still provide individuals with community involvement and leadership.



Research on this issue is still limited, making the outcomes of the use of such technology difficult to predict. However, with an increased amount of interaction, the effects do not seem to be negative, as they are with television and video games.

Thus, it is not that we should fear and shun technologies, but rather, try to acquire as much information on its impacts as possible in order to use it in the most effective manner. [Continue](#)

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## Francophones ont besoin d'un clavier universel



L'ordinateur occupe une place prédominante dans notre vie. Pour cette raison, il serait convenable d'avoir un clavier universel. Malheureusement, ce n'est pas le cas, et la multiplicité des configurations de clavier d'ordinateurs cause beaucoup de confusion et de frustration.

Un clavier normalisé serait avantageux pour les utilisateurs d'ordinateurs actuels, et aiderait aussi aux générations futures à devenir plus efficace. Ensuite, nous pourrions éviter nos séances de 'piochage' de clavier, avec les touches 'CTRL', 'ALT' et 'SHIFT'. [Continue](#)



## Email Easy to Misinterpret

According to recent research published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, people only have a 50-50 chance of ascertaining the tone of any e-mail message. The study also shows that people think they've correctly interpreted the tone of e-mails they receive 90% of the time.

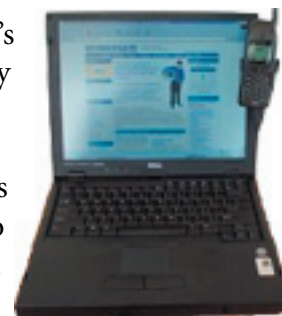
This dangerous combinations caused by the inability of people to imagine how a message might be understood from another person's perspective can easily create confusion, conflict and hostility in a working environment.

Thus, it is important that we ensure that our emails are as clear and concise as possible. [Continue](#)

## Internet Anywhere

From moving vehicles to park benches people are getting connected with the use of their laptop and cell phone. Although not useful for everyone, this new application provides business people with the freedom to leave the office and not feel out of touch.

What's the catch? Well, there's more than one. You may only want to use this feature at times when your cell phone plan offers unlimited minutes to avoid costly billing. Not to mention that this connection is 25% slower than dial-up.



But this may not be an issue if you spend most weekdays in your office and have unlimited weekends and evenings with your plan. In this instance, you may view this application as a viable means for checking email and visiting low graphic websites.

To view requirements and setup click [here](#).

## Cell Tower Aesthetics

Cell towers are often regarded as unsightly.

Fortunately, obtrusive towers cluttering our cities and countryside are now being disguised in many clever ways. Some of these covert forms include trees, cacti, gas station signs, boulders, and even church steeples.

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