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## Downloads For Hard Economic Times

By Preston Gralla - pcworld.ca

The economy has headed south, and everyone could use some help with their finances. Don't despair, though, because we've collected 12 of the best downloads for weathering the downturn.

Whether you want to put your household budget in order, extend the life of your PC by keeping it in tip-top shape, or save hundreds of dollars on a new productivity suite or operating system, we have what you need. And with a single exception, all of these downloads are free. [Full story.](#)



## Warning Over "Surveillance State"

Article From BBC News - bbc.co.uk

Electronic surveillance and collection of personal data are "pervasive" in British society and threaten to undermine democracy, peers have warned.

CCTV cameras and the DNA database were two examples of threats to privacy, the Lords constitution committee said. It called for compensation for people subject to illegal surveillance.



The government said CCTV and DNA were "essential" to fight crime but campaign group Liberty said abuses of power mean "even the innocent have a lot to fear". [Continue to Full Article.](#)

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## Ringtones: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

By Elham Khatami - cnn.com

These days, ringtones do much more than alert mobile phone users of a call. Ringtones seem to have become vital fashion statements, a way for people to showcase their personalities and even their feelings about who is calling.



According to a 2008 study by Ipsos MediaCT, a marketing research company, approximately one-third of mobile phone users download ringtones, and about 40 percent of users change their ringtones frequently.

Ipsos research shows that ringtones are the most common type of mobile music content downloaded by users, compared to full-length songs and ringback tones, tones that replace the typical ringing signal heard by the caller. [Ring in the full story.](#)

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## Boy, 9, Writes Program That Lets Kids to Fingerprint on iPhone

Article From CBC.ca

A nine-year-old boy has created an application for the Apple iPhone that allows users to “fingerprint” on the phone’s touch-screen.



Tracing your finger over the screen while the program Doodle Kids is running allows you to create multi-coloured shapes. The screen can be cleared by shaking the iPhone.

Fourth grader Lim Ding Wen wrote Doodle Kids for his younger sisters, who are three and five, his father Lim Thy Chean said.

“It is designed and written completely by himself,” the elder Lim wrote on his website. He bills his son as “probably one of the [world’s] youngest iPhone developers,” and said the boy has been programming since he was seven. [Read More.](#)

## Canadian Tire revoit son modèle d'affaires sur Internet

By Jean François Ferland - Direction Informatique

L'entreprise, qui met fin à la vente en ligne de produits livrables à domicile, envisage un modèle hybride d'achat sur le Web avec cueillette en magasin. Sur la Toile, des observateurs identifient des carences dans l'initiative terminée.



Discrètement, Canadian Tire a annoncé puis concrétisé la fin de la vente de produits avec livraison à domicile par le biais de son site Internet. L'entreprise de commerce de détail effectuait du commerce en ligne depuis huit ans, mais il appert que l'initiative n'était pas assez rentable.

L'entreprise a annoncé sa décision sur son site Internet ainsi que dans un courriel envoyé aux consommateurs qui avaient déjà réalisé des achats en ligne, sans toutefois émettre de communiqué pour annoncer la nouvelle au médias.

En entrevue, Jennifer Sexton, une porte-parole francophone de l'organisation, a indiqué que les consommateurs fréquentaient le site Web pour effectuer une recherche et une comparaison de produits avant de se rendre dans un magasin pour faire un achat. Seules les cartes-cadeaux pourront encore être achetées sur le site Web et être livrées par la poste. [Continuez.](#)

## Computer Tax Credit for Businesses

Canadian Federal Budget - January 27, 2009

The federal government introduced a provision in the 2009 budget, allowing for a 100 percent capital cost allowance on computers acquired after January 27, 2009 and before February 1, 2011. For more budget highlights for business, [click here.](#)

