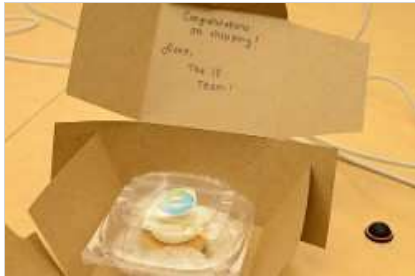




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Cake for Firefox 6 in 2011 vs. cake for Firefox 3 in 2008 ...



[Firefox releases get](#)

[smaller, as do Internet Explorer cakes - GeekWire](#)



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A style of Computing where scalable and elastic IT capabilities are provided as a service to multiple customers using Internet technologies.

Gartner's definition of Cloud Computing.

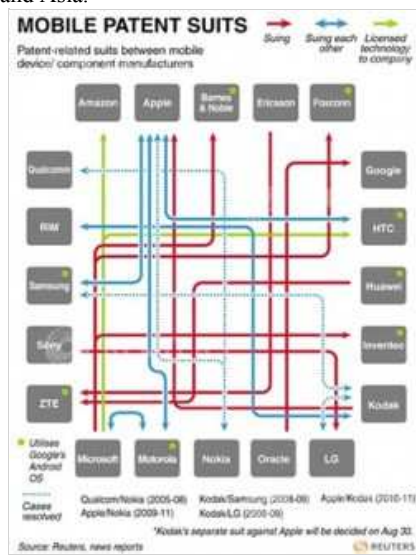


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Who is suing who?

You daily guide to Mobile Patent Suits. Check the matrix of the marvelous patent war between Europe, U.S. and Asia.



[Squashed photo?](#)

[Samsung Galaxy tablet ban lifted but did Apple mislead court with](#)



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Aug 23, 2011

Start proing BPEL programming now, because of most time your brain doesn't move and you don't use your brain at all.

Casper Casper - bpe isn't programinng ;) Aug 23, 2011

Terrence Miao - If BPEL is not programming, same as SQL, PL/SQL, anything else? Aug 23, 2011

Casper Casper - SOL and in particular PL/SQL is a more complete "language" than bpe. I would put bpe far below those. Aug 23, 2011

Alex Megremis - I find it hard to classify BPEL as a *programming language* in general.

If you were to view it as such, just on the hostility of the XML syntax involved alone (ie BPEL without the IDE is like getting a tooth drilled without the drugs) I would call it pure rubbish.

I would more readily call it a service spec, I guess. Entirely arbitrarily, of course, but that's more something I could accept it as. Aug 23, 2011

Casper Casper - ant is another XML "external DSL" (along with bpe), but again ant has far more features and abstractions. Aug 23, 2011

Alex Megremis - Come to think of it, while I have no clue about the origins of BPEL, I find myself wondering if the XML syntax was chosen in order to facilitate the IDE's depiction of the flow. Aug 23, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I think BPEL was meant to be so simple that any ~~monkey~~ business person can just whip one up from a business model. It wasn't meant to be misused for high skilled & opinionated developers to work on. End result is a bloated BEPL service over complicated with so many dependencies. Aug 23, 2011

Casper Casper - yeah, bpe was intended to put developers out of work; just like COBOL was :D they end up doing exactly the opposite. Instead of making it easy for non-developers, they end up being impossible for non-developers and hard for developers. All because the silly clients want to have complex business logic! :P Aug 23, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Damn their complicated businesses ;) Aug 23, 2011

Terrence Miao - Programming in BPEL you don't need to worry about modularising, creating shared lib, refactoring, reusing common codes, grouping, packing, abstracting, inheriting, only thing you need to take care about is the namespace.

Major programming BPEL activities including dragging & dropping, copying & pasting, namespace substitution ... and that's pretty much all of them.

A final product is a beautiful business flow showing to BAs.

Perfect! Does it make sense? Aug 23, 2011

Casper Casper - nup. "don't need to worry about" -> "unable to affect". There are better ways to visualise code in order to show it to non coders ;) Aug 23, 2011

Alex Megremis - Got any links to visualization tools? I've always wondered what options we have, other than class diagrams etc, to do that.

I think a BPEL **IDE** is a good way to convey a workflow. Aug 24, 2011

Casper Casper - even a sequence diagram is better IMO. Anything that is directly linked to the code is going to show extraneous detail, which is what you're trying to hide from the non dev. The BPEL trace at runtime *is* pretty good though. Aug 24, 2011

Dean Budd - There's a very simple solution to BPEL problem... quit your job *hahaha* Aug 24, 2011

Casper Casper - true, well partly true. Terrence *tried* that :P Aug 24, 2011

Dean Budd - Sending our guys on the JBoss jBPM/ESB workshop(s) in September. Unfortunately I'm on leave bit.ly/nvuRdl Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL [Casper Casper](#) !!! Aug 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#) Is JBoss jBPM/ESB good? How does it compare to Uncle Oracle SOA Suite? Mr. B told me JBoss application server can be ready in 2 seconds after it starts up. I wait about 5 - 10 minutes for Oracle 11g starts up, though I have a lot admire to Weblogic application server Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - We haven't started using jBPM yet and we're not working on any User Stories that involve Workflows with human intervention.

The ESB is great. Quite simply... it works and it happily handles every *SOA Pattern* we throw at it. So we're never fighting the technology, we get to focus all our time on business functionality. Our challenge is learning new patterns and when to use them, which is quite seperate from the tech.

We even used it (in a limited fashion) for Batch Integration with a bit of Spring Batch thrown in for good measure (We use the ESB to orchestrate seperate process using asynch messaging)

Starts up (with our application deployed) in about 40 seconds on development hardware. Hot Deploy works for quite a few deploys before falling over. Aug 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#) Hmmm ... interesting! Will have a look jBoss solution later.

BTW, UltraESB maybe I mentioned to you beore is a light weight, high performance ESB solution. Basically, you can do everything you want and code in Java on the ESB. SoapUI is good, but it can't handle POST method in REST and program in groovy are quite cumbersome in some stage. Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - With JBoss ESB all of our code is in Java (pojo's) as well (so we can TDD all our ESB logic) with some wiring in XML (even wires in Spring Contexts).
Mule ESB was another Open Source system I used way back as well. Very good, but don't know how it has evolved Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - We can literally rip all of our ESB logic (pojo's) out of JBossESB and have it running inside an EAR or POSA (Plain-Old-Spring-Application) in a day.
We did this for one of our major ESB components last week. Aug 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @DB - Yeah we get ~5 hot deploys before a full restart is needed. We're moving to JBoss 7 where a startup is ~5 seconds. So a full restart isn't that bad. Aug 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @TM - Don't understand your problem with SoapUI. It's designed to deal with SOAP services which are traditionally sent over HTTP POST. Therefore POSTing to a RESTful endpoint shouldn't be much different. The only major difference is possibly the HTTP headers and the body (wont be in a SOAP envelope). Aug 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Kieran Simpson](#) Using SoapUI to mock RESTful services. For **get** method, SoapUI is fine, but doesn't support **post** method. Haven't tried on latest version 4.0.

On the contrary, UltraESB supports SOAP and RESTful, post and get all the way. But it doesn't have this handy copy & paste, drop down menu, all text and command line based. Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - Easier to write your own Mock Web Service framework ;) Aug 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @TM - You're not explaining yourself well, or you're just doing it wrong. For example on GLIDE SoapUI was used to mock BPEL processes. BPEL works on the basis of SOAP/HTTP POST. Therefore SoapUI can receive and mock HTTP POSTs regardless of what's coming in. Once a POST is received on the mock URL (using a mock step), SoapUI will respond on the HTTP response. Aug 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @DB - It's all about the Jetty :D Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - <high five> Aug 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Kieran Simpson](#) [Dean Budd](#) Basically, in RESTful mock in SoapUI, a small groovy script developed to handle URL in the request, then open the respective response files, depends on the parameters, and sends the file content back to client.

In SoapUI, for RESTful mock, you just can't receive the request for post method, but works with get method. Because need a bit intelligent work, SoapUI Mock Response can't do it by just returning a fixed message body.

I have Deano's Open Tomato Sauce Mock web service framework codes which I reckon is capable do the trick. But the project already heavily used SoapUI, which pretty works well, introducing another framework will scare a few developers shit out, who know nothing but bread and butter. Aug 25, 2011

Dean Budd - *hahaha* Bread, butter and Tomato Sauce don't mix! *hahaha* Aug 25, 2011



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Aug 22, 2011

Frigging maggot, you are the most **marvelously rude** Agile Master I've ever met.

Dean Budd - I've been called worse... *hahaha* Aug 22, 2011

Terrence Miao - You are absolutely not Deano. Except Agile dictators, Agile Nazis, a highly regarded Agile guru is called Doctor Spin ...

Agile = Spin? Aug 23, 2011

Dean Budd - Unfortunately yes... the whole movement has degraded =(Aug 23, 2011



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Aug 21, 2011

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☐ [Novak Djokovic Does His Best Maria Sharapova Impersonation for Head Tennis](#)



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Aug 21, 2011

2008 iPhone, 2010 iPad, 2012 iBoard, 2014 iMat



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Aug 20, 2011

光着屁股打老虎，又不要脸，又不要命。



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Aug 18, 2011

"What is your favourite design pattern?" Question asked in a job interview.

WTF is that?

"Hmmm... my favourite design pattern is **Salami pattern** - approaching to the finish point slice by slice."

Casper Casper - I couldn't help but laugh when I was asked this question :D Aug 18, 2011

Dean Budd - Come on... all of us, deep down, have a favourite design pattern *hahaha* Aug 18, 2011

Martin Paulo - A short while ago I was asked to discuss my favourite pattern. "Design or Analysis pattern?" I asked. "Huh?" responded my interviewer.

I felt as though I was in a software version of a Monty Python skit ([monthy python and the holy grail swallow skit](#) and [Airspeed Velocity of a Swallow](#)). Aug 18, 2011

Casper Casper - lol. What is your "favorite design pattern" then? Aug 18, 2011

Dean Budd - Decorator all the way! Decorator is like a DOUBLE RAINBOW! Aug 18, 2011

Dean Budd - I try to use the Decorator to solve every single software problem. And when it doesn't solve it, I say it can't be solved *hahaha* Aug 18, 2011

Martin Paulo - design pattern: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_pattern

analysis pattern: I quite like the set of accounting patterns <http://martinfowler.com/apsupp/accounting.pdf> Aug 18, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I like the Command and Conquer pattern Aug 18, 2011

Martin Paulo - I thought that Java developers were wedded to the observer pattern? Wow, the memory leaks I've seen that little beauty cause... Aug 18, 2011

Casper Casper - <http://fuzz-box.blogspot.com/2011/05/resign-patterns.html> Aug 21, 2011

Terrence Miao - My **Salami Pattern** is so shallow and tasteless to **Resign Patterns**. Michael Duell is a genius. Great tip Mr. Null Aug 21, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 17, 2011

The digital revolution allows people to organise against the authorities — not just in the Middle East, but also in Britain.



Jess Hurd/reportdigital.co.uk

[The BlackBerry riots](#)

Mike Nguyen - Oh noes! Let's lock up people when there are more than 5 gathering! Aug 17, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Cause all those revolutions and riots in the past were caused by Twitter or Facebook. Aug 17, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Well it's true though. Once a regime lost control of information, the general public will realise the lies & revolt. Aug 17, 2011

Mike Nguyen - It's absurd to send those twats to jail. But I think the retribution was due to the fuzz realising they got punk'd (nobody rocked up to the supposedly enticed riot). Aug 17, 2011

Kieran Simpson - +1, however to be devils advocate for the moment, what if the law is unjust (as has happened in history)? I don't think the law can be the ultimate arbiter here. The problem is people wanting something for nothing (which is why looting is such an attractive option). Aug 17, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Well if that's the law then I can see alot of rappers are going to prison instead of 'rollin' in their benzo' (F*** tha police - NWA) Aug 18, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 17, 2011

WORLD'S LARGEST WIND FARM OPENS IN U.K.

No surprise Britain is going to be broken. Huge investment but litter return ...



[rising off British shores](#)

[Wind giants](#)

Terrence Miao - You just CAN'T put a wind turbine in your back yard. Firstly, wind power won't enough unless your home is in the center of cyclone. Secondly, most importantly, you nagging neighbours won't be happy. They will whinge that huge wings kill native birdies :-D Aug 17, 2011

Terrence Miao - Hmmm ... nuclear ... Politicians will be too upset just hear this word. It's too far beyond their short political life getting more power by nuclear :-) Won't see in happen especially in island kingdom like U.K.

Do a search on Wiki and find only two countries have "real" size PBR in working, South Africa and China. Will see the production trail in 2013 in China whether it's safe enough become massive in production. Aug 17, 2011

Terrence Miao - @***** I was looking for a green energy solution for home other days. Here are some ideas:

Setting up a small wind turbine in my backyard, if neighbours won't whinge, they shouldn't because they all have eyes sore satellite TV dishes on their roof. My place is near the coast, too windy, growing plants in backyard are all dead in such a harsh condition. But the free and plenty wind can be fertilised. Power generated can be used in domestic, e.g. charging batteries, 7/24, maybe electricity car in future.

Another good resource is the solar. I already installed solar panel on roof to offset some hot water bill, and solar powered lights along the driveway, footpath, and solar powered street number. A water feature in the front yard need a water pump. Considering mounting a big solar panel on the balcony, or use the power from wind turbine if it's ready.

There are a lot resources can be borrowed from big nature without any carbon footprint. I don't government's subsidies to support these things. Politicians only need to open the market and let people find and buy the efficient and cheap solutions to match on their own requirement. Sep 18, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2011

"The United States can pay any debt it has because we can always print money to do that. So there is zero probability of default." -- Alan Greenspan

Greenback is going to become Zimbabwean dollar!

Mike Nguyen - Holy crap! So what currency will the drug cartels be filling their aluminum cased briefcases with??? Gold bullion seems to be so impractical for helicopter rides... Aug 15, 2011

Alex Megremis - There was an emerging trend, around 8-7 years ago, to move towards the Euro from USD.

Of course, given recent developments, that has evaporated, and gold is coming into fashion again. Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Gold has always been the fashion. It's also interesting to note that India is the biggest consumer of gold. As my Indian friend would say - the best way into a lady's heart is with lots of gold. More so by the would-be-bride's parents :D Talk about a hefty up-front! Aug 15, 2011

Terrence Miao - "Gold is a way of going long on fear, and it has been a pretty good way of going long on fear from time to time. But you really have to hope people become more afraid in a year or two years than they are now. And if they become more afraid you make money, if they become less afraid you lose money, but the gold itself doesn't produce anything." -- Warren Buffett

<http://wallstcheatsheet.com/economy/heres-what-warren-buffett-says-about-gold-and-commodities.html/> Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - Gold has not *always* been in fashion, no. It comes and goes. You're not likely to lose anything on it, but

it's as blue as they come, so what you make off it depends on the surrounding market panic. IM H O anyway.

I do find the current situation a bit interesting. At first Greece was everyone's whipping boy, because she seemingly was in the worst financial situation of them all, **and** she had lied about it.

However, as the situation unfolds and I see such a diverse set of economies being so hugely vulnerable, it makes me wonder how did it get to this.

The US, for example, was sitting on a big fat USD800bn (if memory serves?) surplus when Clinton left the White House. How did it get to where it is now? Aug 16, 2011

Martin Paulo - Simple: cut taxes (for the wealthy, largely), launch two major wars and create a new medicare award without providing funds for it (this was the republicans, btw). Also spend a vast sum of money on propping up bankrupt banks ("stimulating the economy"). Simple home economics tells you that you are going to go into the red... Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - You forget the missing millions (if not billions) sent to Iraq. Not to mention the numerous uncontested contract awards going unchecked.

Then you get dimwitted Tea baggers draping themselves in stars & stripes claiming to be true patriots whilst sending the country into economic turmoil as they claim stopping the Obama spending is a good thing. We know what your true agenda is. Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - Bush went to Kuwait and Iraq for oil. Clinton went to Yugoslavia because he "did not have sex with Monica Lewinsky".

The US didn't come out of those bankrupt. Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Stop the Clinton-bashing. Haters gonna HATE! The guy was a playa. An example of a real man! I really don't understand what the whogas were about. You're expecting a guy that can unleash nuke ICMBs with a press of a button & keeping his trousers zipped. Obviously you were expecting too much! Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - Dude, nobody's bagging Clinton.

As Chris Rock said, Monica shouldn't have even had a chance to get near that guy's pants, Hilary **should have gotten there first.** :) Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I dunno.. Monica or Hilary.. I think the choice is pretty obvious :D Aug 16, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Yeah, choose one's wife. Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - I don't know, @KS... Barbara Bush never seemed like a very appealing prospect... :) Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Careful Alex. Home Security may be monitoring this thread. Don't be too surprised if you got an extra man handled the next time you visit the US of A. Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - lol

Nah, I'm pretty safe - I've got Greek and Aussie passports, ie two of the most under the radar nationalities around. :) Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Lol Greek passport! You reckon any countries will still let you in with that?? My cousin's dad had to use his Aus passport to get back into the country! O.O Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - That's the law. You always use the passport of the country that you're entering.

And, yes, a GR passport is brilliant, I can go work anywhere inside this:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schengen_Agreement

:) Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Re: Passport - Huh? I thought this was for your convenience? ie. skip the international queue & reducing the probability of having your knickers fondled by a stranger(s). Aug 16, 2011

Dean Budd - *That's the law. You always use the passport of the country that you're entering* Huh?!? How do I get into Aussie using my NZ passport then? (I have both Aussie and Kiwi passports) Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Meh, because we felt sorry that you don't have any means to defend yourself (I think there are plans to reduce NZ Navy down to just rubber dingy - that's if the Navy is still around) so what the heck. Just as long you don't smell funny or eat funny stuffs like they show on that SBS Go Back to Where You Came From TV show Aug 16, 2011

Dean Budd - Good God! Many apologies my fellow "Australian"! hahaha Aug 16, 2011

Kieran Simpson - DB - your experience may be due to extra legislation between Australia and NZ. When I was in NZ I practically had citizenship rights :p Aug 16, 2011

Terrence Miao - @***** Gold is not utility, it can't produce anything, so it doesn't pay your dividend. Gold is for speculators, not for long term investors. Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - <http://www.citizenship.gov.au/current/travel/>

And I quote

"As an Australian citizen you must always leave and enter Australia on an Australian passport." Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Which part of getting a wife don't you understand Terry? End result are kids & if invested properly can be future golf players. Aug 16, 2011

Dean Budd - DOH!!!! Why didn't they tell me that! Aug 16, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Cause golf's a boring sport to watch :-D Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Sure it's boring, but it's the sport with a long career (all the way into the seniors) & not injury prone (unless you have a jealous Swedish lingerie supermodel wife). The pay is ridiculously awesome! Aug 16, 2011

Casper Casper - unless it's a rental that you own ;) Aug 17, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Call me too simplistic, but if someone's willing to trade me something I want, for something I have (that they want) then it's producing for me. Gold's only true usefulness lies in it's properties as a conductor. However if people want to give me stuff for my gold; go me! Aug 17, 2011

Alex Megremis - Gold - the only place safer to put your money than under your mattress... Aug 17, 2011

Dean Budd - Put your gold under the mattress for double win! Aug 17, 2011

Kieran Simpson - LOL +1 Aug 17, 2011

Terrence Miao - Gold isn't more expensive today, it's just that currencies are more devalued. Aug 23, 2011

Alex Megremis - @Terry - That's always the case. All currency pricing is relative. Aug 23, 2011

Terrence Miao - Gold prices plunge as economic fears ease -
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jGoTmmVylBFAaTNfcZHMYY3n1xvw?docId=7d770965b53b43b6b9bb013f7d92fcc2>

No one knows what the next stop Gold is going to land. That's the problem of investing in Gold. Aug 24, 2011



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Aug 15, 2011

Motorola's mobile business just reborn from a dead man walking, and on a coming back trail. So is Google becoming a hardware and software company like Apple and Oracle?

[Google to buy Motorola Mobility for \\$12.5B | Inquirer Business](#)

Alex Megremis - Coool!

So when can we expect to see Motorola Chrome Books with "F*** You Apple" on the boot screen? ;) Aug 15, 2011

Casper Casper - ... or is this just more ammo for the patent wars :(Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Will be interesting what Google will do with this new acquisition. It's ashame that Apple got their ban on the Samsung Galaxy tablet in EU. But demands for the iPad are still there
(http://www.reghardware.com/2011/08/15/tablet_sales_stagnating/). Aug 15, 2011

Alex Megremis - Apple seems to have gotten *Goliath Syndrome*. They're definitely losing their "cool" appeal with all this litigation. Aug 15, 2011

Dean Budd - When are you buying your next Mac Book? ;) Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Not really. When you've spent millions in R&D to get the technology 'right' and then another millions (probably more than R&D) on marketing - you probably get abit annoyed if someone else takes on the idea. To rub salt into the wound, they'll undercut you as well. But that's business. As consumers, we just care what's within our budget. I'm pretty sure most consumers don't buy products for their practicality. Especially when it comes to vanity devices. Aug 15, 2011

Dean Budd - True! Nothing is more obscene than something like Samsung copying an icon! Aug 15, 2011

Dean Budd - Have you even seen what some of these patents are for? Being able to click on a phone number in an email to make a call? Come on! How many millions of R & D did it take to come up with that "innovation"! ;) Aug 15, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Given the huge amount of psychology that is used by Apple to get people "into the cult", I think that this litigation will hurt it much more in the future. If Apple's no longer seen as the cool kid on the block, but the grumpy old man what effect will that have on it's future business?

I would also contend that they've recouped their initial R&D costs as well. Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Dean, as developers we embrace <cough ref='plagiarism'>sharing ideas</cough>. But business enterprises guard their ideas jealously via patents. They're there to make money & not to make the world nice & pretty. Even for trivial things to us like the ability to call a phone number in an email. Everyone else had the opportunity to come up with that idea. They were clever enough to quickly patent it. So tough cookies if you're too slow. It's business. Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I think the perception that Apple is the 'cool kid' is wrong. It's more of the cool kids that buy their product (this is where some of their marketing had went to) and the rest trying to emulate that. Or simply - their products just work & look cool at the same time. Aug 15, 2011

Dean Budd - The problem is, that the original vision of the patent system has been bastardised... *The US patent law says you **can't** have a patent if the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.*

This whole patent thing really curdles my custard! *hahaha* Aug 15, 2011

Casper Casper - I've heard a lot of excuses, saying that the patent office doesn't have the resources to check the patents for obviousness etc; which is complete BS. All they'd need to do is hire a few software engineers and hardware engineers :| Aug 15, 2011

Dean Budd - Exactly! +1

Also they need to shorten, the length of patents from 17 years(?) which made sense during the industrial revolution but certainly not now! Aug 15, 2011

Alex Megremis - There has been talk of reform in the patent system, but that's likely to be a selling point for a future administration.

Apple losing their "cool" cred, which I firmly believe they are, will cost them a lot in sales, even more so as soon as someone else comes that can carry the mantle. The "cult" aura can dissipate very easily as soon as most of us see the next shiny thing that we can justify spending luxury purchase money on. Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Apple losing their cool cred to the nerd (who will hold onto money & don't give a hoot about the fashion) - yes.

Last time I checked everyone is holding onto their breath for the new iPhone 5 or the iPad3. Then you see the rivals releasing their iPhone.x killer. Yeah.. the patents are sure killin' innovation there! Aug 15, 2011

Alex Megremis - Think about how things were before the iPhone shoot up a sh1t storm.

Nokia ruled supreme, and SonyEricsson tried to be the "cool kid". In reality they were both horrendously complacent, and they pretty much allowed Apple, still very much the underdog at the time, to pull rug from under their feet with something truly **new**.

Fast forward to today. Apple is no longer the underdog. They are still innovating (they created the tablet market out of thin air), but people's expectations have adjusted. We're not as easily impressed.

Apple is not being complacent, they still excite with adequately large incremental improvements on existing products, but the market is rife with opportunity for someone else to come and blindside them.

Their biggest advantage is that they're not letting their user base get too bored. Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - No.. I disagree. Nokia ruled supreme because of their simplicity. It wasn't as if everyone were copying them. In fact it was a real mess to try to figure out which phone to get back then. You got your Ericsson flavour then your Motorolas, LGs and even Samsung. I started on the Ericsson but gradually shifted to Nokia because quite simply - they just work. I don't need to go through a maze to add someone to my contacts and they were tough as a brick! Nokia only lost their influence when the iPhone came out.

I don't believe Apple was ever an underdog. Quite the opposite. They already had the reputation for producing 'cool' products before this. Eg. Macs and the iPod (which IMO shot them to stardom - which lend them the cool factor).

And unlike Nokia, Apple on the other hand is currently dictating the market. Everyone is just copying the iPhone or the iPad#1. Simple as that. So to knock Apple off its perch, the new shiny gizmo has to be something spectacular. So far, judging by the reactive behavior of their rivals, I can't see this ever happening. Having more RAM & processor power isn't going to cut it. Sure the geeks will be wetting their pants at specs - but they're also a bunch of tightwads who will only think long term & not short sighted consumers that are willing to replace for every fashion season.

So I think Apple will continue to dominate for a very long time to come.

#1 - Probably, not having a high profile as the others, but I think the Mac Air has revolutionised the laptop market. It's setting the bench mark for the waffle thin computing. Not to mention the Macbook Pros literally killed the Sony Viao series. Aug 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Actually in the nut shell - don't be too surprised if the next time you see Terry - he'll be sporting a 19th century moustache & a 1930s gentleman hat :D He's already sporting a pair of Buddy Holly specs & a trendy vest. Aug 15, 2011

Terrence Miao - U.S. patent is stupid. This patent war will kill rather than protect innovation.

You click mouse on checkout button is patented; you swipe on the mouse pad is patented. Till everything patented, developers don't work just see IP lawyers fight.

Every business has its good day and bad day. No exception to Apple. Comparing domination position when Big Blue IBM in the 60 - 70's, today's Apple is nothing. Apple will have its dog's day. Remember, the whole US is on the downhill now! Aug 16, 2011

Alex Megremis - Patents are important. Most people need a clear cut selfish reward as incentive to innovate in a way that will benefit the general public. Otherwise I suspect development (of whatever) becomes de-focused, weak and speculative.

It's a very grey area. A patent might seem very abstract and obvious ("touching on a telephone number in an email and

dialing that number out"), but why shouldn't the first person to come up with the idea, or to at least go through the pains of developing it first, not reap the rewards?

The big problem is with the duration of the patents. Especially in today's world, where *new and shiny* becomes *outdated and boring* in 12 months, the system needs to adjust (as @JG mentioned earlier) Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Try to sell a new product with your house riding on it & let's see how stupid patents really are. The purpose of patents is stop other arseholes from copying your brilliant idea. Simple as that. I agree there needs to be some reform to some of these patents. But that's where royalties comes in.

But referring back to Google's acquisition of Motorola - perhaps Google got sick of seeing other brands using their Android platform to mimic Apple. One can only hope that this will pave way for future new and innovative Android products and not another iPhone/iPad killer. Aug 16, 2011

Martin Paulo - Motorola also have a paid up Java license. I wonder how this affects the android court case? Aug 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - 'It's all part of the plan" - The Joker (Dark Knight) :D Aug 16, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2011

The point is ...



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Aug 14, 2011

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[Glorious Images Of Apple's New Spaceship Headquarters](#)

[TechCrunch |](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 13, 2011

If you think you can get into someone's life, lie what you cheat, get what you want, then abandon it without remorse ...

Hmmm... then **you should run for the President.**

American Undecided 2012.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 11, 2011

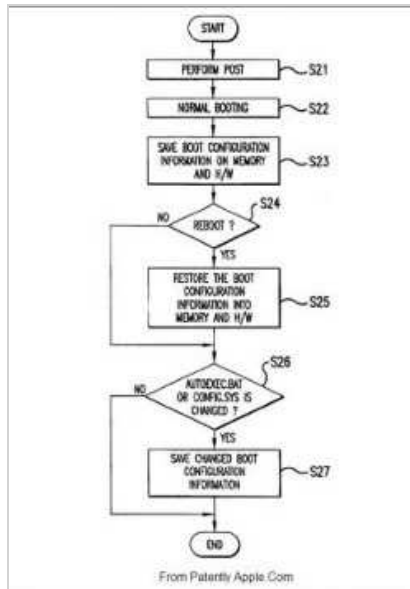
Moral dilemma: Is Apple a company dream maker? or an evil who regards people on its way is setting up chronicle crimes against fashion?

Apple Passes Exxon Mobil Most Valuable US Company



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Speechless ...

Aug 8, 2011



[DailyTech - Apple](#)

[Gets Sued For Booting Its Operating System Too Quickly](#)

Casper Casper - yet another volley in the patent wars :(Aug 8, 2011

Mike Nguyen - They ought to throw patent trolling out of court. That's fine if you're protecting your IP - but if you have no intention of implementing it then the idea should be a free for all.

I like the bit how this patent was originally submitted by LG. Aug 8, 2011

Mike Nguyen - <http://www.theage.com.au/technology/technology-news/the-beautiful-mind-of-the-aussie-who-beat-microsoft-20110810-1ilm6.html> Aug 9, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Who are still in Triple-A (AAA) rating.

Aug 8, 2011

Australia? New Zealand?

United Kingdom?! France?!!



Alex Megremis - What's your point?

(not to mention that I'm not too big a fan of any of the *big 3* 's standing, especially with regards to how they affect actual countries) Aug 8, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Well as long as we continue to dig up everything iin sight & sell them to China - it's all good! When we run out of stuffs to dig out.. well that's another story... But I think the US can sustain itself. It's just sucking other countries into buying its bond. Aug 8, 2011

Alex Megremis - Australia has experienced a recent economic boom thanks to these ore exports, but AFAIK it hasn't always been dependent on them. They simply have allowed us to better weather the GFC, and the current US debacle, better than most, simply because China (arguably our latest benefactor? :)) has. Aug 8, 2011

Dean Budd - The world is running out of space for prisons. I say get back to what Australia's good at! Aug 8, 2011

Alex Megremis - @DB lol! Aug 8, 2011

Dean Budd - Australia has all these new holes in the ground + the world needs more prison space = Ummm... *Hello!* hahahaha Aug 8, 2011

Casper Casper - yay we can build our own "fortress" <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0106950/> Aug 8, 2011

Alex Megremis - +2 Aug 8, 2011

Casper Casper - "... did they pay too much for a house" that's the problem right there ...
"Pick up some popcorn" lol Aug 8, 2011

Casper Casper - I love the HS article <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/more-news/decade-of-pain-for-melbournes-property-market/story-fn7x8me2-1226091381419> "... as wages catch up with a median house price which has climbed 133 per cent since 2000" lol Aug 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - All crises are opportunities in disguise.

You see big poles on the ground. Deano sees it as fantastic opportunities to build 6-star green energy contemporary prisons. You see the blood spilled on Wall street. I see it as an once in life time buying spree ... Aug 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - It's about time in market not timing the market, J. When the share is showing its intrinsic value, anytime buying is good time :-D Aug 8, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Agreed with you JG about the timing. Once you think you've hit bottom it's amazing how much more down there is to fall :p Aug 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Liberté et l'Egalité

Aug 6, 2011

Alex Megremis - You forgot *fraternité*, Terry. What's happening? Learning French? Aug 6, 2011

Terrence Miao - French has the music rhythm built-in its language :-)

Aug 7, 2011



[Dressed Men of Silicon Valley: Style: GQ](#)

[The 15 Worst-](#)



Greek government has rolled out the austerity plan to fight against mountain debt, economy downturn and GFC Mark II.

Greek is going to build a 120-kilometer moat along the Evros River near the Turkish border. The water-filled trench, one of the Greece largest projects along the river, will be 30 meters wide and seven meters deep, intended to keep out thousand of illegal migrants from Turkey.



[Europe | Deutsche Welle | 04.08.2011](#)

[Greece builds a trench to keep out illegal migrants from Turkey |](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 4, 2011

How do I do Windows Insert key on Macbook?

In Apple product support site it says **the "help" key does function as the insert key**, but where is "help" key? I don't even have a "help" key on Macbook.

Steve Jobs, look at my mouth - **THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH KEYS ON APPLE'S KEYBOARD!**

Alex Megremis - <http://flanders.co.nz/2008/08/11/finally-found-the-insert-key-on-my-macbook-pro-keyboard/> Aug 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Thanks heaps Alex. Unfortunately, I have tried all the combination tipped in your URL, NO ONE works :-(
Aug 4, 2011

Dean Budd - You have to use all four fingers and swish a special pattern on the touch pad... Aug 4, 2011

Kieran Simpson - LOL Aug 4, 2011

Alex Megremis - You forgot the rain dance.

@TM, can you please describe what you're trying to do exactly? Aug 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Simple Alex, in JDestroyer, trying to press Window "Insert" like key to toggle Insert and Overwrite mode in the editor.

In Eclipse you can double-click on status bar to toggle the mode even "Insert" key doesn't work. But in JDestroyer, editing mode on status bar, but you CAN'T double click. Aug 4, 2011

Dean Budd - I've found your problem! Aug 4, 2011

Casper Casper - I thought it was the 3-finger swirl gesture? :P Aug 4, 2011

Alex Megremis - While tapping your left hand on the top of your head. ;) Aug 4, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 4, 2011

Welcome GFC Mark II

Alex Megremis - Oh please.. Aug 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Oh come on! Aug 4, 2011

Alex Megremis - lol Aug 4, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 4, 2011

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[Saudi Arabia](#)

[Reveals Plans For Tallest Tower, With Terrace On 157th Floor | Co. Design](#)

Terrence Miao - Interesting and fascinating J!

Don't know skyscraper is linked in economy. All investment and commerce experience only I've learned is skirt index, or **Hemline Theory** in formal made by George Taylor - "Stock market prices move in the same direction as the hemline of women's skirts; short skirts being considered bullish and long skirts bearish." :-D Aug 4, 2011

Kieran Simpson - "For all the ambition of its construction, Dubai's new Khalifa Tower is a frightening, purposeless monument to the subprime era." - Great link there JG. Aug 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Learned **Big Mac Index** at weekend - *a way of measuring the purchasing power parity between two currencies and provides a test of the extent to which market exchange rates result in goods costing the same in different countries. It seeks to make exchange-rate theory a bit more digestible.*

The index takes its name from the Big Mac, a hamburger sold at McDonald's restaurants.

So all the complicated economy model and theory can be simply explained in a normal thing every one can understand ...

<hahahaha /> Aug 7, 2011

Dean Budd - "Woah Woah Woah! Hold the cheese homie! Do I look like a millionaire?!?" HAHAHA Aug 9, 2011

Babar Asghar - Wowww :) Aug 9, 2011

Mike Nguyen - What about fish & chips? I had the pleasure of paying 15 pounds while in London. That's like ~AUD\$45. Ok so it was proper fish but no beer! BTW I spent 5 euros (\$10) on a quarter pounder meal in Nice. Just for the hell of ordering 'Royale with cheese'. Aug 9, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Words of the day

Aug 3, 2011

Calling Oracle after find its products cause system slow down, people in Oracle reply: **You don't get licence for the performance.**



Lessons learned from web application development:

- You should be able to understand what your application does just by reading the code.
- GWT makes GUI programming inside the browser much easier, but it doesn't take the burden away from you to structure your application in the right way.
- Don't try to write Windows style Desktop apps inside the browser.
- Using Key / Value Pairs as the primary data structure. No more "impedance mismatch". No more Object-Relational mappers. No more transformation steps between different incompatible "formats" like database rows, XML, serializable objects. Do we really need classes / objects to pass data around?
- Don't write JavaScript code in the style of the Java language.



[Writing HTML5 apps with Google App Engine, Google Closure](#)

[Library and Clojure](#)

Casper Casper - key/value pairs as the primary data structure reminds me of the "properties pattern" <http://steve-yegge.blogspot.com/2008/10/universal-design-pattern.html> Aug 3, 2011

Alex Megremis - I'm not sure I agree with you on the whole *key-value pairs FTW*, Terry. I think that's a very quick and easy way to be sloppy and make it harder to trace mistakes. Aug 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Hmmm ... Alex, using JSON instead of XML, Restful services instead of SOAP without schema enforcement, key / value pair instead of Java POJO, it must have a good reason behind this. Aug 3, 2011

Alex Megremis - I might have misunderstood you. Were you not implying *flat* key-value ?

As for JSON vs XML, I had a good look at it when we were doing the Ruby project, I found it much easier to read but also weaker. Aug 3, 2011

Kieran Simpson - JSON's popularity as the representation format for RESTful web services I'd wager is due to:

- a) A hatred of XML that runs deep in the developer community
- b) The majority of clients are written in Javascript (cause it's a AJAX app in a web browser) which can eval JSON a lot easier than parsing XML.

However the representation format for your resources is best decided away from the transport mechanism. What's the nature of your data structure?

The Java POJO comment is a red herring. You should be unmarshalling your representations into value types anyway for a cleaner/more testable design. Aug 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Key / value pair is the core concept for the parallel programming, distributed computing. In one word, the system demanding high performance. It reduces the complexity of data structure. Not only you can see it in web application, but also in MapReduce and cache, e.g. memcached.

The benefit using JSON instead of XML is the simplicity and better performance. JSON is always smaller than XML. It's quite important to today's limited bandwidth mobile computing.

I have two projects working on, one is RoR, need to process JSON data. Though backend services also offer XML output, I don't see any necessities to be parsed in XML. If data is so complicated between client and services layer, this is I reckon most time an architecture design issue.

K, I don't have anything undermining POJO for its effort reducing complexity in Java programming. One of my previous projects, the backend communicates with the client in JSON, but then converts JSON objects to java objects (POJO) to sweet the backend Java codes. The point is that you can pass a key / value pair with JSON objects around application. There are a lot transforming codes just doing simple one on one mapping, wasting time, adding maintenance cost. No matter people blaming Java programming is slower than .Net.

Good codes must be less and smaller. Aug 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 3, 2011

Scared morning. Try to "git pull" the repository and find out a large batch files I didn't create need to commit. Don't know how they did get there.

An incident a week ago two colleagues "git commit" clashed each other. They had to solve by re-modifying and re-committing ALL their change one file by one file manually.

Have installed git basic package, command line tool and GitX, GitY, GitBox, GitHub these git gui tools. There is another tools gui tool gitk in Mac OS X already there. Every tool dose the work in its way. No one comes out as the final winner.

Still like running git on command line. Still too scary each time git pull, merge, commit and push ...

Casper Casper - sounds like git doesn't deal with clashes very well. why couldn't it merge the clashing commits? Aug 3, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Yeah given that those actions are the core pieces of functionality for a (D)SCM tool, you **shouldn't** be scared. That's one of the areas where Hg is so much better; better peace of mind (he says getting scared with Git at times). Aug 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - The following is an easy mistake to make for users coming from version control systems with an "update and commit" style workflow.

1. git pull
2. resolve conflicts
3. git pull

This is wrong in Git. In step 3 you should commit after resolve the conflicts. Mindset changing ... Aug 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Start having the groovy and cool feeling using Git on command line ... Aug 3, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Wait until the fear comes back. Aug 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 3, 2011

Plane, sweet plane

A Malibu, Calif. resident with a lust for aviation and creative upcycling enlists an architect to transform a retired Boeing 747 jumbo jet into a hilltop dream home.



[Wing House, a House Made from 747 Plane Parts by David Hertz Architects | HomeDSGN, a daily source for inspiration and fresh ideas on interior design and home decoration.](#)

Terrence Miao - <http://inhabitat.com/interview-architect-david-hertz-talks-to-us-about-how-to-build-with-old-planes/>
Aug 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 2, 2011

How about Bill Gates. He is using IE, hotmail, Windows, Zune, Bing? ALL low IQ products ...



IE users have lower IQ says study

Terrence Miao - Good point J! Aug 2, 2011

Terrence Miao - Good catch J. Shouldn't waste your precious time and take these kind "study" too seriously. Give it a laugh :-)
Aug 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 2, 2011

There are two market segments where Scala is leading relative to the others and one is Internet companies; in particular, Internet companies that need to scale rapidly. Examples are Twitter, LinkedIn, Foursquare, and many others. The other big market is in finance.

@***** Most people, once they leave emacs, do so permanently.

[Interview with Scala's Martin Odersky](#) | Dr Dobbs's Journal



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 2, 2011

This is insane. This is the people mad cow or mad dog or any kind of mad of the money.

Saudi Arabia is going to build the tallest building on earth, replacing Dubai's 828m Burj Khalifa. A company called **Bin Laden** Group will build it.

Bin Laden?! Osama?!

[Saudi Arabia plans world's tallest tower - FT.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 1, 2011

After all, as Oscar Wilde reported: "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

Britain vs. Germany vs. France - The comparison of tabloid press and people's culture

[illegible]

The popular press



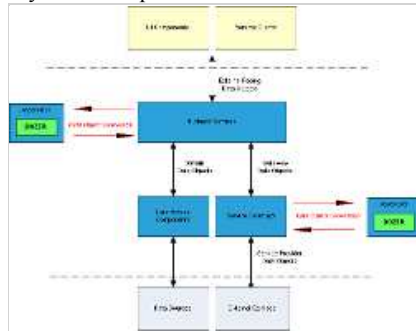
Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 31, 2011

Dozer is a Java Bean to Java Bean mapper that recursively copies data from one object to another.

Doing transformation between DTO and Entity beans. Quite annoying wasting time writing simple one on one mapping codes by hands. Simple and repetitive task should done automatically by dumber computers or simple minded people.

Anyone has experience with Dozer?



[Dozer - about](#)

Dean Budd - We've used it... seems to do what it says it does. Aug 1, 2011

Terrence Miao - Awesome Deano. Will see how to integrate it into my current project. Cheers! Aug 1, 2011

Dean Budd - I usually ask the deeper questions before using something like this though... *"Why are we translating between DTO's?"* and *"Is there a simpler solution?"*

Most of the time there's a good answer but sometimes you will highlight problems in the architecture... Aug 1, 2011

Terrence Miao - It's the transformation between DTO and entity beans. BPEL is calling persistence layer via DTO.

With BPEL in the middle there is no easy simple solution.

I still wonder whether leave BPEL runs very high level business logic. Let low level, non core business logic, including persistence layer solved by light weight Spring solution, exposed to BPEL as web services.

You have too many questions Deano. That's not good for business :-P Aug 2, 2011

Terrence Miao - Light weighted and another reason is hard to unit test EJB. Aug 2, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Unit testing EJBs (3) isn't that hard anymore. Aug 2, 2011

Dean Budd - Yep... *always* pays to ask those questions... LOL Aug 2, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @DB - +2 Aug 2, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Kieran Simpson](#) I don't know too much of the "emerging" tech in EJB and Oracle domain. Current work still requires me to deploy application on Oracle App Server (Gosh, it's WebLogic now. WebLogic has Spring AOP built in) and run "unit test" in JDestroyer. No CI.

Oracle SOA Suite 11g finally got this SOA version 2.0 feature - Event Driven Architecture.

High level, core business I reckon still can be done in BPEL. But leave the rest to light weight Spring solution, run away from Oracle on everything. BPEL need to be designed and standardised by ISO, like XML and W3C.

BTW, thinking OSGi to build your web services and web application. Aug 2, 2011

Terrence Miao - @***** Thanks J. Thanks for sharing the thought. Don't know about this. Will take a wait-and-see pattern, how OSGi can evolve. Aug 2, 2011



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Jul 31, 2011

Have you tried Git stash feature? How cool is that! Remind me the pain in my back when worked on GLiDe creating branch just to keep temporary changes.

AFAIK, Perforce doesn't have similar feature like this. Don't know how Mercurial can do the same work as simpler and easier as Git.

naedyr null - perforce does, it's called shelve. it's a great feature. You can even share a shelved file :D Jul 31, 2011

Terrence Miao - Many thanks for the tipping Mr. Null :-)

Kieran Simpson - Hg also has a shelve extension which I use quite heavily. Jul 31, 2011

Terrence Miao - Well, in that case I seal my mouth - No more comments on Hg and P4 from now on :-D Jul 31, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 30, 2011

Rowan Atkinson conquers Top Gear in 2011, season 17, episode 4.



[Atkinson in the Kia](#) »

[Transmission – BBC Top Gear More from episode four: Rowan](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 30, 2011

Curly shape, bigger than iPhone 4, release date on Sep 15th. iPhone 5 is really coming ...



[iPhone 5? | 9to5Mac | Apple Intelligence](#)

[Have we found the](#)

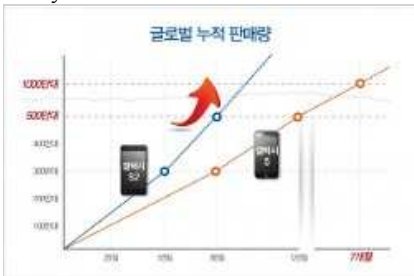


Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 29, 2011

You want to know why Apple is desperately going after Samsung with bogus lawsuits?

I told you so!



[million Galaxy S II phones in 85 days | Android and Me](#)

[Samsung sells 5](#)

Mike Nguyen - I think to finally convert you to Apple, whomever you're working for should issue you an iPhone as well :D Jul 31, 2011

Terrence Miao - Apple's unibody aluminum casing laptop is very good. Only whinge I have so far is there are not enough keys like PC keyboard. So need a bit time to remember all these key combinations. Hard for some combinations when you need to press 3 or 4 keys at the same time.

Less keys mean more key combinations confliction. A good example is when you run Oracle's invincible JDestroyer and SQL Destroyer. Jul 31, 2011

Terrence Miao - If you don't even develop application on iPhone, you don't realise how awful and ugly Steve Jobs enforced you do things in Apple way.

It's very hard to explain this to people who has more taste buds on spending but less brain cells on creating ... Jul 31, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Well looks like the Samsung is enough for Steve Job to show his fangs <http://www.theage.com.au/digital-life/tablets/tablet-wars-apple-seeks-to-destroy-rival-galaxy-20110802-1i90c.html>

I think Apple has the case. Everyone is just riding on Apple's success. They had every opportunity to bring out their smart phone & tablet before Apple did, but nope waited till they became & norm and then trying to undercut.

But as a consumer, I couldn't care less.. I just buy whatever's that suits my needs & my wallet can afford. Aug 1, 2011

Alex Megremis - The funny thing is that Apple has set the bar very high, and are mostly just shooting themselves in the foot with decisions that piss us geeks off (ie nothing significant).

I'm very curious what will come out that will truly 1-up them. Will it be a *best of both worlds* type of thing? Aug 1, 2011

Casper Casper - Copying each other and infringing patents are two very different things. I don't think any of the things being discussed should have been patent-able. These kinds of patents aren't helping. If it's impossible to use good ideas that others came up with (or first had success with), then there'll be no "best of both worlds"; which I think is what everyone wants :) Aug 1, 2011

Alex Megremis - Fully agreed re software patents.

I'm hoping this goes away. On the other hand, and this surely is a stupid question, are Apple's US patents enforceable elsewhere? Aug 1, 2011

Mike Nguyen - That's where royalties come in. I can sympathise with Apple being pissed off with everyone having their work cut out. I still believe Apple's success has always been their marketing powerhouse. Yes, they didn't invent the tablet - but how successful was the last attempt?

Anyhow I was going to suggest their design house as well. But seems like Braun had some influence
<http://gizmodo.com/343641/1960s-braun-products-hold-the-secrets-to-apples-future> Aug 1, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I'm pretty sure the patents apply to anyone willing to do business with them.

Newsflash Alex! Aus is a defacto US state! Aug 1, 2011

Casper Casper - lol I would have said *copied* not influenced ;) nothing wrong with that though. Aug 1, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @CC - Totally agree with you re patents. These "patents" should have been laughed out. Research is about standing on the shoulders of giants.

The Howard government did sign us up to several US laws in the digital area, however I don't know if patents was part of that.

There's also a question of international recognition, which I don't know much about. Aug 1, 2011

Alex Megremis - All this would mean that any company with a significant R&D investment should constantly employ a cracking law team in the US.

How sad... Aug 1, 2011

Casper Casper - it also means that any small researcher who tries to defend a patent, will have to go through the same expensive legal defense as larger companies; if they want to get any royalties. It'd be impossible to go after Apple/Oracle/Google :(Aug 1, 2011

Alex Megremis - Hm, not sure about that one. If one of the big boys is in violation, and it is provable (like Apple was recently), I'm sure plenty of firms would take the case for free for a share of the damages.

(I'm sure there's a term describing that but my brain is coming up empty) Aug 1, 2011

Casper Casper - Not sure if you've followed the wifi patent battle, but it's been a *very hard* battle :
<http://apcmag.com/csiro-could-scoop-billions-from-wi-fi-patent.htm> and this was a patent for an actually unique solution to a problem that no one else had solved; by the CSIRO too Aug 2, 2011

Terrence Miao - "You guys talk like you are an Intellectual Property lawyer!" If my former team leader heard you guys discuss this kind "crappy", you would be asked rudely to "bugger off and back to your bunker and write codes" :-D

BTW, back from ACS seminar tonight presented by Bruce about Android development. If you really like Android and Open Source solution, showing your support by developing Android applications and buying Samsung Galaxy S for Sports and Samsung Galaxy T for Gran Turismo! Aug 2, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Seriously Terry, you gotta recommend your dealer to moi! Aug 2, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 28, 2011

F-35C carrier-variant test aircraft CF-3 has made its first catapult launch on July 27 2011 using the land-based steam catapult at NAS Lakehurst, where the U.S. Navy's version of the JSF is undergoing carrier suitability testing.



[First F-35C catapult launch](#) [First F-35C catapult launch](#)

Alex Megremis - It's funny... The F-35 story wreaks of an Enterprise level IT project gone horribly wrong by trying to create a one-size-fits-all solution.

In the end it achieves its goals, but it feels thoroughly unimpressive and uninspiring to the observer. Jul 28, 2011

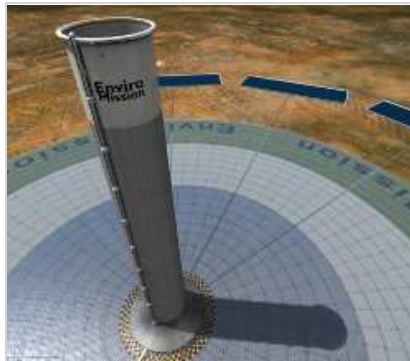
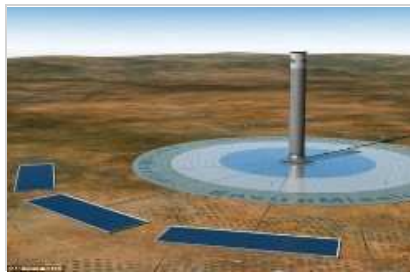
Mike Nguyen - Well, thanks to John McClane (see DH4), the VSTOL capability (Marines) was the cause of all problems. I'm not even sure whether they're still perusing it. They shouldn't. By the time you're using forward adhoc airbases, you're already ruling the skies. You no longer need stealth. Jul 28, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 28, 2011

- Huge tower will generate electricity using turbines, the sun's heat and a massive 2,600 foot chimney
- Enough power will be generated to run 150,000 homes
- Building will provide jobs for 1,500 people
- Massive structure, which will have a two mile diameter base, will cost \$700million to build



[Arizona solar power](#)

[tower to be world's 2nd tallest building](#)

Martin Paulo - Yeah: and it was meant to be built in Australia - anyone know why it moved to the states? Jul 28, 2011

naedyr null - I really wish we'd built these here. I got really excited when I first heard about them, it's such a cool way of using solar energy Jul 28, 2011

Kieran Simpson - +1 Jul 28, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 27, 2011

Words of the day

[Twitter / Joshua Bloch: My response to Stroustrup: ...](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 26, 2011



[TechCrunch | Facebook's Secret iPad App Exposed \[Pictures\]](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 26, 2011



[Mozilla eyes mobile OS landscape with new Boot to Gecko project](#)

Terrence Miao - Chrome OS has a competitor now. I don't think Android will worry about it at the moment. Jul 26, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 24, 2011

I confess. I have sin.

I'm using and working on a Macbook Pro at the moment ...

Martin Paulo - Once you have tasted the forbidden fruit there is no going back. No forgiveness... Jul 24, 2011

Terrence Miao - You are quite right Marty. It almost one week now I haven't found any major drawback I can against Macbook and Mac OS X. The previous Apple's computer I used is classic Apple II, maybe 25 years ago. Then I became a full monty PC person. Jul 24, 2011

Martin Paulo - I think there is a reason why they named the company "Apple"... Jul 24, 2011

Terrence Miao - First day after I was given this Macbook Pro, I didn't know how to open and lift the LCD screen, kept looking for a push button on the case edge; I couldn't find where I should put the power jack; I didn't know you can put two fingers on the mouse pad.

But now, I feel hot driving a mini cooper sport - feeling every horse, handling on rails, making me smile every day ... Jul 24, 2011

Terrence Miao - The screen of Macbook Pro is bright and crystal clear. The keyboard feel so soft, light and responsive. The only laptop keyboard that old good IBM Thinkpad's I reckon can match it. And it's amazing quiet. You can't hear the fan noise at all even you load a lot heavy applications. Jul 24, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Oh dear... the sight of terry in tight jeans & buddy specs! Jul 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - LOL, don't forget the turtleneck. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Although there are people hate Windows with passion, but they still stick with it just because they have already got used to Windows ... Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Kieran: check!

Terrence: check!

Dean: last man standing Jul 25, 2011

Martin Paulo - Dean, would you like to borrow my new macbook air for a few days? :-)) Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - I admit on Mac it can be very quick and productive. I was totally shocked when I couldn't find Home, PgUp, PgDn keys on the keyboard at first. But, after have learned a few shortcut keys combo (most of them are the exactly same on the same application, others you can guess) and change the mindset that Apple's Command key is the Control key in Windows, then both of your two hands can stick on the keyboard most time, without leaving it to fondle the mouse. But I hate sometimes I have to press 4 keys at the same time to get Zoom In / Out feature in one application.

You've got Microsoft Office installed, the rest applications either bundled into Mac OS X, or can download free, or just batch of web based applications these days. BSD style command line make you feel back to home again. I could feel fearless on the first day I used Macbook.

The hardware of Mac is quite amazing, quite clear. One feature I like it is keyboard backlight turn on themselves automatically in the dim condition.

Maybe, maybe I will get a 13" Macbook Pro for work and presentation, because Intel laptops are most tasteless business tools these days. I miss old good IBM Thinkpad, a taste of elegant design.

Switching to a Mac person from PC like becoming an aristocrat from a liberal, like implanting your hands from the hands of a stranger. However, should I jump on iPhone and iPad? Possibly not. My tongue will still stick with Android smartphone and tablet for a long long time. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Terry, if you got an iPad after all the whining you've done, I hope you will join me for a retrospective, a review of all the crap you've spun.

And, in the meantime, I'm waiting for Dean to yield. :) Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Also, if you haven't done so already, jump onto Lion.

I've been surprised at how much I'm enjoying the interface changes they've made. I've also yet to find something I use that's broken by the update (although a fair few apps have needed to be updated, of course)

Highly recommended, even though it's just a .0 release. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Yeah, Lion has already broke Adobe apps.

I'm very conservative on upgrading. Prefer a few volunteers sacrifice themselves to trigger all the landmine in front of me <hahahaha /> Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - What Adobe apps has it broken for you? FWIW, I use *Lightroom 3.4* and *Photoshop CS5* pretty much daily, and they're purring away happily. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - <http://www.neowin.net/news/os-x-lion-breaks-adobe-products-including-photoshop-flash>

Deano maybe does not qualify the last "minor" standing. Deano maybe makes move if he would read my long persuasive review on Macbook Pro. He is not such a diehard person always threatens people to over his dead body, even in a computer game I reckon ... Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Dude, I'm just waiting for [Dean Budd](#) 's comments on this. :)

As for the Adobe breakage, fair enough. Hopefully Adobe will come out with updates quick smart.

That said, I'm waiting for updates for a lot of apps, not for fixes but for integration with Lion's new features. Both the resume-on-logon and full screen features are pretty awesome. So much so, in fact, that I've started using Safari in the meantime.

(Safari has other pretty cool bits added to it in this release as well) Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Safari is too slow. Stick with Chrome. Even Firefox 5.0.1 on Mac is quicker. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Agreed about Chrome. I especially miss Chrome's process-per-window.

Fully disagree about Firefox.

But Safari is the only one that does Lion's full screen properly. :) Jul 25, 2011

Dean Budd - Typical Mac conversations... *always* degrade into Firefox/Chrome debates *HAHAHA*

BOOYAH!!! Jul 25, 2011

Dean Budd - I admit... they do look nice, except for the bland grey and the stupid apple. And I do admit, the OS looks nice, except for not being able to customise it and being *forced* to look at the same stupid theme forever... *hahaha*

Mind you, the *soft, light and responsive keyboard* would work wonders on the callouses on my manly hands, you know, after doing manly things like chopping down trees and shaving with an axe. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - [Dean Budd](#) Have you bought your own yet? Otherwise all I'm hearing is bitter bitter jealousy. Which pretty much sums up your ramblings for the last 2 years. :)

Terrence Miao I've been able to put Safari's cache on a ramdisk. I have not been able to figure out how to do that for Chrome. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Doesn't make sense to me to use Safari. Chrome has the same webkit rendering engine. And it's Google's baby, less proprietary and less evil. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - For hacking stuff, you still need a PC running Linux ... Jul 25, 2011

Dean Budd - [Alex Megremis](#) Ahhh Alex, you hit the nail on the head. I've *always* been jealous of you... but what can I do? *hahaha* Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - [Dean Budd](#) Dude, it was a *wtf* moment, for both Alven and myself, to see Special K with a MBP. Now I hear Terry having crossed over to the turtleneck side.

You're the only one left to be proven to have been just another ranter. The question is whether you'll have the balls to step

forward and admit it, like Terry here, when the time comes. :)

(and, no, it bears little significance in the grander scheme of things, but it's still a bit of balance for your endless unprovoked/uninvited ranting) :) Jul 25, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL! "uninvited"? You inboxed me! Jul 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Well put TM. I have found hacking around on the MBP very frustrating at times. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Yup. My turn to be "uninvited", eh? :) Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - And, and Macbook and Mac OS is unbelievable stable. No crash so far. It runs out of juice several time, but still back to last scene after power is back. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - That is true. I *usually* only reboot if an update requires it, so uptime is usually upward of 20d. Jul 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - My biggest annoyance is that the ntfs-3g (macports) drivers don't work with the 64bit kernel, so I have to reboot into 32bit mode to mount windows drives (albeit rarely). Ruined a 2 month+ uptime stat :(Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Can't mount it via a VM? Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Why can't Mac OS X natively support NTFS in 64bit, as same as it works with NTFS in 32bit? Jul 25, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Copyright? or maybe royalties for MS? I think there are adapters that you can install. The PS3 doesn't support NTFS neither... Jul 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Alex, I'm actually having problems getting OSX to allow the USB connection that is the drive to get hooked into VBox (the option is grayed out in the menu). Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Hm... No clue there, I only use Fusion for VM'ing. In Fusion it will allow me to connect any USB device to a VM, although low level stuff won't work (such as flashing my SGS from an XP VM).

Does VB offer the same capability? Or does it depend on the host OS to provide all the connectivity?

Also, more importantly, when you plug the drive to your USB, are you seeing an error in your logs (have Console running when you do it and make sure you're looking at _All messages_) Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Going to give a try running FULL Oracle fusion stack, BPEL and OSB natively on Mac OS X 10.6 32bit soon ... Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - Why would you do that? A much better way is to use a RedHat/CentOS/SuSe VM.

(I don't even want to imagine the kind of trouble you'll run into trying to run all that natively) Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Oracle SOA suite are basically all Java stuff. After get Oracle 10g database run in native in Mac OS X, in theory that BPEL and OSB should be OK.

Under 4GB RAM, don't think VirtualBox or Parallels on Mac OS X will be mercy to resources pool. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - The majority of Google's Engineers are using Mac. The majority of Google's Engineers are smart and good. So we should follow up ... Jul 25, 2011

Dean Budd - The majority of Google Engineers don't wear underpants to work... what's your point? *hahaha* Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - **Dean Budd** - last man standing, I'm eagerly waiting :)

Terrence Miao - 4GB is just enough, I went through most of GLIDE with 4GB, pagefile, and all of GLIDE on the TU-supplied VM. I highly recommend you use a VM. I also highly recommend you jump to 8GB. Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - We should, wait a minute, how can Google Engineers work without underpants? Are they sitting there, can cold boot and self warm up their bottoms? Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Thanks Alex. Let me think about it ... Jul 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Just for the record, my purchasing of a MBP was because it was either a Mac or back to Windows for the use of audio interfaces. Given that OSX's CoreAudio rocks, it was an easy decision to make, plus work let me salary sacrifice it since it's also my dev machine.

I'm still pro Linux at heart. Jul 25, 2011

Mike Nguyen - You're wearing turtle necks Kieran? Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Sorry forgetting mentioning Mac OS X can dual boot back to Windows. Hmmm ... Windows ... Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - **Dean Budd** Deano, you can try this on your PC - **Install Snow Leopard on Your Hackintosh PC, No Hacking Required** before get up from your asses:

<http://liferhacker.com/5360150/install-snow-leopard-on-your-hackintosh-pc-no-hacking-required>

Try this at home. Not at office, not in public ... Jul 25, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Nope. I also watch Flash videos. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - [Terrence Miao](#) Correction - I meant "4GB, **NO** pagefile" etc etc. Otherwise OS X is quite obnoxious in how eagerly it will swap idle memory out to the disk. Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - [Kieran Simpson](#) One idea I was strongly contemplating was to throw away OS X and put OpenSolaris on my old MBP. And, sadly, just around the time I started doing proper research (mostly in SunBloggers where Sun techs had done it), Oracle killed. :(Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Alex Megremis](#) I played a lot iPad, iPhone while worked on Yellowpages Mobile project. Honestly to say, they are good design and build devices. The problem is that when you program native application on iPhone / iPad vs. Android, you hate Object C, Xcode, Mac environment and all these frigging restrictions and limitation Steve Jobs forces on you. On the contrary, Android is an opened platform, a perfect gay-gay marriage of Linux and Java, cultivating hacking culture, encouraging developers try everything beyond their imagination. And Android is still maturing and evolving, quickly enough bypassing OS X in every aspect.

As I said, Macbook has the beautiful hardware design. Apple's laptops are second to none on current market.

Another thing is as more applications moving to cloud (Microsoft has Office 365, Adobe will follow soon), desktop applications are becoming pointless and irrelevant. The gap of applications run on different hardware becoming narrower and smaller. Today's Mac and PC ALL have the same Intel hearts. Can you still see the difference? Jul 25, 2011

Mike Nguyen - "a perfect gay-gay marriage of Linux and Java" WTF??? Jul 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Warning: Tech Content! Jul 25, 2011

Alex Megremis - @JG - In the meantime the Galaxy Tab 10.1 is a pricier, not to mention buggier, offering than the iPad.

My only reservation, and hope, is that Apple have now reached their peak. They dominate. It's only a matter of time before something else comes out that's more interesting.

Until then, however, I look to them with hope that their next batch of laptops does away with the optical drive, allows for SSD + HDD combination from the factory, and I'll be a happy camper. Jul 26, 2011

Terrence Miao - Snow Leopard 10.6 is the first Mac OS X version to ship with a 64 bit kernel. **By holding down "6" and "4" during system boot to load the 64 bit kernel, or holding down '3' and '2' during boot to use the 32 bit kernel.**

Weird ... Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - If your machine can manage the 64bit kernel, it will default to that.

If you're not sure what you're running, have a quick peak in the *Activity Monitor*. The last column ("Kind") will say "*Intel*" or "*Intel (64 bit)*" for all running processes, including "*kernel_task*" Jul 26, 2011

Terrence Miao - Got it. Thanks Alex!

According to Mac OS X rules: **on a 64-bit processor, a 32-bit Mac OS X Kernel can run both 32 and 64 bit applications ...**

Ever weird ... Jul 26, 2011

Kieran Simpson - 2011 hardware defaults to the 64bit kernel, and doing the '32' reboot is unfortunately still necessary sometimes.

uname -a is the quickest command to find out kernel details. Looking in Activity Monitor is not the most truthful in that you can run 64/32 bit apps in either the 32/64 kernel.

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/49934/how-come-a-32-bit-kernel-can-run-a-64-bit-binary> Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - From memory the cutoff for 64bit capability is mid-2007 generation for Apple hardware.

Aside from that, I don't know what the relationship between the kernel and other binaries is in terms of which version combinations are allowable. Someone even nerdier than me can possibly shed some light...?

And, @SpecialK, *Activity Monitor* will tell you accurately which version of everything you're running. If there's evidence of it lying, I'd love to see a link. Jul 26, 2011

Terrence Miao - Many thanks K. "uname -a" is very handy and very unixish.

JG / Alex / Deano, Apple made huge profit margin on iPad and iPhone last financial year. A reasonable profit on hardware sale comparing to other PC companies. No profit at all on OS software. So you know what you should buy if you go with Apple. Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - Apple's been **very** smart in offering OS X upgrades for peanuts and bundling iLife (with one of Apple's killer apps for newcomers - iPhoto) with every new machine.

I always wondered why the **f** Microsoft didn't pick up on that and (a) simplify their lineup and (b) **make it cheaper at**

retail. Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - @JG Sorry, but I'm not a fanboi (*I hate that term*). What I said stands factually, and I don't think anyone could prove otherwise.

I never said they're great/perfect/whatever.

But they *are* using the software both as a lure and as a means of lockin, and it *is* a great tactic, and it *does* cost an obscene amount of money to buy a retail copy of Win7, once you've figured out which version to get.

I never said that it's not also an above-average amount of money that you'll put down to buy their latest and greatest hardware. That bit is buyer's choice. Jul 26, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @Alex, I misread your post. Therefore we're actually in agreement.

@JG, Totally agree with you on price. If I didn't salary sacrifice my MBP, I would have had a harder time convincing myself to spend the cash. However I'm not seeing where you're coming from with the performance angle. Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - ++ on salary sacrifice being a factor Jul 26, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Ah, I read it as "price and or performance" not as a ratio. Agree with you though, that similar spec hardware (if limited to mere internals) would be cheaper, however there is an argument to be made regarding some design features.

For example my MPB is significantly lighter than a laptop with comparable internal components. Is it worth paying extra for that hardware (a case does count)? I would say yes to a point; I think Apple still charges too much for what they sell, given that what you pay for when you upgrade the internals is way more than the internals are worth (and the fact that you have to pay ~\$1500 for 2x8GB sticks of RAM that's MBP compatible proves my point). Jul 26, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I think part of the costs goes into the support. I think many Apple owners can testify their good experience with the Apple Store as opposed to having to deal with someone from Bangalore. Jul 26, 2011

Terrence Miao - There are copy-cat iPhone / iPad selling in China. Also there are fake Apple Store opened for business.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/chinarealtime/2011/07/21/china-fake-apple-store-clerk-speaks-out/> Jul 26, 2011

Terrence Miao - Looking for a solution running free Git GUI client on Mac OS X?

You need to run GitX + GitY + GitBox combination to get your job done ideally.

That's fantastic! Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - [Terrence Miao](#) There are better ways.

<http://mac.github.com/>

:) Jul 26, 2011

Terrence Miao - Github for Mac looks like more promising. Testing it now. Thanks heaps Alex! Jul 26, 2011

Alex Megremis - ;) Jul 26, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public Information Overload

Jul 24, 2011

- First, information overload can make people feel anxious and powerless: scientists have discovered that multitaskers produce more stress hormones.

- Second, overload can reduce creativity. Focus and creativity are connected. People are more likely to be creative if they are allowed to focus on something for some time without interruptions.

- Third, overload can also make workers less productive. People who complete certain tasks in parallel take much longer and make many more errors than people who complete the same tasks in sequence.

Extreme and pair programming in Agile practice seem definitely against nature and human. They must be totally wrong.



[Too much information](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 24, 2011

成功的婚姻是男人需要责任感，女人需要智慧。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 23, 2011

- Microsoft is toast because we're moving to a post-PC era;
- HTML5, the new web standard that allows to make interactive web pages, is going to revolutionise the media and advertising industries;
- Social is "done", it's now a feature, don't go do a social startup.



[Facebook Investor Roger McNamee Explains Why Social Is Over](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 23, 2011

崔健 - 新长征路上的摇滚

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 23, 2011

Linus Torvalds - Charlie Rose Interview

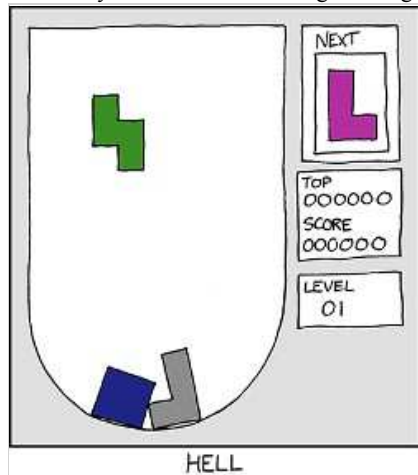
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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 23, 2011

Ah! Finally XKCD has some thing can be got it by simple minded people ...



[xkcd: Hell](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 22, 2011

Protocol Buffers, BigTable and MapReduce are ancient, creaking dinosaurs compared to MessagePack, JSON, and Hadoop. And new projects like GWT, Closure and MegaStore are sluggish, overengineered Leviathans compared to fast, elegant tools like jQuery and mongoDB. Designed by engineers in a vacuum, rather than by developers who have need of tools.

That said, I've learned so much from working there, and I like to believe that I bridge the gap between hacker and engineer quite well. I enjoy the mathematical puzzles that Googlers love, I believe in the value of a programmer versed in Computer Science as well as Software Engineering, ardently...

[Rethrick Construction](#)

Kieran Simpson - I would question the performance of jQuery vs GWT. I would also query if the author has worked on teams with jQuery and not have a code mess at the end. Jul 22, 2011

Terrence Miao - <http://forum.jquery.com/topic/jquery-vs-gwt>

It's all back again to developers' target and what kind projects. Jul 22, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 22, 2011

There are four generations of software companies:

- First Generation (IBM) "The money is in the hardware, not the software"
- Second Generation (MSFT) "Actually, the money is in the software"
- Third Generation (GOOG) "The money is not in the software, but it is differentiating"
- Fourth Generation (Facebook/Twitter) "Software is not even differentiating, the value is the data"

☐ [Mo Data Mo Money: Open Source Business Models](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 22, 2011

Roles in the IT World. The following comic is a matrix, each entry is how one kind of employee views another.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 22, 2011

一个女人爱你，你是丈夫；几个女人爱你，你是男人；十个女人爱你，你是情种；百个女人爱你，你是偶像；千个女人爱你，你是英雄；万个女人爱你，你是领袖；全国的女人爱你，你是人民币；全世界女人爱你。噢！你是卫生巾。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 22, 2011

Alt + Ctrl + Del

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 22, 2011

Slide to the train

It's officially called a 'transfer accelerator' by Dutch railway maintenance company ProRail, but everyone else would say it's a slide. An awesome slide. Installed next to a stairway at the newly renovated railway station Overvecht in the city of Utrecht, the slide offers travellers the opportunity to quickly reach the railway tracks when they're in a hurry. But above all, the slide is a great instrument to make the city more playful. The 'transfer accelerator' was designed by Utrecht-based firm HIK Ontwerpers, and installed as the final piece of the renovation of the Overvecht railway station. Check out the (Dutch) video below to see more of this great urban intervention:



[Overvecht](#)

[Taking the slide at Utrecht Overvecht Railway Station | Dorpspomp](#)



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Roof lake

Jul 22, 2011



[rowing boats and a cocktail bar on the roof](#)

[Selfridges unveils](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Highlight any phrase to search and explore rich content and media without leaving the page.
[Apture Highlights Browser Extension – Apture](#)

Jul 21, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Linus Torvalds visits Google to share his thoughts on git, the source control management system he created two years ago.
[YouTube - Tech Talk: Linus Torvalds on git](#)

Jul 21, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 21, 2011



[would make Roman Abramovich jealous sells for £3bn](#)

[Luxury yacht that](#)

Babar Asghar - Somebody need billionaire's money.... iPhone 4 for £5m ?????? studded with diamonds with a body of platinum... these guys are crazy Jul 21, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Not when you have a spare 5 mil quids & need to make a tax claim. Jul 21, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 21, 2011



[What a let down!](#)

[Russia tricks enemies with inflatable army of tanks and planes](#)

Kieran Simpson - That tactic's been around since Caesar. Jul 21, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 21, 2011

Happy 20 years birthday Linux!



[The Linux Foundation Video Site:: Microsoft just want to say The](#)

[Linux Foundation Video Site:: Microsoft just want to say](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 19, 2011

Samsung is working on a massive, 5.3-inch touchscreen device that blurs the line between phone and tablet.

Holy cow, 5.3 inch screen smartphone?!

Can Apple, HTC and Samsung slow down and stop releasing new model so quickly? Money in my pocket can't catch up the speed of the money you want to take out.



[Samsung's Next Secret Android Phone Is Going To Be A](#)

[Monster](#)

Babar Asghar - That is exactly what they want... work your a?? off and give your hard earned money to them leaving you empty again :P Jul 19, 2011

Dean Budd - True happiness comes from mindless and endless consumption! Everyone knows that! hahaha Jul 19, 2011

Kieran Simpson - LOL Jul 20, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 19, 2011

Quiet, very quiet on Google+ and Buzz. Is everyone becoming a silent sausage?



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 17, 2011

No.1 of Murphy's law of software: **Software always works until it's paid for.**

Kieran Simpson - Like! Jul 17, 2011



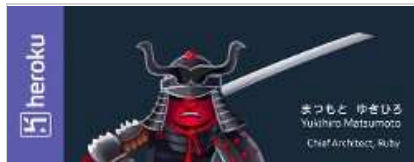
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Jul 15, 2011

Today marks a very special occasion in the history of Heroku, as we are honored to announce that Yukihiro "Matz" Matsumoto, the creator of Ruby, has joined the Heroku team as Chief Architect, Ruby.

In 1993, a time when most programming languages were focussed on computational efficiency, Matz wanted to create a language focussed on developer experience, happiness, and productivity. This insight was years ahead of the trend toward agile software methodologies (the Agile Software Manifesto, for example, was published in 2001).

With this unique intention, Matz created a beautiful and elegant language that has steadily grown a passionate following, becoming wildly popular in recent years, partially thanks to David Heinemeier Hansson's Ruby on Rails web framework. Ruby has a strong community and is a true open-source collaborative effort with hundreds of contributors.



[Heroku | Matz joins Heroku](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 15, 2011

One ring to rule them all



[to rule them all](#)

[Microsoft's Andy Lees on Windows' future: one ecosystem](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 14, 2011

The ONLY reason I don't fully give up Firefox is because of Firebug, though there is Firebug Lite for Chrome.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 13, 2011

The new 2012 BMW M5 runs Facebook and Twitter apps on the dashboard screen ... WTF?!



[BMW M5 2012 runs](#)

[Twitter and Facebook Apps | YugaTech | Philippines, Technology News & Reviews](#)

Mike Nguyen - Talk about distraction while on the road! Can you play farmville on it though?? Jul 13, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 13, 2011

An engineer once inserted a comment: "This is evil but they made me do it" into code for a new ad system.

[GOOGLE TGIF 1999 video](#)

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[About Google's Early Days From An Insider Who Was There](#) [GOOGLE TGIF 1999 video](#) [GOOGLE TGIF 1999 video](#)

[10 Crazy Stories](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 13, 2011

Your personal data on Facebook maybe has already been searched by U.S. FBI, DEA and ICE, but you are not fully informed by Facebook, or the Sun, or the News of the World which just closed by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation ...



[A new U.S. law-enforcement tool: Facebook searches](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 13, 2011

What kind software developers Google Australia is looking?

- BS in Computer Science or equivalent (PhD a plus).
- Several years of software development experience.
- Experience with C++ and/or Java (C, Python and JavaScript also useful).
- Enthusiasm for solving interesting problems.
- Experience working with two or more from the following; web application development, Unix/Linux or Windows environments, distributed systems, machine learning, information retrieval, network programming and/or developing large software systems, Security software development, mobile application development, natural language processing.

[Software Engineers - Sydney](#)

Mike Nguyen - sigh.. Shlt-neey... It's actually a nice city. The tech hub is pretty outstanding. Jul 13, 2011

Martin Paulo - Yeah: got to be prepared to move to Sydney :-(Google+ is based on good old fashioned Servlets, BTW.

Jul 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - Marty, think you have read <http://anyasq.com/79-im-a-technical-lead-on-the-google+-team>

A few things interest me in article:

- Trading off consistency vs. availability is always challenging, and even more so in social applications where your actions affect other users, often in other data centers.
- We put extra emphasis on engineering speed/agility--we try to release code updates on a daily basis while still keeping quality/stability/latency as high as you'd expect from google. This helps us move fast and respond quickly to user feedback. Otherwise, there's not too much magic to the process--just lots of passionate, hard working people trying to make sharing better.
- Lots of Java, no JSP, no GWT, lots of Guice, no Go on the server-side codes.
- Google Wave was mostly written in GWT though, which we don't use at all on Google+.

Jul 14, 2011

Dean Budd - No GWT on Google+?!? Interesting... I'd like to learn why. I wonder if it's simply the long development cycle. Jul 14, 2011

Babar Asghar - from <http://code.google.com/closure/library/>

The Closure Library serves as the base JavaScript library for many Google products, including: Gmail Maps Docs Sites Books Reader Blogger Calendar

What is GWT used for then? Jul 14, 2011

Babar Asghar - How do the Closure Tools relate to Google Web Toolkit?

<http://code.google.com/closure/faq.html> Jul 14, 2011

Babar Asghar - Wow ...

<http://raphaeljs.com/>

and this raphael guy is really critic about closure

<http://www.sitepoint.com/google-closure-how-not-to-write-javascript/> Jul 14, 2011

Martin Paulo - No - I saw the info about servlets elsewhere. Terrence, that's a far better link with much better info. The JavaScript user group had a talk on raphaeljs and it did look quite cool. Btw, the closure criticisms were from 2009. I bet you those issues have all been fixed by now :-)

Jul 15, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Spring Best Practices

Jul 12, 2011

- o Prefer ApplicationContext over BeanFactory
- o Avoid prototype bean if it uses resources such as database or network connections
- o Avoid Spring NameAware, BeanFactoryAware, and ApplicationContextAware interfaces, don't get locked with Spring interface
- o Use Inner beans when you don't want a particular bean to be available without its parents bean
- o Avoid using autowiring. Should mix autowiring with explicit wiring and never rely completely on autowiring by default
- o Use naming conventions
- o Prefer Import over ApplicationContext if don't want to sacrifice declarative feature of Spring
- o Use ids as bean identifiers
- o Use "dependency-check" attribute at the development phase
- o Use shortcut forms
- o Prefer type over index for constructor argument matching
- o Use <null/> for null property
- o Constructor vs Setter injection
- o Autowiring byType or byConstructor might result in ambiguity exception. Should mix autowiring with explicit wiring and never rely completely on autowiring by default. Autowiring byName is more dangerous as bean names might be changed over time
- o Separate deployment details from application context
- o Spring provides proxy based AOP implementation based on interceptor chains. It is also called dynamic AOP as changes in point cuts or joins doesn't require recompilation. AspectJ works at byte code level and doesn't require any framework once byte code is decorated with AOP capabilities
- o Use a narrow window to add advice
- o Be aware of thread safe issues with AOP advice
- o Use regular expression advisors to fine tune interceptor scope
- o Prefer static pointcut over dynamic point cut
- o Use autoproxying for large applications
- o Use bean inheritance to reduce XML

Kieran Simpson - The autowiring is a hot topic with some of my colleagues. They IMO abuse it. It goes against the whole "swapping" principle of DI. If I have to qualify/specify in the class of the bean that is that a recipient of injection, that code **should not** specify what bean (either by name or class type) should get injected.

I personally use autowiring for tests only because I control the small test context where I know there will be at most only one bean. You can't say that in larger contexts (especially if your context is changeable at runtime). Jul 12, 2011

Dean Budd - Agreed. Autowiring is a hazard. Can't tell you how many debugging sessions autowiring has caused. Jul 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 12, 2011

This tutorial just show a few configuration files and code that demonstrate how a Spring web service and its implementation can accommodate both REST and SOAP access to the same backbone.

How easy and simple is that.

[Spring – Exposing a bean as both REST \(xml, json, ...\) and SOAP WebServices | raulraja.com](#)

Kieran Simpson - Hear, Hear. Jul 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 11, 2011

My former colleague Diego's thought on how to avoid growing a single giant fruit.

Great achievers for – the step to lock themselves into a room for an entire career and to focus on their oeuvre only - is indeed an extremely selfish, unnatural and plain dumb move.

...

[Growing a Single Giant Fruit is a Dumb Thing for a Tree to Do « Diego's Brain Picks](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 11, 2011

Philosophy and design or Ruby on Rails

Ruby on Rails is intended to emphasize **Convention over Configuration (CoC)**, and the rapid development principle of **Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)**.

"Convention over Configuration" means a developer only needs to specify unconventional aspects of the application. For example, if there is a class Sale in the model, the corresponding table in the database is called sales by default. It is only if one deviates from this convention, such as calling the table "products sold", that the developer needs to write code regarding these names. Generally, Ruby on Rails conventions lead to less code and less repetition.

"Don't repeat yourself" means that information is located in a single, unambiguous place. For example, using the ActiveRecord module of Rails, the developer does not need to specify database column names in class definitions. Instead, Ruby on Rails can retrieve this information from the database based on the class name.

Terrence Miao - Mind you, in Struts 2, it borrows above two design patterns from Ruby on Rails. Jul 11, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 10, 2011

Where is everyone?!

After Google+ comes to town, people seem magically disappear from Google Buzz ...

Dean Budd - I'm still here! Jul 10, 2011

naedyr null - me too, but isn't everyone on buzz already on g+? Jul 10, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 10, 2011

This application would consist of an ear file with several war files inside, and the question came up if it was possible to define a single ApplicationContext that could be used as a shared parent to the WebApplicationContexts of all war files. This context would hold bean definitions for services, dao's and other beans that were not specific to a single web module.

[Spring Tips: Sharing a spring context across multiple Webapps](#)

Kieran Simpson - Why not just bundle the same config file in each of the WARs thus not needing to get around classloader isolation? Surely would be easier. Jul 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - If bundle the same configuration into each WARs, can each web app still share the same parent **Singleton** application context, including services and dao beans?

Tuning classloader is to make sure this shared parent is per JVM, not per web application. If Spring has some smarter solution to do it in a simpler way ... Jul 10, 2011

Dean Budd - If you're starting to ask whether Spring Contexts can be shared across Web Apps, you've got some architecture issues. I would start looking at your architecture, not your applications. Sounds like there's a whole (service?) layer missing in your architecture. Jul 10, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Singleton beans are great, but if you are forcing apps to share a singleton bean it sounds like you're devolving into the Singleton pattern. If the bean is stateless in behaviour then you can instantiate as many as you like as well with idempotent results (at the cost of more memory), one per WAR/classloader and you won't have all the extra pain of trying to bend the classloader to your will. Jul 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - Agree both of you.

This buzz I try to bring up the all the possibilities in Spring. If I were the person design this application, I'll take services and dao thing out and put them behind a service layer. So benefit of loose coupling and separate business logic from the web. Jul 10, 2011

Dean Budd - Ahhh... the old *Transaction Script* vs *Domain Model* architectural argument. Jul 10, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Not familiar with the Transaction Script arch (at least not by that name). Got a reference? Jul 10, 2011

Dean Budd - Fowler's *Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture* or Manning's *Pojo's in Action* Jul 11, 2011

Dean Budd - Sounds like a risky architecture hack(?) to get around a certain problem. I still believe this problem is masking an even deeper problem with the architecture. Jul 12, 2011

Terrence Miao - Exploring all the possibilities of Spring man!

BTW, considering Spring MVC, if it's possible to introduce in next project. Spring MVC also has native RESTful support. Read several articles and books about Struts at weekend. Struts 1 is too dumb. Struts 2 is too heavy. Jul 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 10, 2011

Hugh Laurie on the stage of Emmy & Golden Globes Award. Hilarious!

[Laurie Emmy Laurie Emmy](#) [Hugh Laurie doesn't speak French ???](#) [Hugh Laurie doesn't speak French ???](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 9, 2011

Steps revealed how to switch to Google geek from an innocent Apple fan



[geek now](#)

[I'm a Google](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 9, 2011

Why pro Spring MVC over Struts which is too heavy, hardly testable for web tier, and less reusabilities ...

[12 BENEFITS of Spring MVC over Struts](#) « [Lijin's Localhost](#) 'Six' best web frameworks in Java « [Lijin's Localhost](#)

Dean Budd - *Struts 2* went along way to make code more testable... particularly compared to *Struts 1*, but it still went too far in trying to take over your architecture. Jul 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - What do you mean too far Deano? Struts 2 makes itself too complicated? Too heavy? Too unusable? Jul 10, 2011

Dean Budd - Too heavy... Jul 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#) What web framework you are working on now? Is JSF, GWT not too heavy? Why there are people developing SmartGWT, is it GWT too silly? Jul 10, 2011

Dean Budd - We're using GWT... IMO if you need an RIA, GWT is a must. I love JQuery, but JQuery code degrades into chaos (no MVP, etc) once you have more than say four developers working on the same code, unless you have *extremely* disciplined Javascript developers.

SmartGWT is just a widget library. We evaluated it and went with GXT instead. Jul 10, 2011

Kieran Simpson - GWT and server side frameworks (eg JSP, JSF) can't be directly compared either since they work on fundamentally different principles. Jul 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - Thanks Deano. JavaScript is a lot fun (have a look Google+) as well as daunting. You need <http://code.google.com/closure/library/> if JS developers extremely extremely un-disciplined.

Pro JQuery on Mobile. Only 20KB after after minified and zipped JQuery Mobile. Jul 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Kieran Simpson](#) K, I saw a lot comparison JSF vs. GWT, but seldom JSF works with GWT because there are lot overlap between the two.

Based on the different requirement, you choose the different technologies.

GWT is just Plain Old Javascript Object (POJO) according to someone :-)

Jul 10, 2011

Dean Budd - JSF and GWT are like chalk and cheese... Mind you, I've eaten cheese that tasted like chalk, so maybe that's a bad analogy *hahaha* Jul 10, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 9, 2011

[Alex Megremis](#) Thanks Alex! In Google+ circle now, finally ... :-D



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 8, 2011

Fans of Hugh Laurie in his classic Blackadder or House?

"I bow to Hugh in almost everything" His friend and former comedy partner Stephen Fry said.



[Hugh Laurie L'Oreal Paris Men Expert](#) [Hugh Laurie L'Oreal Ad - VIDEO | Styleite](#)

Terrence Miao - Another good comedy hit is "A bit Fry and Laurie". Will get a chance to watch "Jeeves and Wooster". Cheers! Jul 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 8, 2011

Warren Buffett said he was not exactly sure what to make of the multibillion-dollar valuations of Facebook, Groupon, Zynga, LinkedIn and the like.

And what about Facebook, the world's largest social network, which is said to be preparing a public offering that would value the company at more than \$100 billion?

"I'm the last guy to ask about that," Mr. Buffett said.



[Shies Away From Facebook](#)

[Tech-Wary Buffett](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 7, 2011

Dave Besbris Engineering Director of Google+ in his Google+ post said, "So, in a few minutes, we'll open up invites again."

Deano and Nayder, hurry up, where is my invitation please?



[Dave Besbris - Google+](#)

naedyr null - I need your email for invite Jul 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - terrence.miao@gmail.com

Thanks a lot mate! Jul 7, 2011

naedyr null - they've removed the invite button again :(you should get an email saying I've added you though. I'll invite you again when I can :) Jul 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - Thanks anyway! Jul 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 7, 2011

Car of the year goes to <drum /> ...



Mike Nguyen - Nope - that's not a car (requires at least 4 wheels) that's a trike (3 wheeled)! Jul 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reliant_Robin Jul 8, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Ok, maybe 3 wheels apply - but still need a steering wheel. This has a handle bar. I suspect it was hashed from a scooter. I suspect that it's a xe lam (<http://www.lonelyplanetimages.com/images/41953>) Jul 8, 2011

Martin Paulo - Having lived in Africa I can only admire the skill and knowledge that is shown by driving on those slick tires: surely about time to get the old knife out and carve some tread back into them? Jul 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 7, 2011

JG once said: "Git is not for a faint heart."

Quite right!

First time install Git repository on Ubuntu, have received several heart attack. After two hours, mindset finally adapts to Git philosophical world now. More users added in. Project is initialised, checked in and check out. If everything works, Git is a beauty. If something wrong, Git is a beast. You pull out all your hair but still can't figure out what you did wrong.

Ruby is an amazing meeting of the minds for people that are both into design and programming.

A super bastard combination of natural language Smalltalk and barbaric language Perl, Ruby is powerful and nifty. Based on the Principle Of Least Surprise (POLS), you can write Ruby codes even without knowing the exact syntax, you can write codes by your instinct. Even with a guess, and most time you are right!

Ruby on Rails is a gem.

Generating scaffold of the web application in less than 15 seconds. You get web tier, MVC, back-end database support. You don't need to configure messy configuration XML file, you don't need to set up properties file. You change the codes, reload the page in your browser. Wola! You can see the result immediately. There is no need hot deploy, or re-deploy, no need to restart your web server. How cool is that?

RubyMine is a charm.

Not only it's best IDE for Ruby development, but also it's support BDD test, Cucumber, RSpec, Feature files naturally. Setting up break point to debug Ruby codes, or Cucumber testcase. Open Directory to add Rails project. RubyMine automatically add your Ruby library, automatically detect your Git repository, automatically save your codes, so you don't need to press Ctrl-S or :w in VI mode.

Don't use the shitty tools. It's all about efficiency and productivity. Using right tools to do the right job. They save your time and money in a long run ...

Kieran Simpson - You should have used Mercurial. Jul 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Can't ... stop ... Github ... juggernaut ... Jul 7, 2011

Kieran Simpson - What about Bitbucket? Jul 7, 2011

Kieran Simpson - There's also <http://mercurial.selenic.com/wiki/HgGit> which will let you use Hg for your sanity, but will allow you to interact with GitHub projects. Jul 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Hmmm ... very interesting. Bitbucket backed by Atlassian now.

Because of Github's popularity and a lot Ruby libraries are Github based. So ...

Will see when project comes to branching and merging ... Jul 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 6, 2011

Building the world's narrowest house between Warsaw tower blocks, measuring just 60 inches wide. But it gets everything, a bedroom, lounge, bathroom and kitchen inside.



[Polish architect](#)

[building world's narrowest house between Warsaw](#) ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 5, 2011

Once again, left brain vs. right brain, logic vs. creativity, by software you use.

If you are an office dude, using Microsoft Words, Spreadsheet, Powerpoint, Adobe Arcobat a lot, you will be left with a malfunctioned damaged left brain; on the other side, Adobe Flash, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Illustrator will give you an extra large, swollen, purple colour just like got punched.



Dean Budd - LOL! Jul 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 4, 2011

Like the photo. Re-buzz Mr. K's buzz.



[China to Buy Facebook? Dvorak Uncensored: General interest ...](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 4, 2011

Earthquake magnitude 4.4 hits Melbourne about 5 minutes ago, when you and me discussing who is doing more shitty work :-D

Search on Twitter, get the real time news. Google :-(not much. You can't rely on Google today. It's out of fashion. Twitter and Facebook is your best pal now.



[Earthquake in Melbourne - National News - National - General - The](#)

...

naedyr null - google has hits now, as of 18mins ago. funny that I first heard about this on google buzz ;) Jul 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - ...

- * 4.4 magnitude earthquake hits Victoria
- * Ground shakes for 10-15 seconds
- * Geoscience Australia website crashed (by Earthquake?)

Read more: <http://www.news.com.au/national/earth-tremors-shake-the-ground-across-melbourne/story-e6frfkvr-1226087953701> Jul 4, 2011

Dean Budd - You call *that* an earthquake? *bahahahahahaha* Jul 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Earthquake magnitude 5.3 happened in New Zealand in North island 3:36pm local time on the same day - <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqsww/Quakes/usc0004n71.php>

Is it related to Melbourne's tremor?

Can't match Kiwis. This kind shake already scare shit out a lot Aussies. Listen to the local radio ... Jul 4, 2011

naedyr null - oh god, don't listen to the local radio Jul 4, 2011

Dean Budd - I see that "earth quake" and raise you a "*try-sitting-in-the-corner-of-a-Wellington-office-building-with-floor-to-ceiling-windows-40-floors-up-during-a-5.5-holding-your-desk-which-is-violently-lurching-towards-the-windows-while-the-entire-building-is-swaying-one-metre-each-side-of-vertical*" and throw in a "*walk-out-on-to-the-central-city-street-and-see-a-plaque-on-the-footpath-that-says-this-is-where-the-shoreline-used-to-be-150-years-ago*" (Wikipedia : ...The area has high seismic activity *even by New Zealand standards...*) Jul 5, 2011

Dean Budd - They only time a Wellingtonian would get excited was if they saw a large crack start to run down the wall... even then we would say, "*Not bad!*" *hahaha* Jul 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 4, 2011

"Computer science is seen as a very masculine thing". It's very difficult to find good lady programmers because not a lot girls like to do the dirty hard job which in one way or another, errrh ... like garbage collectors.

Mike Nguyen - I disagree with this. It's difficult to find 'lady' programmers because there aren't too many to begin with. But amongst those available, majority are very good if not excellent programmers. You're collecting garbage for a reason. Jul 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Most time I don't feel like wearing a creative hat when I program. Most time I feel like only doing mundane job, following the setup and examples other people already done, rules other people already have decreed, just like garbage collectors, moving rubbish from one place to another ... Jul 4, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Shitty job alright. Jul 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - You are right K. This "garbage collecting" job is still better and more interesting than to be an accountant, laundering the money, a lawyer, spinning the laws, and a surgeon, operating on sick and dead people ... Jul 4, 2011

Mike Nguyen - It sure is Terry, but unfortunately it's not such a great conversation starter at cocktail parties :(Those darn accountants, lawyers & surgeons get all the attention. I don't think their Audi, BMWs & Porches have anything to do with it though?? Jul 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - In reality, people get a lot money, driving Audi, Beemer & Porches are most likely doing a dirty shitty job. Artists, musicians, writers who doing creative work are most likely living a struggling life. It's about choice. You like shining cars or passing your legacy to next generation. I hardly to figure out what legacy a chartered accountant, a high court judge, and a famous surgeon could have to pass. Jul 4, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I think you misunderstand me Terry. You're in a shitty job (as opposed to computer science in general being a shitty job). In my job I'm wearing a creative hat > 50% of the time. Having lots of fun improving my skills and

designing complex systems in a clean Agile way.

Some days I have the boredom of performing the tasks that you lament - just following setup instructions and doing basic tasks so simple that a thousand monkeys at a thousand typewriters could do it.

Fortunately those days are few. Jul 4, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Shiny cars are nice, but shiny guitars are more fun IMHO (and somewhat cheaper). Jul 4, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I think we're the most unappreciated & least celebrated profession. Heck, librarians gets their own franchise: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Librarian_%28franchise%29 Jul 4, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Terry, you better pray you never get sued, sick, or need your taxes done. If you do, and these people hate their job as much as you hate yours, you're screwed...

You seem to take for granted that you have the **fortune** of being successfully employed in your preferred field, in your job of choice, whereas most people effectively simply waste 8+ whole hours of their days, 5 days a week, just to pay the bills and raise the kids.

A little reality, and a little humility, please. Yes, always strive to improve, and always be ambitious, but think twice before whinging.

Oh, and K, I'll take shiny cameras instead. ;) Jul 4, 2011

Terrence Miao - Hehe, thanks for all your advice. Sometime you have to carry on the shitty job to earn the dole, pay the bills and leave extra so you can fund your future projects. Sometime you do more creative work less paid but make you feel so happy. It's an art of balance anyway.

So hope everyone on the Buzz circle could become more independent in future, so have more happy days and less shitty work. Jul 4, 2011

Mike Nguyen - What have you got to complain about anyway? You're working at a cool savvy office & part of town on cool savvy projects! Jul 4, 2011

Martin Paulo - I think that the lack of women in software demonstrates how sane they are: who wants to work in an industry where people regularly "save costs" by shipping work off to other countries and retrenching their "expensive" staff (Lonely Planet, anyone?). The message I take from this is if you want to be treated like a commodity, IT is the career for you.

Ironic in an era we have CEO "superstars" who are paid gazillions because they make a difference... Jul 5, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Ironically I was discussing this idea with my HR manager yesterday. Jul 5, 2011

Martin Paulo - And as you are pondering being a commodity, whilst reading about our ongoing IT skills shortage requiring visa's to be relaxed, riddle me this: why are only **1 in 100** applicants accepted (http://www.smartmanager.com.au/web/au/smartmanager/en/pages/recruitment_retention_in_it.html) in our field? Jul 5, 2011

Dean Budd - Change your Search Criteria... to *Ancient Developers* Jul 5, 2011

Martin Paulo - <http://thegongshow.tumblr.com/post/6522999068/i-love-all-the-data-exhaust-coming-out-of-stack>
Yeah: you should be looking to hire those ancient developers once you find them :-)) Jul 5, 2011

Dean Budd - Beats the ones hanging around the *Crack Exchange*... Jul 5, 2011

Terrence Miao - Senior means the employer has to pay the ransom to in that salary bracket otherwise can't find one to do the job. It nothing about experience.

I have a few good examples who call Linux is turd, whose best IDE is Microsoft Words, who is very good and only good at face lifting work, who talks eloquently about Design Patterns and best Agile practice but have crappy design and write buggy codes ...

Mind you, they all carry on the senior hats. There are even more lower primates, especially they like habit in the big companies.

Why just call all the developers developer? Jul 6, 2011

Martin Paulo - Because not all developers are equal? And one developer is 10 times more productive than another, surely they should get 10 times more salary (playing devils advocate here)... Jul 6, 2011

Kieran Simpson - <rant>Ironic yet again that we've been discussing this very idea around the office. I thought JG's point about professional regulation and a thousand monkeys at a thousand keyboards calling themselves programmers quite spot on. Because the good developers aren't respected enough, and are too self respecting to spend their professional life in Word often they end up in the low - middle paying jobs while all the big bucks go the numpties who couldn't code to save themselves.

The most said thing is that the people that suffer most are the end users, and it's only the few places that prize engineering talent above all else that provide the good stuff, and who do become market leaders in their space (Google anyone). In an interesting counterpoint the business goals are right there to be achieved if good developers were promoted more (power/money) and the morons ditched.

The fly in the ointment of course is how do you decide who's a good/great developer or not.</rant> Jul 6, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I think you're oversimplifying here a bit.

A good *developer* != a good *professional*, or even a good *employee*.

We take our work personally. Most of us have slightly off beat personalities at some level. In general, the better *developers* we are, IMO the more likely we are to have personality traits that make us harder to work with for the rest of the world.

And that is no longer acceptable. Hiring is moving more towards the consultant employee model, and that's a good thing. Output quality might, at times, suffer a bit. In the real world, however, where output isn't only measured by your competitive software engineer peers (and, lets face it, another all too common cliché trait among us all this dick waving).

Jul 6, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Wasn't it Bjarne Stroustrup somewhere in the mists of time (the late eighties) that said serious programming is a team sport.

Sorry dude, but if you can't work in a team you're not a good developer. Chances are your code is shoddy too (even if you can crank it out by the millions) because if you're not in a team environment then chances are you haven't learned good design, testing, and coding techniques which are all part and parcel of being a good dev.

There may of course be the exceptions. But even really good developers whom I respect and with more experience than I, have told me stories about code they've written to which someone else has replied WTF! The answer - "yeah guess I didn't think that through properly".

<http://images.cryhavok.org/d/2471-1/WTFs+per+Minute.jpg> Jul 6, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - This WTF is another kind of dick waving. Also, by no means a measure of good code (it could just mean that the observer is too useless, lack domain knowledge, whatever).

WTF in itself is nothing constructive, in any case, it's simply the viewer's chance to do some dick waving and criticise.

In those precious, **precious** cases where the WTF'ing comes from someone that is actually knowledgeable, intelligent, has good judgement, and is able to communicate effectively with something other than "dude, WTF", of course it would serve you well to stand up and listen closely. Jul 6, 2011

Terrence Miao - "Serious programming was a team sport." This is f__king great point!

A good developer depend on what you're working on and the people who you're working with.

You can do code review just by yourself. Need someone have different opinion and view, no matter it's good or bad than your.

Even offering a senior title to a three years only experience developer, if can pay less but have a big confidence boost, it's not bad idea at all.

At the end of the day, a real good developer should have confidence, self-esteem and motivation himself, no matter what title he carries, no matter what hats his colleagues entitled ... Jul 6, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - *"At the end of the day, a real good developer should have confidence, self-esteem and motivation himself, no matter what title he carries, no matter what hats his colleagues entitled .."*

questionable grammar, spot on commentary - I couldn't have said it better myself, Terry!

(well, I could have, but you know what I mean... :)) Jul 6, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Sorry Terry, that "was" should have been an "is". Quote fail by myself. Jul 6, 2011

Terrence Miao - Don't worry about K. Great thought beyond a language could describe ... Jul 6, 2011

Kieran Simpson - ROFL - I'd like to see a multi threaded trader. Jul 7, 2011

Dean Budd - Imagine the Race Conditions! *hahaha* Jul 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Mind you, if you see the trading room which like a warehouse, "multi threading" tradesmen have about 6 - 8 monitors sit in front them, they hold the telephone with their shoulders, one hand holds calculator, another hand holds coffee cup ... They are real time multi threading people!

It's quite natural recruitment agent extrapolate trading floor is multi trading with their little tiny wits Jul 7, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 4, 2011

Google invites his enemy on to bed, but refuses her long term loyal fans to join Google+ ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 3, 2011

is:buzz - Type this while searching from your Inbox to find buzz posts that were emails.
has: [link/video/image] - finds all posts with either a link, video, or image.

author: - finds all posts in your stream authored by the person whose name you enter.

commenter: - finds all the posts in your reading stream that that person commented on.

source: - finds all posts from a specific source, for example, Twitter or Google Reader. If your source has multiple words in the name, use quotes to separate the name from your search terms.

date: - searches by posting date.



[How To Search](#)

[Google Buzz](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 3, 2011

Finally, CI for JavaScript



[Test Swarm Walkthrough](#) [Test Swarm Walkthrough](#) [Test Swarm:](#)

[Distributed Continuous Integration for JavaScript](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 3, 2011

Thanks K's great tip for how to make Agile beautifully even it's failed.

The beauty of Agile I reckon, just like the following diagram, is **Quality**, the core of Agile practice. May I say **Quality** is the only "metrics" you can conclude whether a project is succeed or failed?

Anyway, out of sight out of mind. The final comments I can say on a doomed project is **the last thing you can do on a sinking boat is to make sure point it to the right direction ...**



[Go Faster with Root Cause Analysis | Agile Zone](#)

Dean Budd - Agile isn't about Quality. Look at Scrum. Scrum says nothing about producing quality.

Agile is only about **Adaptability**. The *only* reason we concern ourselves with *Software Quality* is because high quality software is more easily *Adaptable*

Quality is just a means to an end. Jul 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Good point Deano. I agree **Quality** is more suitable for the product result or one of the goals of Agile project. Thanks Agile coach, or *Procedure and Praxis Conqueror* :-D Jul 3, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL! Jul 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 3, 2011

楼猪出上联：一棒子拿一棒子打了一棒子一棒子。楼下对下联：日本人在日本人看见日本人日本人。

上联：1 直 2 在奔 3 路上
下联：9 是8 敢娶 7 买房
横批：气 456

公司决定裁员。人事部出了一成语填空题：“一丝不()”。凡是填“苟”的，男的留下，女的走人；凡是填“挂”的，男的走人，女的留下。

总有这样的一种人，我们称之为“井”——就是横竖都二的意思。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 2, 2011

Facebook is like Goliath to Google+ to battle. But the real target for Google+ maybe is Twitter, which it's trying to make Twitter as the next MySpace ...



[Google+ could make](#)

[Twitter the next Myspace | VentureBeat](#) [Is Google plus targeting Twitter instead of Facebook and make it ...](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jul 1, 2011

The new Nissan GT-R 2011 has tyres filled with nitrogen because the normal air used in humdrum cars such as Ferraris and Aston Martins is too unpredictable. It expands and contracts appreciably according to tyre temperature. Nitrogen does not.

The GT-R is designed to examine carefully the scientific laws that govern movement and then systematically to break them. This is a car not designed to impress your passengers. It's designed to hurt them.

Yes, it's an ugly son of a bitch, and there are some stupid gimmicks, but this car is a genuine phenomenon.

You're interested in cars. You love driving. You like engineering. You have to have a GT-R. It's that simple.



[2012 GT-R Review By Jeremy Clarkson | To The Floor](#)

Mike Nguyen - Saving your pennies for one Terry? Jul 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Nissan GT-R is called "**Godzilla**" in Australia! Check the video review:

<http://theage.drive.com.au/unleashed-nissans-new-gtr-20110708-1h6ha.html> Jul 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 30, 2011

Manmade woodland - Trunks made from concrete while canopies alone weigh up to 80 tonnes. Vast structures will house international plants in 'botanical capital of the world'



[Singapore](#)

[supertrees: How giant concrete and metal woodland is ...](#)

Oleg Kiorsak - there is something very disturbing about "trees" made of concrete and metal :(((

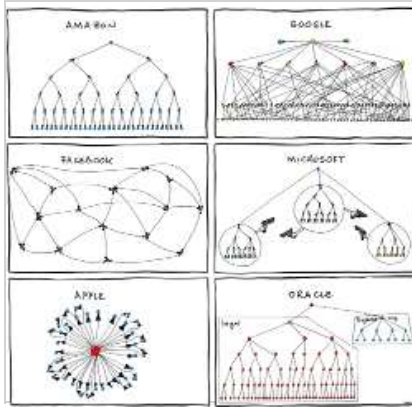
ah, ok! on a more careful read - there will live real plants on top of this.. so all good :))) Jul 1, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 29, 2011

The Org Charts Of All The Major Tech Companies



Dean Budd - What are those major tech companies up to?!?

Our Network Box blocks that pic and categorises it as *adult/sexually explicit* Jun 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - [Dean Budd](#) lol!

FWIW, it's missing Sun, where I imagine a bunch of guys going to work in shorts and flip flops. Jun 29, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 29, 2011

It's Office 365 (nice name indeed!). And it's in the cloud.



[Microsoft rolls out Office in the cloud | Reuters](#)

Terrence Miao - Office 365 is not too late for just 365 days! Jul 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 28, 2011

Which type people you are in an office?

- * The space cadet who sits staring at the computer screen wondering what they're going to do next
- * The snob who feels certain kinds of work are beneath them
- * The excuse maker who always comes up with some reason for not getting things done: their kid/cat/parent is sick, the computer has crashed, they have a virus etc
- * The strategist and political game player, the sort who hides their agendas behind a mask of good intentions, compliments, co-operation and feigned helpfulness but who is playing people, getting them to do what he or she wants
- * The rooster who walks around crowing about himself and then sits on the fence and avoids making hard decisions
- * The funeral director always motivated by crisis
- * The tattletale who keeps the office rumour mill going
- * The points shaver who keeps tabs on everything and expects to be repaid for everything they do
- * The Taskmaster who likes to give everyone the impression that they're just so busy
- * The Wakeboarder who manages to pass all their work on to others
- * Vic the violent one
- * Andy the alcoholic/drug addict
- * Stan the stalker
- * Sid the sexual harasser
- * Paul the politically incorrect
- * Thomas the thief
- * Gordon the Grinch who is always negative and pessimistic



[Management Line](#)

Dean Budd - I'm the Rooster! With a little bit of Andy thrown in for good measure! *hahaha*

This is me too! *The know-it-alls who always have the answer and who always cut off all discussion and alternative points of view.* Jun 28, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Don't we know it ;) :p Jun 28, 2011

Dean Budd - *hahaha*

:|

hahaha Jun 29, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 28, 2011

Counter punch from Google to Facebook rolled out ...

[The Google+ Project](#)

Mike Nguyen - Yeah which is all great & stuff - but can it get yer laid? Jun 28, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I suspect another *Wave* is in progress... Jun 29, 2011

Dean Budd - I disagree... this is *actually* cool! *hahaha* Jun 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Cool or not, it's going to have to go toe-to-toe with FB for a slice of time time we each decide to waste on social networking sites.

It has some good ideas.

So did Wave, for that matter. Wave failed because nobody knew exactly how to do something useful with it, regardless what the description said, and what the intent was.. Jun 29, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I think Wave was innovative and was too ahead of its time. Facebook came at the right time when people were warming up to social networking and were generally sick of Friendster & MySpace (lol to News Corp).

Heck, there were already heaps of social networking sites back in the 90s. I think what catapulted Facebook into stardom is its ability to add apps. MySpace had embedded media player at most. Not too complicated apps, just simple & user friendly apps. I was hooked to poker at one stage :)

That being said, I think Google+ is interesting. But it will fail if it tries to compete against Facebook at its game. FB already has a strong stranglehold onto the market. I mean how creepy would it be to say to someone - 'Hey, I'll Google you!' instead of FB. Jun 29, 2011

Terrence Miao - According to informed sources that Google has a few good lessons learned from the failure of Wave, unpopularity of Buzz, and why Orkut only dominates in Brazil and India. Hope Google+ will be a good one Jun 29, 2011

Dean Budd - One of the biggest pains in the *rse with Facebook (for me) is being able to communicate with a select group. Friends Lists are a joke. And everytime I post, because of the massivley confusing privacy rules, I'm never sure who can see what. If Google+ make this very easy, that's the clincher. As much as I don't like Google having all my info, I trust them a *whole lot more* than Mark Zuckerberg. Jun 29, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I sold my digital soul to Google a long time ago Dean. :D Jun 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - We all have.

As for trusting them over FB...

At least FB is upfront, blatant about trouncing all over your privacy. It's like it's going on a date with you, and tells you beforehand "FYI, bring lube".

Google, on the other hand, is sly. It does the whole "I just want to be friends, I'd never hurt you", and then goes "here, have another glass of wine, I'll go get us a third bottle"... Jun 29, 2011

Dean Budd - Bruce! If you're out there listening... **you da man!** Thank you very much! =) Jun 29, 2011

Terrence Miao - Google+ will be different from Facebook in one significant way, which Google hopes will be enough to convince people, i.e., people yet use Facebook, or people hate Facebook, to use yet another social network service.

It is designed for sharing with small groups - like colleagues, university roommates or hiking friends, instead of with all of an user's friends or the entire web which exactly Facebook does. It also offers group text message and video chat. Up to 10 people can join and hold a video conference in Google+. This is awesome! Jun 30, 2011

Dean Budd - I'm really liking **Google+** already! You can actually 'edit' your posts, instead of having to delete them and write them again like in stupid Facebook! Jun 30, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#) Deano, could you please invite & add me as your "Super Trouper friend" in your Google+ :-). Thanks ... Jun 30, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I just got an invite, but apparently they're taking a while to actually enable access. sigh Jun 30, 2011

Dean Budd - [Terrence Miao](#) They've stopped invites... my 'invite' button has simply disappeared!
www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218068/Google_invites_shut_down_after_insane_demand Jun 30, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#) Mwahahahaha ... system melt down. No worries mate. I don't need to rush to expose myself to the entire internet soon :-D Jun 30, 2011

Dean Budd - lol But Terrence you *love* exposing yourself! *hahaha* Jun 30, 2011

Dean Budd - No sign of 'unlike' yet... Or --I in Google speak Jun 30, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 28, 2011

Are you serious? Microsoft had already had this technology can eavesdrop Skype call conversation before it bought out the company.

☐ ☐ [Microsoft May Add Eavesdropping To Skype | ConceivablyTech](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - This is just an elaborate, not to mention legal, man in the middle "attack". Its usefulness is questionable, in Skype terms, since Skype communication is encrypted.

Even if that encryption is compromised, I recently read the compression protocol was finally reverse engineered (no word on encryption), third party clients can easily support stronger encryption schemes.

If that doesn't happen, SIP is an open protocol, I'm sure some sort of hardened client can be made and released on top of it.

I don't see this as anything insurmountable.

And, in all honesty, as the article quotes MS as saying, eavesdropping has been around for ages. How long did you expect it to stay out of your VoIP? Jun 28, 2011

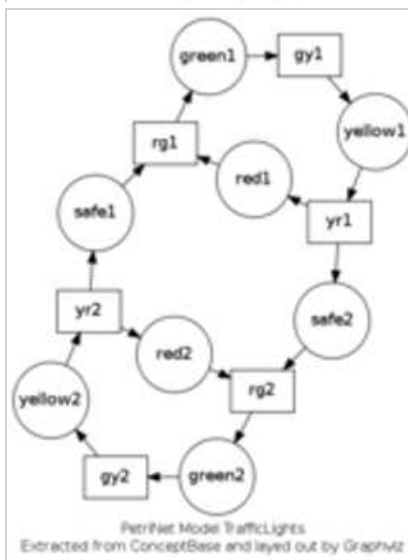
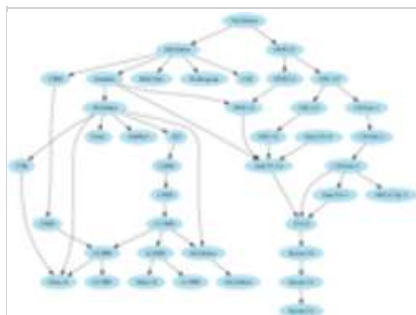
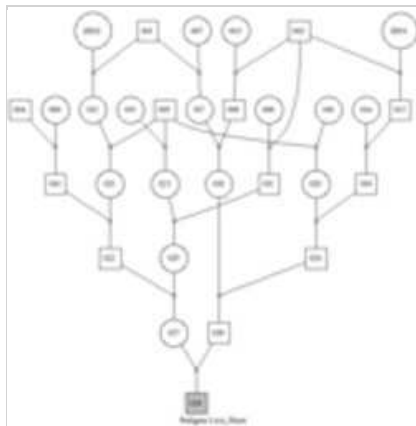


Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 27, 2011

Anyone remember we used Graphviz in GLIDE project generating egg shape like Java codes dependencies?

It seems Graphviz can do more than that.



[Graph Visualization Software](#)

[Gallery | Graphviz -](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 26, 2011

Coollest bike video with the most beautiful landscape. Way Back Home is the incredible new riding clip from Danny MacAskill, it follows him on a journey from Edinburgh back to his hometown Dunvegan, in the Isle of Skye.

[Danny MacAskill - "Way Back Home"](#); [Danny MacAskill - "Way Back Home"](#);



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 25, 2011

Ruby is an amazing meeting of the minds for people that are both into design and programming.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 25, 2011

Human Beings brain has two parts: the left and the right: Left part has nothing right, and right part has nothing left.

Mapping down that there are two fundamental groups of IT programmers: left brained science type programmers who can write amazing amounts of complicated code with ease; and then there are the right brained creative types programmers who spend a lot time on thinking. While left brained programmers may be two or three times as fast when writing code, the right brained programmers can use their creativity to come up with elegant solutions that only require one fifth of the work.

Based on this understanding, companies should hire the creative types. But in reality it's opposite.

Dean Budd - The real breakthrough's or "eureka's" come when both sides of the brain become synchronised (through certain mental practices... or just randomly and usually in the alpha(?) state)

Usually called *Whole Brain Functioning*...

This is when you have those breakthroughs days after trying to mentally pound at a problem using logic alone (right side)

Jun 25, 2011

naedyr null - another +1 for both. It's the only way to be truly effective. Jun 26, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 25, 2011

Most human beings are demonstrably suck of compounding numbers. They overestimate things in the short term and underestimate them in the long term. This is especially true in IT planning and estimation. No matter how good some people are at counting Fibonacci numbers ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 25, 2011

It isn't programming that burn your out. It is programming in uninspired programming languages - Ruby on Rails in Contemporary Programming

Ruby as described by the author here is an object-oriented and dynamic programming language created by Yukihiro Matsumoto in the year 1995. It have been described as a cross combination of Smalltalk and Perl. It is referred to programming language used for writing codes. Rails on the other hand is an approach to use Ruby as the solutions for various Web application problems.

Ruby on Rails is a framework for web applications written in the programming language Ruby. It does provide a various way of speedy prototyping of the web applications that uses the interface to a common database to support the modification and development of the application to a great level of sophistication. It is said to have followed the Principle Of Least Surprise (POLS) and have done away with a lots of barrier in the entry to the field of Software programming. Rail is said to provide scaffolding programming an approach where the application that is made is supported and generally based on the database and the programmer has the flexibility to write/modify the application database with the help of view controller framework. It does help in creating model views in a fast and effective manner. The effect of rails has not only been limited in the rails community but have also effected other communities globally generally in a positive manner.

With an existing web sever and database, the Ruby on Rails development environment helps you in making easy and simple web application with a fluent interactive and function level. Due to its decent amount of flexibility, Ruby on Rails well equipped for various things like. Content management, e-commerce development, Online social networks/communities and collaboration. Another reason for the smooth process of creating web application using Rails is that it still performs well with huge range of web database and servers.

Rails has powered many top websites, including Hulu, GitHub, Shopify, and the Yellow Pages (American one)

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 22, 2011

Why REST? From Google channel.

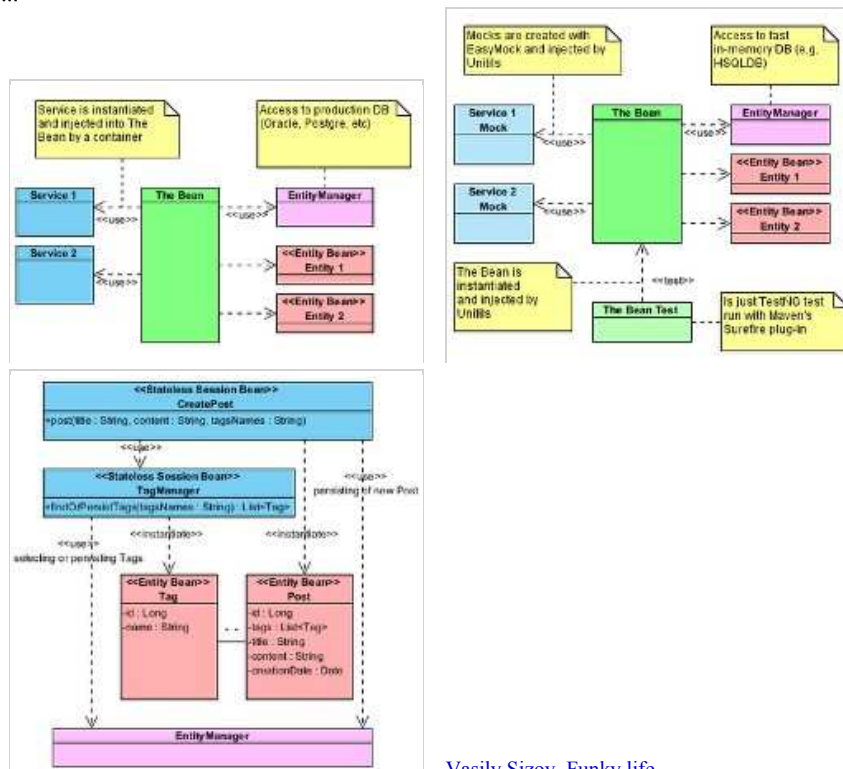
[Intro to REST](#) [Intro to REST](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 21, 2011

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[Vasily Sizov. Funky life.](#)

Kieran Simpson - We've been using Spring to further decouple the environments (and the configuration) for testing/prod. With the bean profiles that's in Spring 3.1 (when it gets a GA release) that will be easier. Jun 21, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 21, 2011

Unitils provides general assertion utilities, support for database testing, support for testing with mock objects and offers integration with Spring, Hibernate and the Java Persistence API (JPA). It has been designed to offer these services to unit tests in a very configurable and loosely coupled way. As a result, services can be added and extended very easily.

Stupid name, but looks quite promising ...

[Unitils - Summary](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 20, 2011

Explore an Airbus A380 Cockpit in a 360 Degree Panorama
[Airbus A380 - cockpit | panoreportage | gillesvidal](#)

Dean Budd - Love the beer holders at the back! Jun 20, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL!!! Jun 20, 2011

Kieran Simpson - ^2 Jun 20, 2011

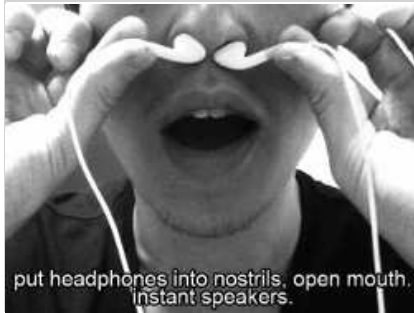
Terrence Miao - This 360 Degree Panorama is made by Flash. But if you think ActionScript is cousin of JavaScript, both based on ECMAScript, in theory, the demo could and should be made by JavaScript as well. Jun 20, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Don't try this at home. Try this in public.

Jun 17, 2011

Put your iPhone headphones into your nostrils, open mouth... instant speakers ...



Dean Budd - Milli Vanilli were doing that for years! Jun 17, 2011

Mike Nguyen - 'Blame it on the rain...' Jun 18, 2011

naedyr null - of course, it *only* works with iPhone headphones Jun 19, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Clearly someone is spending too much time uh ... doing their business. :-P

Jun 17, 2011



Dean Budd - Constipation'll do that to a person! Jun 17, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Clearly someone is spending too much time uh ... doing their business. :-P

Jun 17, 2011

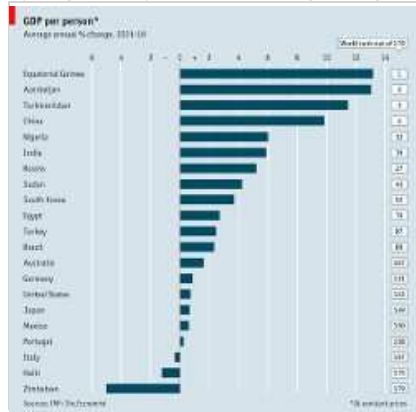




Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Lost 10 years. Unmoved.

Jun 16, 2011

Try to guess any of the 3 fastest growing economies (per capita) in the world over the last 10 years?



[GDP growth: Hares and tortoises | The Economist](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Trust your Facebook friends ...

Jun 16, 2011

[Report: Facebook users more trusting, engaged - Yahoo! Finance](#)

Mike Nguyen - I didn't get an invite from you?? <not_like/> Jun 16, 2011

naedyr null - lol, all it's saying is that facebook users are naive :P Jun 16, 2011

Terrence Miao - Not only a place for naive, but also a hangout attracts sexual offenders ...

Facebook's original business plan is a dating website for bonkers bonking. Jun 16, 2011

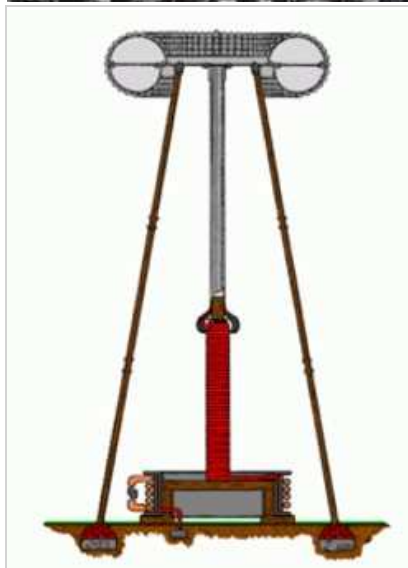
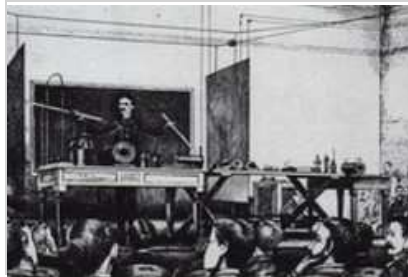
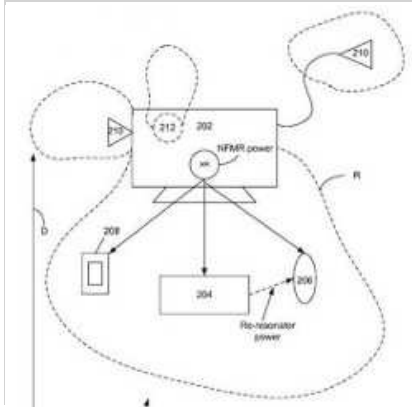


Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 16, 2011

Apple is applying for a wireless charging technology patents, can charge for the iPhone through an iMac or MacBook.

<http://tracehotnews.com/apples-new-patent-use-imac-for-wireless-charging/>



[Wireless energy](#)

[transfer](#) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Mike Nguyen - My goodness! Time to come out of the closet & be proud Terry! Jun 16, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 16, 2011

If you can't wait, buy a Samsung Galaxy S II. Not a lot difference in hardware spec, except 4G LTE and Android Ice cream 4.0 ...



[Exclusive: Google Nexus 4G detailed - 720p display, 4G LTE, Android](#)

[4.0](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 15, 2011

Let's talk about games :-)

Next generation Xbox console will rock with the latest Core i7-2600K Sandy Bridge CPU, Nvidia GTX 580 graphics card, 1TB of onboard storage and 8GB of DDR3, supporting Kinect, DirectX 11.



[Xbox 720: every rumour about the next Xbox | News | TechRadar UK](#)

Dean Budd - It's out of date already! *hahaha* Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - compared to a PC, it's out of date ;) it's miles ahead of current consoles though (especially the wii, gah)
Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Looking forward to this. Depending on what killer apps it's launched with, I might put cash down for it. Jun 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - null - Sure, but it will still outsell PC game sales. Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - true, but I still don't understand that. With steam, PC games are easier to buy, cheaper, easier to install (seriously) and as always have better graphics etc. They don't cost that much more than these newer consoles (originally) cost either. \$500 gets you a lot of PC upgrade these days ;) Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Look at it this way...

I could get Zoe to play a 2-player race with me as a casual thing - 2 joypads, a TV, and a couch. I have even seen her take a pretty good stab at Gears of War. She would never even bother with any of it on a computer. A console is a consumer good, one that anyone can engage with, a PC game isn't.

Plus pirating on a console, these days, is a much bigger hassle (with a risk of permaban of your hardware), whereas pirating on the computer, PC or Mac, is as easy as a visit to piratebay and gamecopyworld. Jun 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - PSN and XboxLive offers the same service as steam. You can buy games & media contents online. This was available from day 1. TBH I had the same prejudice against the console. But having played more FPS on the console. I'm starting to like it. Sure, the polygon counts are lesser & the controllers aren't as accurate as the kb & mouse combo - but meh.. who cares when the gaming experience is so immerse & intense.

So IMO a product that will sell more will be the ones that will give the user an overall good user experience. And oh yeah, I'll admit it - consoles are generally for the kids. But meh.. I don't have a disposable income to upgrade every 3 years anymore :(Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - you can't buy ALL games online. The main (big title) games are still disc only aren't they?
I have a computer in my lounge plugged into my tv, I have 2 joypads for it; nothing special about that setup.
most PC games don't do split screen though :(
I haven't bought a PC (or upgraded) in the last 3 years, it still plays all the latest games :) Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - one thing I can't stand about consoles, is having to change disc in order to play a different game :(Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - I recently got a wii, and not long before that a ps2; basically for the exclusive games. I'm now regretting getting them :(xbox and ps3 have too much crossover with PC games. Jun 15, 2011

Dean Budd - Yeah, to be honest the only reason I bought a PS3 was because of the Blu Ray player (best on the market). However, I am really enjoying some of the console only titles... *Red Dead Redemption*, *Uncharted 2* and the absolutely brilliant *L.A. Noire* Jun 16, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Yeah, I do find changing the disc very annoying. I'd be happy to buy the game these days - just don't make me change the disc!! Hopefully they'll learn for the next generations. Games on discs should be an option (LA Noire uses the whole BluRay disc). I still think Resells do just as much damage to their sales as pirates would be. Online model is a win-win for everyone. Jun 16, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 15, 2011

Just bought iPad 2? Congratulations, you have just made a brilliant investment!

iPad 3 will come at the end of this year with jaw dropping resolution 2560x1920 ...

[iPad 3 Coming This Year With 2560x1920 Resolution Display? - Mac Rumors](#)

Martin Paulo - At that resolution? I want one.... Jun 15, 2011

Dean Budd - You'd be a fool not to wait for the iPad4! Apparently it's *even better* than the iPad3! *hahaha* Jun 15, 2011

Martin Paulo - Ah - that resolution is way better than my desktop monitor. And I've already skipped the iPad 2. Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - The promise of a 300dpi display is likely what would make me hold out and maybe put \$\$ down on an iPad3, rather than an Android tablet.

(that, and what I'm seeing as ridiculous prices for a Galaxy Tab 10.1) Jun 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Ohh geeze.. like every techie toys, it's already outdated the moment you remove the shrink wraps. So really, I don't understand what's your point Terry? You want Apple to sit still with the 1st version? Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Terrie is just trolling. The update cycle dilemma he discribes applies to anything technology-related. :) Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - I don't think my eyes are good enough to benefit from 2560x1920 on a 10" screen :P Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Depends on how close you hold it (I use Zoe's iPad for ~1hr before I fall asleep, that's ~20-30cm from my face - pixelation is very evident.

Not to mention that 1024x768 is very coarse for iPad size. You often read text at small sizes, depending on how often you bother to zoom in or not, and things become very jagged-y. Jun 15, 2011

Terrence Miao - My point is Apple is doing God's job, squeezing out last coin from its better-off fans' pocket ... Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - oh, 1024x768 on 10" is crap, but at 40-50cm 800x480 on 4.3" is as high a resolution that I can see ;) 2560x1920 on 10" would be wasted on me Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Terrie - So if it wasn't Apple releasing a new model but Samsung, you'd be happy? If I'm thinking of selling my SGS for an SGS2, is Samsung also doing God's work? :) Jun 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - null - that sounds like poor eyesight, or you underestimate what higher DPI looks like... :) Jun 15, 2011

naedyr null - doesn't matter who's making it, just saying that even a lowly 800x480 is, as apple would say, a 'retina' display for my imperfect eyes :) Jun 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Terry - no.. that's the church :) But then again they were strong advocate to sticking to version 1.0. Any signs of upgrading or innovation and they would burn you at the stake or boil you in hot oil. Jun 15, 2011

Terrence Miao - New iPad will be called iPad HD, matching its insane 2048x1536 resolution. Jul 7, 2011

Alex Megremis - So far just a rumour. I'm hopeful. The *Retina Display* was the most compelling feature for me on the iPhone4. If they bring 300dpi to the iPad, I'm likely to get one for myself. Jul 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - iPad HD is more closed to a real one this time. The release date maybe in September this year. Jul 8, 2011

Dean Budd - Damn! I just dropped my jaw! Jul 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 15, 2011

Playing Angry Birds HD version in Chrome browser on Windows 7!

No flash! HTML / CSS / Javascript ONLY! Exactly same User eXperience on iPad and Xoom!

[Angry Birds Chrome](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 14, 2011

15 years ago ...



Dean Budd - LOL! Jun 14, 2011

naedyr null - far more efficient this way ;) Jun 14, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 14, 2011

Jailbreak Developers keep Apple honest!



[13 Killer Features Apple Stole From Jailbreak Developers](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 13, 2011

Software developer Mike Matas demos the first full-length interactive book for the iPad -- with clever, swipeable video and graphics and some very cool data visualizations to play with. The book is "Our Choice," Al Gore's sequel to "An Inconvenient Truth."

"Our Choice", published by Push Pop Press, is the Winner of the 2011 Apple Design Award.



[Mike Matas: A next-generation digital book](#) [Mike Matas: A next-generation digital book](#) [Gore, Ex-Apple Engineers Team Up to Blow Up the Book | Gadget Lab | Wired.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 13, 2011

Love Ruby. I just love it.

During Queen's birthday long weekend. I played with Ruby, RubyMine, Ruby on Rails, Shopify, Heroku... Just couldn't believe how easy and quick to develop a prototype web based application.

When you've got all the required Ruby packages ready, create a skeleton of Shopify 3rd party application and deploy to Heroku cloud and demonstrate it in only 15 minutes! The frame, or the bone of the application is there. The job left to you is to enrich the application with intricate details. You don't need to worry about building the base, laying pipes to run storm water anymore.

This is live show how C.A.S.E. rocks. It's a blissful developer experience!

Think about in a Java world, with JSP, Struts, Hibernate, how long will it take to carry on the same work? Have you realised the change is coming?

Dean Budd - Come back Terrence! Come back! hahaha Jun 13, 2011

Terrence Miao - Deano, after you put your hands on Ruby, mind you, it's too hard to take your hands off it.

Same thing as IntelliJ, Are you going to come back to Eclipse?

I get understanding how good, nope, how great IntelliJ is by playing RubyMine. Jun 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - I still reckon Ruby is good for develop a web based application in front, or as DSL, or develop some prototype things, or have something fun.

But in the Enterprise level application, especially at backend, or you want to have a serious program language, Java is still the big gun. No other language can replace it at the moment. This is taken from scalability, performance, supporting, refactoring that many factors into consideration. Jun 13, 2011

Terrence Miao - Another thing Deano, Cucumber Test is natural part of Ruby on Rails application. You can the same language programming and testing.

Less programming languages crossfire means you have a clean, unique code style. And reduce dependency and complexity of your application.

Does it make sense? Jun 13, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Terrence... you're in love, dude. Jun 13, 2011

Dean Budd - I know exactly what you're saying. I too, got bitten by the Ruby bug many years ago, however, I was lucky to not find an actual real-world application for it's use at the time, so was able to escape it's incredibly strong gravity. Jun 14, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Ruby is useless. Grails gives you the rapid application development/dynamic language plus the plethora of JVM tooling. The *rails paradigm doesn't IMHO use scalable robust design/architecture paradigms (eg: ActiveRecord) for heavy Enterprise use. Once Spring Roo offers the DAO pattern, one can generate all the necessary plumbing (ala *rails) for a robust Java based web app (and I'm sure you could throw Scala in there too, I've got nothing against it). Jun 14, 2011

naedyr null - what about JRuby then ;) I don't think many people actually use the (c based) ruby runtime for large deployments. Jun 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - Forget JRuby. Had a few compatible issues with it when run Cucumber. Can't see the benefit you get from JRuby than a vanilla version of Ruby.

Prefer Ruby over Groovy is due to:

1. Ruby's popularity. Check how Twitter & Shopify today.
2. Like Ruby's concise syntax. Make your codes shorter and less. Groovy is still Java like.

Con of Ruby:

1. Dependency
2. Strange behaviour, inconsistency sometime
3. Refactoring and debugging, in a more efficient way! Jun 14, 2011

Martin Paulo - Twitter's not a good example: they found Ruby somewhat limiting and are slowly moving to Scala (<http://www.infoq.com/interviews/kallen-scala-twitter>)... Jun 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - Marty, correct me if I'm wrong. Twitter seems only move the back-end to Scala. The front-end is still stuck with Ruby. Right? Jun 14, 2011

Martin Paulo - <http://www.gmarwaha.com/blog/2011/04/11/twitter-moves-from-rails-to-java/> based on

http://engineering.twitter.com/2011/04/twitter-search-is-now-3x-faster_1656.html

It has caused some gnashing of teeth in the ruby camp. Jun 14, 2011

naedyr null - "could this mean that Java is a better platform than Rails for high scalability needs?" - yes
" Twitter has hired 25 more employees kinda tells that Java's code base is practically more maintainable than equivalent Ruby code" - or it could mean that you need more people in order to write java code ;) Jun 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - Thanks Marty. Bookmarked <http://engineering.twitter.com/>

As it says, for smaller team size and code base and website, RoR is still an unbeaten champion. :-D Jun 14, 2011

naedyr null - unless it needs a high transaction rate with low latency ;) Jun 14, 2011

Dean Budd - Here's the thing... do a search for Ruby on Seek.

Based on the fact that there are actually jobs advertising for Ruby skills that in itself (IMO) seems to make it the best choice as a second language. Jun 15, 2011

Terrence Miao - Agree Deano. Second choice, but with a lot fun! Java is still the No.1 for hard ass work. Jun 15, 2011

Dean Budd - I really loved Ruby for the short time I was developing with it. The biggest problem I saw, was that while it was incredibly powerful in the hands on one developer, because there is a million different ways to do the same thing in Ruby (not talking Rails or anything here), one developer's code could become unintelligible to the next (even experienced) Ruby developer. Jun 15, 2011

Dean Budd - The other thing I hate... underscores! *hahaha* Jun 15, 2011

Martin Paulo - Dean - were you there when a method mysteriously added itself in the production environment, but in none of the other environments? That was a fun morning... Jun 15, 2011

Terrence Miao - Deano, Ruby maybe has the same shortcoming as other script language, especially Perl - you can do the same job in so many ways, and every Perl developer wants to do it in his way. So Perl finally becomes a write once, write only and never scale language.

However, program language and practice of development evolve. Developers can enforce code style and best practice before start writing codes now. So it's quite possible we can fertilise the powerful odorousness and muscular flexibility of Ruby. Jun 15, 2011



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Microsoft is going to dump .NET, maybe Silverlight, and adopt HTML5 and JavaScript as its main application development tools for Windows 8.



[Why Microsoft has](#)

[made developers horrified about coding for Windows 8](#) [Dumping .NET - Microsoft's Madness](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Not sure how I feel about this one.

I would expect there to be a path for WPF and Silverlight devs to exist in Win8 tha simply hasn't been announced yet. Otherwise MS is risking pissing off, and alienating, thousands of developers that have built careers on those platforms, and now would feel MS secretly gave them a poisoned breakfast.

But, on the other hand, if there was such a path, some new awesome version of VS that does magic in the background, it likely would have been announced. Jun 13, 2011

Martin Paulo - I think that there is a path: silverlight/.net will run on full fledged pc's and servers.

HTML/JavaScript will run on low end devices that don't have the memory or resources for .net

HTML/JavaScript will run on those high end devices as well.

Why HTML/JavaScript? Because they have a smaller footprint and that's where the developers are. Developers, Developers Developers! Jun 13, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Well, that's just speculation (unless I'm missing something...?), but one would hope that that is the case. Jun 13, 2011

Dean Budd - Awesome! Here comes a new and incompatible version of JavaScript! Another Microsoft vs Sun anyone? Jun 13, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Meh...

You're talking about developing for native apps for an OS, not for the web.

I say extension/customization is fair game. Jun 13, 2011



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Jun 12, 2011

"when you see how what we did ended up empowering people, it's a very cool thing."



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[Microsoft's](#)



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Jun 12, 2011

The mind cannot absorb what the backside cannot endure.



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Art of veggie and fruit.

Jun 10, 2011

