

Despite risks, Internet creeps onto car dashboards

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LAS VEGAS — To the dismay of safety advocates already worried about driver distraction, automakers and high-tech companies have found a new place to put sophisticated Internet-connected computers: the front seat.

Technology giants like Intel and Google are turning their attention from the desktop to the dashboard, hoping to bring the power of the PC to the car. They see vast opportunity for profit in working with automakers to create the next generation of irresistible devices.

This week at the Consumer Electronics Show, the neon-drenched annual trade show here, these companies are demonstrating the breadth of their ambitions, like 10-inch screens above the gearshift showing high-definition videos, 3-D maps and Web pages.

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Un super téléphone, le Nexus One?

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«Le Nexus One fait partie d'un type d'appareil en émergence qu'on appelle les super téléphones, avec sa puce de 1GHz qui le rend aussi puissant que votre ordinateur portable

d'il y a trois ou quatre ans», a déclaré Andy Rubin, vice-président de l'ingénierie chez Google. Le géant de la recherche a choisi de délaissier le terme «téléphone intelligent». Il est utilisé depuis plusieurs années pour parler des téléphones dont les fonctions sont multiples et qui permettent notamment d'envoyer des courriels et de naviguer sur le web.

À l'Association canadienne des télécommunications sans fil, c'était la première fois qu'on entendait l'expression «super téléphone».

«Je ne sais pas pourquoi Google a choisi d'utiliser ce mot. C'est peut-être pour des raisons de marketing. À première vue, le Nexus One semble avoir le même type de services que l'on retrouve sur les téléphones intelligents actuels, incluant ceux qui roulent sous Android», dit le directeur des communications de l'Association, Marc Choma.

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Forget speed-dating; coming apps will play online matchmaker: futurist

By Shannon Proudfoot - www.canada.com

One day soon, you could be waiting in line for your caffeine fix when your cellphone alerts you to a possible love connection passing by on the street outside.

It will become possible as more of our personal preferences and traits live online and GPS-enabled cellphones track our locations at all times, says Erica Orange, a long-term trends analyst at New York consulting firm Weiner, Edrich, Brown, Inc. and member of the World Future Society.

Sound far-fetched? Researchers at MIT are already working on an iPhone application called Serendipity that will do just that.

"It used to be that you would go online and fill out a whole questionnaire in terms of your likes, dislikes, interests, hobbies, your sleeping schedule, your work life," she says of online dating and matchmaking sites.

"Now, basically what you can do is upload that info to your cellphone via this program and through GPS technology and geotracking, the system will let you know when those compatible are nearby."

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High-tech 50-50 draw creates its own buzz at world junior hockey tournament

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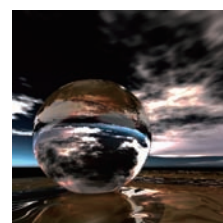
A tiny company based in Prince Edward Island is creating a big buzz at the world junior hockey championship in Saskatoon. The two-year-old Summerside-based firm, 50/50 Central, has developed innovative software and wireless technology that has given a modern, high-speed twist to a long-standing rinkside tradition: the 50-50 draw.

The electronic system allows ticket buyers to see how big the pot has grown every time a ticket is purchased, an obvious and immediate incentive that has translated into rapidly growing prize pools and added excitement in the stands.

On New Year's Eve, when Canada defeated the United States 5-4 in a shootout, the 15,000 fans at Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon purchased \$187,050 worth of 50-50 tickets, creating a cash prize of more than \$93,000.

That's almost \$12.50 per person in ticket sales.

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How new technologies secure a place for the arts

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The audience for the arts is declining, according to a recent study by the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts. Attendance at live performances, museums and galleries dropped 15 per cent between 2002 and 2008, and the downward trend holds for all age groups and most educational levels. The predictable reaction: calls for enriched arts funding. However, the fact is that the arts are doing better than ever, as new technologies secure them a place at the heart of everyday life.

Art and technology are ancient partners. Our ancestors created an amazing new technology more than 40,000 years ago when they first drilled holes in hollow bones to sound musical intervals. Manufactured oil paints in tubes freed 19th-century painters to take their easels outside and seize upon natural light and colour, giving us Impressionism. Without the elevator, there would be no skyscrapers and no modern city architecture – who wants to climb 89 flights of stairs?

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Les gadgets préférés de Facebook

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Burlingame, Californie - Dans votre entourage, vous avez bien un ami ou un proche qui est obsédé par sa page Facebook? Évidemment. Alors, pourquoi ne pas lui acheter un cadeau de Noël compatible avec ce réseau social?

Lors d'un récent événement consacré aux gadgets, qui s'est tenu à Silicon Valley, la directrice générale de Facebook Sheryl Sandberg et le vice-président de l'ingénierie Mike Schroepfer ont énuméré une liste de gadgets conçus pour améliorer l'expérience Facebook. Des appareils photo aux boutons de manchette, de nombreux gadgets intègrent désormais le réseau social.

Il s'agit donc de cadeaux incontournables pour tous ceux qui passent beaucoup trop de temps à mettre à jour leur statut ou à jouer à FarmVille.

L'un des gadgets préférés de Sandberg et Schroepfer, c'est le Canon PowerShot S90. Salué par la critique comme étant l'appareil photo compact parfait pour les amateurs de photographie, le PowerShot S90 peut également être configuré pour télécharger automatiquement des photos sur un album en ligne de votre compte Facebook.

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Internet energy efficiency goal of green initiative

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A new industry group hopes to make the internet and network communications 1,000 times more energy efficient by 2015.

Organized by French company Alcatel-Lucent, hundreds of leaders in science and engineering working with the help of government labs have created a new global consortium dubbed Green Touch, focusing on reducing energy consumption.

Gee Rittenhouse, head of research at Bell Labs, said global networks today are consuming more energy as internet traffic expands, "equivalent to emitting about 300 million tonnes of carbon dioxide gases," he said. "That's equivalent to 50 million automobiles or 20 per cent of the cars registered in the United States."

Every time a person logs onto the internet or sends a text message to a friend, energy is being used. And as new technology allows for easier and more frequent access, energy consumption will rise.

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Public Mobile files lawsuit protesting Wind Mobile decision

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Public Mobile Inc. has filed a lawsuit in a Federal Court against a Cabinet decision allowing Wind Mobile to launch its national cell phone network overturning an earlier prohibition by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) over Wind Mobile's foreign funding.

Public Mobile is claiming Globalive Wireless Management Corp. was given special treatment when Industry

Minister Tony Clement and the federal Cabinet reversed the CRTC decision.

It is seeking clarity on foreign ownership rules in the wake of the decision, and has compelled Canada's big three incumbent carriers to testify before the federal court on the matter.

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Le démantèlement de Nortel suit son cours

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Peu avant la fin de l'année 2009, l'ancien géant de l'industrie des télécommunications a obtenu un accord d'Ottawa pour une vente, un soumissionnaire initial pour une enchère et une complétion de transaction pour divers actifs.

Accord de vente du gouvernement fédéral

Deux jours avant le Nouvel An, le ministre de l'Industrie du gouvernement du Canada, Tony Clement, a donné son accord à la vente à l'entreprise américaine Ciena de la division dédiée aux réseaux Ethernet métropolitains de Nortel.

Le ministre Clement, dans un communiqué, a souligné que la transaction allait permettre le maintien d'activités et la poursuite de travaux de R&D en sol canadien, et ainsi de conserver des emplois. « [...] je suis convaincu que cet investissement sera vraisemblablement à l'avantage net du Canada », a déclaré le ministre.

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Google to Stop Censoring Search Results in China After Hack Attack

By Kim Zetter - www.wired.com

Google has decided to stop censoring search results in China, after discovering that someone based in that country had attempted to hack into the e-mail accounts of human rights activists. The company disclosed the move in a startling announcement posted to its blog late Tuesday.

Google said it was prepared to pull its business out of China, if issues around the surveillance and its decision to stop censoring results could not be resolved with the Chinese government.

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Although the company did not accuse the Chinese government of being behind the hack attacks, Google said that the attacks, combined with attempts by China over the last year to "further limit free speech on the web" led it to conclude that it needed to "review the feasibility of our business operations in China."

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Social media sites deliver steady stream of Haiti updates

By Richard Blackwell - www.globeandmail.com

With the traditional communications infrastructure having crumbled along with the buildings after the earthquake in Haiti, those looking for information have turned to new media.

If the earthquake had happened 20 years ago, Haiti would have been a black hole, with information trickling out only days or weeks later. This time, Twitter posts began appearing within seconds of the quake, while photos were posted on Twitpic and Flickr almost instantaneously, and disturbing videos appeared on YouTube soon after.

Along with the human devastation, astonishing photographs of the presidential palace toppled over could be seen by anyone around the world.

Troy Livesay, an American living in Haiti and doing missionary work there, reported on his Twitter feed just minutes after the quake hit: "Just experienced a MAJOR earthquake here in Port au Prince - walls were falling down. - we are ALL fine - pray for those in the slums." He has been posting detailed updates since on Twitter and his blog.

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