



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 24, 2011

Tempting, very very tempting ...

- Continue to monitor the ETX Ad Source & Promotions and Employee News for weekly details
- The Series Strategy (Good, Better, Best) featuring Toshiba, HP and Apple makes a simplified shopping experience for the customer, creates easy and logical up sell opportunities for the employee, and allows Best Buy to advertise a deeper selection of laptops
- **Motorola Xoom Android Tablet launch Feb. 17**



[Motorola Xoom](#)

[launching February 17th at Best Buy \(update: priced at \\$700\) -- Engadget](#)



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First experience with Kinect. Quite impressed with its motion recognise technology. Wonder whether it can be supported by others, PC, tablet ...

Dean Budd - How many hours (or minutes) would it take for the novelty to wear off... ;) Jan 23, 2011

Terrence Miao - Deano, I'm talking about innovation.

Think about if Kinect could read not only your body movement, but also your eyeballs. that maybe you can use it to replace mouse on computer; if Kinect could read your fingers movement, that make touch screen useless, so it can solve hygiene headache for the sake of world health; think about if you could become instant magician, your wink, eyebrow raise could let you win more chips on poker table ...

The potentials are just endless. Jan 23, 2011

Dean Budd - Ahhh gotcha... there are heaps of other technologies that solve those problems much better than Kinect i.e face tracking, etc and are much more mature than Kinect.

Kinect is really just a dumb piece of software that analyses your silhouette... Jan 23, 2011

Dean Budd - Also, Kinect (like everything M\$) is hardly innovation... they get already existing technologies, dumb them right down and then slap a "jumping" game on top of it all... ;) The Wii was far more innovative. Jan 23, 2011

Terrence Miao - Most time market dominates innovation. Though M\$ is hardly create something new, but you can improve it. Check <http://kinecthacks.net/> Jan 24, 2011

Dean Budd - Cool! Jan 24, 2011

Mike Nguyen - [FUNNY KINECT ACCIDENT](#) Jan 24, 2011

Mike Nguyen - 'Most time market dominates innovation' cough Apple cough Jan 24, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Ah, dude, not fair. Apple only got to where it is through innovation (and stupidly awesome marketing kung fu). Now that they're here, however, they're turning into the old Microsoft... Jan 24, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Innovative marketing more like it. But credit to Apple, where everyone tried & failed, Apple just makes it work.

But going back to the Kinetic, it's a good thing that M\$ hasn't jumped on the recent hacks on the Kinetic (unlike Sony & Apple). I thought this was clever: <http://tech.slashdot.org/story/11/01/24/1710210/Kinect-Hack-Builds-3D-Maps-of-the-Real-World> Jan 24, 2011

Mike Nguyen - This ought to make you smile Alex: <http://hardware.slashdot.org/story/11/01/27/1945245/Kinects-Granddaddy-Running-On-an-Apple-IIe-In-1978> Jan 27, 2011



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Jan 21, 2011

郭德纲唱神曲《忐忑》HIGH爆全场 (大双簧)

[\[Sina Entertainment\] 郭德纲唱神曲《忐忑》HIGH爆全场 \(大双簧\)](#) [\[Sina Entertainment\] 郭德纲唱神曲《忐忑》HIGH爆全场 \(大双簧\)](#)



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Jan 20, 2011

Shame on you, Apple, Jobs and iPad!

I install Tango Video Calls on my Samsung Galaxy Tab. But can't test with my colleague's iPad which doesn't equip a camera!

Mike Nguyen - Why would you need a camera on an iPad? To take low quality pictures? Let your iPhone do that. Besides I have an LX-5 for the quick snaps ;) Jan 20, 2011



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Jan 18, 2011

某俩会委员发言：“上海是全世界的上海，上海的房价应该和国际接轨，不应该以80后的承受能力为标准。我觉得80后男孩子如果买不起房子，80后女孩子可以嫁给40岁的男人。80后的男人如果有条件了，到40岁再娶20岁的女孩子也是不错的选择。”

2楼回复：

我终于到40岁了，找到一个年轻貌美的20岁女友
去她家见家长
开门的是当年读大学时相处了几年的初恋女友
新女友喊了一声：妈~

3楼补充：

她妈看到我，惊得倒吸一口冷气。
没等我反应过来，然后把女儿拉进房间里，对女儿说“你不能和他在一起，他是你亲生父亲啊！”

4楼继续补充：

女儿：我已经有了他的骨肉.....

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Terrence, if what translate.google says is even 50% correct... WTF mate??

:) Jan 18, 2011

Terrence Miao - Oh mate, shouldn't try Google Translate with Chinese literacy.

All the subtlety and innuendo of Chines language are gone after Google poo-poo-ed ... Jan 18, 2011

Dean Budd - *Damn you Google and your poo poo-ing! <shakes fist>* Jan 19, 2011



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Jan 18, 2011

GENEVA — Good news for Swiss bankers: They may soon be allowed to wear red underwear, black nail polish — and even eat garlic.

Swiss banking giant UBS AG said Monday it is revising its 44-page dress code telling its Swiss staff how to present themselves, which generated worldwide ridicule for its micromanagement of their dressing and dining habits.

The code instructs employees on everything from their breath — no garlic or onions, please — to their underwear, which should be skin-colored.

"We're reviewing what is important to us," UBS spokesman Andreas Kern told The Associated Press.

He said the bank would issue a pared-down booklet with more general guidelines on how to impress customers with a polished presence and sense of Swiss precision and decorum.

The existing code tells female employees how to apply makeup, what kind of perfume to wear and what color stockings are acceptable. It advises them not to show roots if they color their hair and to avoid black nail polish.

"You can extend the life of your knee socks and stockings by keeping your toenails trimmed and filed," Zurich-based UBS told its female staff. "Always have a spare pair: stockings can be provisionally repaired with transparent nail polish and a bit of luck."

Men are told how to knot a tie, to make sure they get a haircut every month and to avoid unruly beards and earrings.

"Glasses should always be kept clean," the code instructs. "On the one hand this gives you optimal vision, and on the other hand dirty glasses create an appearance of negligence."

The guidelines also recommended that employees always wear wristwatches to signal "trustworthiness and a serious concern for punctuality."

The UBS style guide prompted derision and disbelief when it first surfaced last month, but Kern insisted it was still good for the bank's reputation in the long run.

"Everyone knows the staff in our banks strive for the perfect look," he said.

So will employees now be able to wear red underwear? Who checked to see if they did before? Kern declined to give specific examples of planned changes.

A spokesman for rival bank Credit Suisse said he understands what UBS was trying to achieve.

"Every Swiss bank with private or retail customers has some sort of guidelines," Marc Dosch said. "UBS has taken it to absurd lengths, but in general it's a good thing that people have some guidance."

He noted that banks aren't alone in telling their employees what to wear: "There are gas stations, burger bars and supermarkets where you have to wear ties, and even silly hats at Christmas," he said.

The 157-year-old UBS has a history of providing detailed advice for its employees, which numbered 65,000 worldwide at the end of 2009. A handbook for bank trainees gives a country-by-country behavior guide.

In Russia, it tells employees to be prepared to hold your drink at business engagements and to "never reject an invitation to the sauna."

In Latin America, "turning up before an appointment might even be considered rude."

And in the United States, it says, "never criticize the President."



[Bank to staff: No dyed hair or fancy underwear - TODAY Fashion](#)

[& Beauty - TODAYshow.com](#)



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Jan 17, 2011

Small increments of development, TDD and Continuous Integration seem to be the essential for a successful Agile development.

Ensuring you have more than one pair of eyes looking at the code written, either via peer review or pair programming (a light weight version) will guarantee a better quality software.



[Coding Horror: Pair Programming vs. Code Reviews](#)

Dean Budd - There's only one statement I completely disagree with... *the navigator is reading, checking, spell-checking*

Having a spell-checking Navigator sucks, to the point where we had PP training sessions to help people unlearn their natural instincts! In a TDD environment the Navigator should be focusing on what tests to write next (in effect, gaps in functionality) and not obsessing about what's going on on the screen. Jan 18, 2011

Dean Budd - PP is a great learning tool, more than anything else. In 5 years of PP I learnt more about architecture, code and the tools I was using than in the 10 years prior. Jan 18, 2011

Dean Budd - *I'm a little wary of spending a full eight hours working this way. I suspect this might be fatiguing in larger doses*

Oh so true! Jan 18, 2011

Terrence Miao - That's why it's **light weight version** Pair Programming. Not that 8 hours per day, 5 days per week heavy, overdosed, steroid taking like Pair Programming.

Pragmatic NOT Dogmatic is the essential of Agile Development I reckon. Jan 18, 2011

Dean Budd - Exactly, but how to manage this is the tricky part. If you had ad-hoc Pairing your Velocity would fluctuate quite wildly I would imagine... among other issues.

When I was Team Lead it was easy to manage Pair Programming cause we could also "manage" the personalities in the team as well (I would know who paired best with who, which pairs have been pairing for too long, which two people should *never* pair together, etc, etc)

All of this was decided at Stand Up...

Pair Programming is a very social activity as well that you have to manage carefully... you don't want pairs ending up in a fist fight (which I've seen!) *HAHA*

Challenging... Jan 19, 2011

Dean Budd - Maybe I'm analysing all of this too much... *<haha>* Jan 19, 2011



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Jan 17, 2011

A man with a watch always knows what time it is. But a man with two watches is never quite sure.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 15, 2011

摄影的最高境界

变焦基本靠走，虚化基本靠抖，对焦基本靠扭，遮光基本靠手，测光基本靠瞅，防抖基本靠肘，除尘基本靠口，模特基本靠狗。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 14, 2011

No place is safe on internet!

[U.S. Subpoenas Twitter Account, WikiLeaks Says - NYTimes.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 13, 2011

There's no place like 127.0.0.1!

Dean Budd - Great T-Shirt idea! Jan 13, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Hasn't it been done? Jan 13, 2011

Terrence Miao - No only T-Shirt, but also underpants, front as well as rear end. *<hahaha />* Jan 13, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
2 photos

Jan 12, 2011



[Visual tour: Top tablets from CES - Computerworld](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 12, 2011

Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge.

Dean Budd - Ignorance more frequently begets job-offers than does knowledge <haha> Jan 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 10, 2011

iGotaBigAssPocket



Mike Nguyen - <3 my iPad. How else were you supposed to play the piano keyboard with your (ripped off clone) 7"?
Jan 10, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 9, 2011

Broad of innovation presents

[10 business models that rocked 2010 - by @nickdemey \(skype:nickdemey.be\)](#)

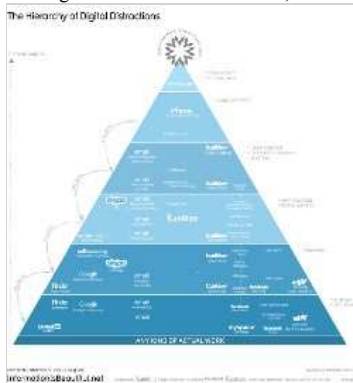


Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 8, 2011

How much information is too much?

In the age of inundated information, loud noise and digital distractions, sometimes, ignorance really is a bliss.



[The Hierarchy Of Digital Distractions](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 8, 2011

Hahaha, time will tell!

☐ [comScore: Android Passes iPhone In Total U.S. Subscribers](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 8, 2011

Android marines raise the victoria flag atop Mt. Apple on Cupertino island



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 6, 2011

What happens to your data after you die? What do online services do with their users' data after they die?



[Cyberspace When You're Dead - NYTimes.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 5, 2011

A Korean man who rammed his wheelchair in anger through lift doors before plunging to his death down the shaft wins the 2010 Darwin Awards.

[Scooter Elevator Fail Scooter Elevator Fail](#) [Express.co.uk - Home of the Daily and Sunday Express | World News :: 2010 Darwin Awards: Korea lift man takes the prize](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 2, 2011

Whirlpool Australian Broadband Survey 2010

Broadband, Wireless, NBN, ISPs ... about 10 minutes.

[Broadband Survey 2010](#)

Dean Budd - Damn! I accidentally clicked on *What do you use the Internet for : Downloading TV shows/movies/music*

Jan 4, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 31, 2010

Congratulations Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's creator.

Sorry Julian Assange. You just don't invade enough other people's privacy...



[Mark Zuckerberg - Person of the Year 2010 - TIME](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 30, 2010

The iPhone vision of the mobile Internet's future omits controversy, sex, and freedom, but includes strict limits on who can know what and who can say what. It's a sterile Disney-fied walled garden surrounded by sharp-toothed lawyers. The people who create the apps serve at the landlord's pleasure and fear his anger.

I hate it. - Tim Bray, co-inventor of XML

In addition to more New Year's resolution, Dell Computer will release its next generation Streak tablet - Streak 7. Of course, it's 7" tablet:

<http://www.newsden.net/t-mobile-to-offer-dell-streak-7-android-2-3-gingerbread-tablet-5574/>



[Apple Should Make A 7" iPad, Says Android Guy Tim Bray](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 23, 2010

Holy Day in Digital Age - Happy Digital Christmas

[THE DIGITAL STORY OF THE NATIVITY](#) [THE DIGITAL STORY OF THE NATIVITY](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 22, 2010

When comedians turn on Blackberry, Apple and Xbox ...



[BBC comedians have fun with tech talk](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 20, 2010

"Test first, early and often" one of the key principles of Agile Development.

Dean Budd - "Test last, late and only once" one of the key principles of Everywhere Else <haha> Dec 20, 2010

Terrence Miao - Brilliant Deano! Dec 21, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 20, 2010

Unbelievable!

Reshared post from [Chris Fithall](#)

[cfithall](#): Mashable's list of the 10 most innovative viral video ads for 2010: <http://tinyurl.com/273tlqj>



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 20, 2010

"For a long time it puzzled me how something so expensive, so leading edge, could be so useless. And then it occurred to me that a computer is a stupid machine with the ability to do incredibly smart things, while computer programmers are smart people with the ability to do incredibly stupid things. They are, in short, a perfect match."

- Bill Bryson



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 20, 2010

Green City Rehab: 12 Eco Urban Makeover Concepts

[Positive News](#), [Green Things](#), [Microcredit](#) and [The Green Children](#)



Terrence Miao - Mobile - Public

Dec 19, 2010

Looking for long term, cheap, reliable supplier of the cow manure ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 17, 2010

Fun with Google. How powerful a modern browser these days can be.

[Body Browser - Google Labs](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 15, 2010

Real time search on Twitter and Google Buzz.

[Google Realtime Search](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 15, 2010

\$98.00 for an eBook Reader, 7" Colour screen! And shameless Samsung Galaxy Tablet duplicator made by China ZTE, \$279.00

All available in Big W. What can you ask more?!



[MiGear eBook](#)

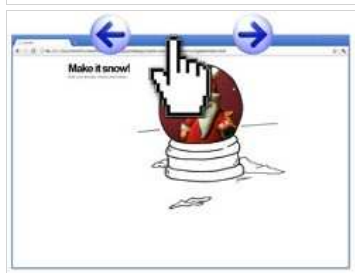
[Reader 7](#) & [Optus Pre-Paid 7](#) & [ZTE V9 Android Tablet](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 14, 2010

See how amazing HTML5 works! Shake harder!



[Canvas snow globe](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 9, 2010

Half-Arsed Agile Manifesto. Please also refer Manifesto for Agile Software Development.

[Manifesto for Half-Arsed Agile Software Development](#) [Manifesto for Agile Software Development](#)

Dean Budd - That's classic! In fact I know more companies practising half-arsed Agile than any other kind at all! Dec 14, 2010

Dean Budd - I love how the background image has changed from a bunch of laid back dudes standing around a cabin fire to a bunch of consultants in suits! <haha> Dec 14, 2010

Dean Budd - <lol> @JG Dec 14, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 9, 2010

U.S. Sen Bernie Sanders Amazing Speech!

[Sen Bernie Sanders Amazing Speech!](#) [Sen Bernie Sanders Amazing Speech!](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 8, 2010

Pandas once were forced to watch P0rn all day. Nowadays, people try to fool them ...



[Panda Porn Panda](#)

[Porn](#) [Wolong Giant Panda Researchers dress up in panda costumes to fool cub | Metro.co.uk](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 7, 2010

Love Agile more, because it is becoming the universal excuse for ALL the bad practices ...

Dean Budd - <haha> What sort of "Agile" are you doing? We're doing the one that promotes *good* practices! Dec 8, 2010

Kieran Simpson - Good and bad are subjective terms ;). One mans agile freedom fighter is another mans agile terrorist. Dec 8, 2010

Dean Budd - True... "*don't do stupid things*" can be perceived to be bad... <haha> Dec 8, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 7, 2010

In government Ministers should not talk to the staffs; in Scrum producers should not talk to the developers.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 7, 2010

U.S. Feb \$1 billion Quantitative Easing (QE) blunder.



[Fed forced to quarantine 1b \\$100 bills after printing error](#)

[makes them worthless | Mail Online](#)

Kieran Simpson - That's cause Mugabe's printing press is actually German. I wonder how much of the mountain they print they keep in order to break even :) Dec 7, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Dec 6, 2010

Great when Android 2.3 and eBookstore announced on the same day.



[12 Gingerbread](#)

[Android 2.3 features that Andy Rubin might announce on December 6th – Android and Me](#)



Terrence Miao - Mobile - Public
Buzz for Android from Samsung Galaxy Tab

Dec 1, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 29, 2010

Bought Sumsang Galaxy Tablet today, on the first day Telstra put the product on the shelf. Bundled with home fix line telephone and ADSL2+ internet. Good deal. Fabulous product. Making a happy day for me.

Mike Nguyen - Yaye finally! How much did you bought it for? Nov 29, 2010

Terrence Miao - Fixed home telephone line, 100GB ADSL2+ internet (no peak and non-peak hour), Samsung Galaxy Tablet (including tablet + \$10 mobile phone call, SMS + 1GB internet usage) I pay total \$142 per month, 24 months contract. Nov 29, 2010

Mike Nguyen - You are seriously going to make phone calls from it? With bluetooth or hands free I hope? Nov 29, 2010

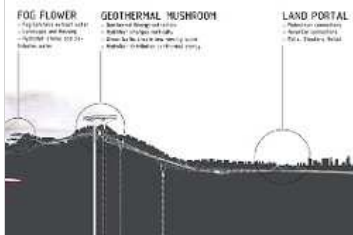
Terrence Miao - You need bluetooth headset. Otherwise, too awkward putting your beautiful face on that oily dirty touch screen. Nov 29, 2010

Dean Budd - Just checked out Terry's Tablet! VERY impressed... I love being able to hold and operate it in one hand... Nov 30, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Sky cycling

Nov 28, 2010



[Inhabitat - Green Design Will Save the World](#)

[Google Invests in Shweeb's Peddle-Powered Bike Monorail |](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 26, 2010

PAGagNINI. Great performance, very funny!

[CANON de PAGagNINI en "Le plus grand cabaret du Monde" de TVFrance 2](#) [CANON de PAGagNINI en "Le plus grand cabaret du Monde" de TVFrance 2](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 24, 2010

Mama Mia! Samsung Galaxy tablet is already out of fashion before it hits the shop's shelf.



[Acer introduces 7-inch and 10.1-inch Android tablets, shipping April](#)

[2011 -- Engadget](#)

Terrence Miao - 7" Acer Tablet has the same resolution as 10" 1280x800! Nov 24, 2010

Kieran Simpson - I'd be interested in the 10" one if the Google tablet never materialises. Nov 24, 2010

Mike Nguyen - I briefly played with a Samsung tablet. Can't say I had as much fun as I did on the iPad. I agree with Kieran, anything smaller & I'd rather use my 'droid phone. Nov 25, 2010

Terrence Miao - Most people have smartphones hardly make phone call. Most activities they are in games and social network.

Small screen on smartphone is not good enough to do content rich thing. However, 10" screen is too close to the size of laptop, making them indistinguishable. 7" fits in most adult people in one hand. Let your other free hand to do a lot things.
Nov 25, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 23, 2010

【女性八大强悍职业】

- ①女导演：停！再来一次。
- ②女交警：说不准停就不准停。
- ③女售票员：再进一点，里面很空。
- ④网吧女老板：上不上？后面还有人等。
- ⑤女护士：快点上床，把裤子扒了！
- ⑥女教师：做得不好，罚做一百次。
- ⑦女登山指挥员：爬都要爬上来。
- ⑧女兵：连长，我还行，再给我打一枪。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 22, 2010

The future of the productivity is in the cloud.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 21, 2010

Shocked and Awe!



[Austria's](#)

[Green Lake: The park that becomes a lake for the summer | Mail Online](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
6 photos

Nov 21, 2010



[degree panoramic photo of London | Mail Online](#)
[Tower Bridge, and more than you can imagine.](#)

[The incredible 360-degree panoramic photo of London | Mail Online](#)
[Tower Bridge, and more than you can imagine.](#)



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Nov 20, 2010

所谓幼稚，就是既憋不住尿，又憋不住话；所谓不够成熟，就是只能憋得住尿，却憋不住话；所谓成熟，就是既憋得住尿，又憋得住话；所谓衰老，就是只能憋得住话，却憋不住尿。



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Nov 20, 2010

一小姐深夜被蒙面人强暴，她在派出所分析说：民工皮肤没这么好；工人东西没这么小；光棍射的没这么少；老人硬的没这么早，综合分析是领导。



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Nov 20, 2010

某臭豆腐摊的广告语：Smell Smelly, Taste Tasty! 人才啊。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 18, 2010

Google goes fashion.

[AFP: Google opens online boutique for stylish women](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 17, 2010

每个人都有狗屁不是的时候。Every dog has its day.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 17, 2010

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

Dean Budd - And most of my brain has been left right out! Nov 17, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 17, 2010

All about Steve Jobs (2004 - 2006)

☐ [Photo shoot by Diana Walker \(Aug 2004\)](#)

Mike Nguyen - me like that 30" monitor Nov 17, 2010

Mike Nguyen - This ought to bring a smile to your face Terry <http://www.fubiz.net/2010/11/15/apple-destroyed-products/>
Nov 17, 2010

Dean Budd - But... but... he's so human! <heart strings officially tugged> Nov 18, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 13, 2010

Looking forward to Facebook e-mail service. Can FB leap beyond Google?

Dean Budd - Got a link? Nov 14, 2010

Terrence Miao - <http://techcrunch.com/2010/11/11/facebook-gmail-titan/>

Hey, wait a second. You are never a FB user?! What are you going to do with my favourite social website? Nov 14, 2010

Dean Budd - Denial of Service attack... Nov 14, 2010

Kieran Simpson - @Dean - "Like" Nov 14, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 12, 2010

Warren Buffett says he slowly came around to Charlie Munger's point of view on many points. "I evolved," Buffett said. "I didn't go from ape to human or human to ape in a nice, even manner."



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Nov 12, 2010

你终究会同意我的意见的。因为你聪明，但是我正确。 - Charlie Munger

Charlie Munger has a saying to Warren Buffett, "Think about a little more and you will agree with me because you are smart and I'm right".



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 12, 2010

Who knows old Apple junks can fetch up to \$250,000.

☐ ☐ ☐ [Steve Jobs' Very First 'Apple-I' For Sale At Christie's « Macintosh News](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 10, 2010

Going back to Linux desktop after 4 years absence. Can't stand security agent, monitor, virus scanner which slow my box down, and the harassment kept mounted by network admin ...

Terrence Miao - ...

- + install Ubuntu 10.4 (TLS) 64 bit
- + install VirtualBox
- + VirtualBox can't raw disk access existing Windows 7 on the first partition because Windows 7 / Vista remove hardware profile feature in system. Damn it!
- + boot and install Windows 7 Ultimate 64 bit from USB key into VirtualBox
- + install VirtualBox Guest Addition and make Windows 7 run ever faster than on naked hardware
- + check Windows 7 Update (41 updates, 130MB, before RC1)
- + half of Windows 7 Update failed due to the disk space I allocated to VirtualBox too small, that is 10GB!
- + download and run GParted. GParted can't increase size of a size-fixed Virtual Disk
- + create new Virtual Disk
- + dd copy content across from old disk to new disk:

20983808+0 records in
20983808+0 records out
10743709696 bytes (11GB) copied, 386.306 s, 27.8 MB/s

+ mount new Virtual Disk, and reboot:

FATAL: INIT18: BOOT FAILURE.

back to step 1 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

+ bootable Windows 7 on USB drive doesn't work - Boot issue, can't remove it after installation. Replaced by Windows 7 DVD image file

+ Working! Nov 12, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 8, 2010

Windows Phone 7's new user interface is **stripped down to the basics and mixes simplicity with clean typography and is something completely different ...**

This is the nicest words I've even heard to a Microsoft product.

Actually, I quite agree with it. WP7 has impressed me much not by its intuitive UI, but also the simpler to navigate, quicker to launch and run applications, and there is more, it seamlessly integrated with Office in the cloud hub.

So don't write off M\$ too soon into history book. It still have the biggest enterprise customers, and its profit and margin is higher than Apple though Apple has the bigger market value.

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Terrence Miao - As new Microsoft slogan says "**Be What's Next**" Nov 8, 2010

Mike Nguyen - Got 'copy & paste'? Nov 8, 2010

Terrence Miao - Copy and paste feature will be added in WP7 early next year. Nov 8, 2010

Dean Budd - I don't get it! Those pages are way too big for the phone! Nov 8, 2010

Terrence Miao - As an information hub, or harbour, you can park any pages under WP7 stewardship. Trust me. Trust Microsoft ... Nov 9, 2010

Dean Budd - Will do! <ahhhhhhhh....> Nov 9, 2010

Angelos Megremis - I'm having a good look at WP7. Nov 9, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 7, 2010

Testing Firefox for Android 4.0.1 beta on Samsung Galaxy S ...

Installing all my favourite Firefox add-ons, Firebug, Web Developer, Foxy Proxy ...
Mozilla.com/Mobile



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 7, 2010

Politicians are like babies' diapers. You have to change them often for the same reason.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 6, 2010

iPhone users vs. Android vs. Blackberry
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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 6, 2010

Kinect strip down



[Teardown - iFixit](http://Teardown-iFixit)

Microsoft Kinect



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 5, 2010

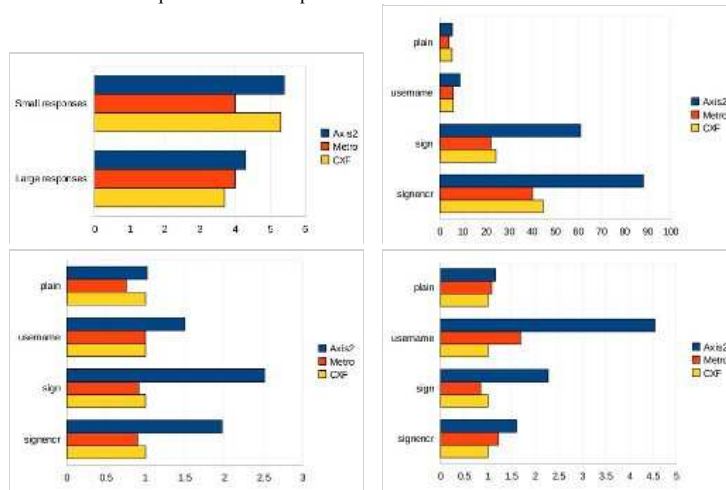
I shit in my pants after I watch this video clip ...

[Tower Climbing like no other](#) [Tower Climbing like no other](#)

Dean Budd - OMFG! Nov 6, 2010

Nov 4, 2010

Find out how CXF performance compares with the latest versions of Axis2 and Metro



Java web services:

CXF performance comparison

Dean Budd - *CXF* has been the better Web Service library even since its days as *XFire* (It can still be frustrating in areas though) Nov 4, 2010

Nov 4, 2010

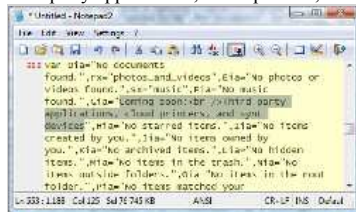
Axis2 together with the XMLBeans framework is well suited for Web Services which are using very complex schema definitions. The disadvantages of Axis2 are its complexity as well as the insufficient JAX-WS support. Therefore anyone who wants to work with JAX-WS should choose Apache CXF or the reference implementation.

Those who prefer a seamless integration with the Spring framework are well advised with Apache CXF. Furthermore CXF is slim and easy to use. CXF is the tool of choice if a SOAP engine has to be embedded into an existing software.

<http://www.predic8.com/axis2-cxf-jax-ws-comparison.htm>

Nov 4, 2010

Google Docs' source code includes a message that reveals some important upcoming features: "Coming soon: Third party applications, cloud printers, and sync devices".



[Coming Soon in Google Docs: Third Party Apps, Cloud Printing and](#)

Sync

Dean Budd - You sure they weren't //TODO comments? <haha> Nov 4, 2010

Nov 3, 2010

Extremely intuitive interface, Google Music Service, Video Chat...

ABSOLUTE-ANDROID: Android Ginger Bread Features



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Nov 2, 2010

After playing around different mobile devices, including iPhone 4, 3GS, iPod Touch, iPad, HTC Desire with Android 2.1, HTC HD3 which is running Windows Phone 7, finally I get my fingers on Samsung Galaxy S with Android 2.2.

The conclusion is this is device and mobile OS I don't want to put my fingers away!

It's so light when I hold Samsung Galaxy S in my hand, comparing a fully armoured, heavy weight iPhone 4. Also, applications on Android 2.2 feel much faster than same apps on 2.1. Touch screen is more smoothie. I visit a Chinese News Portal website which has a huge front page, plus tons of flash everywhere, on Galaxy S it is just like you access from your PC, snappy and quick.

But the most important thing is the mobile OS, I don't feel I want something only available on iOS and App Store, but not on Android and Android Market. Here is my favorite Android app list:

- . FM Radio (listen too your local FM radio broadcast)
- . AccuWeather widget (weather forecast)
- . Layar (Augmented Reality browser)
- . Skype on Android! Same as you run Skype on your PC without Video chat
- . TuneIn Radio (listen to internet radio stations world wide, including BBC, ABC...)
- . and Google applications. Voice Input and Search is the best I reckon.

Attached a few screenshots taken on th phone.

<https://u3ntpa.bay.livefilestore.com/y1pYAstB3glStO-4hpW08j9ar1H6Ya-3ydKCC5Ugn6csSpAWeKCoPvTM-xQYAGXGxaiEXbM1LAWZ02n4E76PtIsWThS8npERRe/Android%202.2%20on%20Samsung%20Galaxy%20S%20-%202001.png>
https://u3ntpa.bay.livefilestore.com/y1psK_EfN6JuwNVpk2onsJd6D3zg44q-yjG8eYB2r2qWgDUOmv1S2sEZzoITzU4tlrOG1fOI6_7rbCIMGeKTIwTRdyVCcjH94oA/Android%202.2%20on%20Samsung%20Galaxy%20S%20-%202002.png

Complete Favourite Android App List from Master Chef:

FM Radio, AccuWeather, Layar, Facebook, Skype, TuneIn Radio, Adobe Reader, Photoshop Express, Twitter, Advanced Task Killer, Astrid Tasks, ASTRO File Manager, Angry Birds, Dropbox, ColorNote, ColorDict, Color Flashlight, screenshot.

Google farm (Any services on the web, you should get them on Android): Gmail, Buzz, Search, Maps, Latitude, Places, Earth, YouTube, Talk, Voice, Voice Dialler, Voice Search, Listen, Translate, Authenticator, Moderator, Goggles, Finance...

So there comes a touchy decision - whether to go with Samsung Galaxy Tablet or wait for Google Nexus Two made by Samsung as well ...

Bruce Cooper - Did you have any problems with lag? I have a love hate relationship with my galaxy S. When it works properly it is easily the best phone in the world right now, but I find the occasional lag and battery problems ruin the experience. I want go back to iphone in a hurry, but i still find myself compelled to complain Nov 2, 2010

Terrence Miao - Yep, notice this lag issue if I run multiple tasks, e.g. talking over Skype at the same time try to run some other apps, or switching applications. Battery on Galaxy S dies quickly. But it doesn't bother me much. It's a replaceable battery, so not very hard to find a substitution with large capacity. I know people did same trick on mobile phone. The battery can last for a few months in a standing by mode without a full charge.

Interestingly enough, I wonder how Gingerbread can match on Galaxy Tab. Android 2.2 is not for tablet devices. Nov 2, 2010

Bruce Cooper - Yeah, the samsung nexus will be very tempting. I guess we will find out on the 8th how good it will be Nov 2, 2010

Terrence Miao - Yep, looking forward to next Monday.

BTW, reading some lag issues today reported on Samsung phones - <http://www.groovypost.com/howto/mobile/most-common-lag-fixes-for-samsung-galaxy-s-captivate-vibrant-fascinate-epic-4g/>

Quadrant Standard on Galaxy S I test is only 1031. Check:

https://u3ntpa.bay.livefilestore.com/y1pewr_YMIO8XGhL_oNYuXRaUO-YqyWt2j43jBtyuGegtlg9NZZWcNISTN1j9TS2n5F6I5wlgdHXrtpvouURmgkK5BbbFBYA6u/Samsung%20Galaxy%20S%20Quadrant%20Standard%20Benchmark.png

Question now is it still a lag issue or just need to overclock it? Nov 3, 2010

Terrence Miao - There is killer application from Google missing for Android at the moment - Google Docs!

Office Hub is already on Windows Phone 7. But who will pay the loyalty if you have to use a downsized and less features product. Google Docs is compatible most Office format documents, and it's free. I guess maybe Google is still waiting for Tablet and Android Gingerbread ready ... Nov 4, 2010

Mike Nguyen - Froyo is pretty awesome! Telstra has finally released it for the Desire. Apps seem to be a bit quicker & transitions seems to be smoother. Big plus is the App2SD feature (for the Desire's 580M memory anyway) + codecs to playback AVIs (+Divx) Nov 4, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 31, 2010

Epic Golf Fail
[Golf FAIL Collection](#) [Golf FAIL Collection](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 30, 2010

The mastery of using chop-stickers is not the bottom chop-stickers remains still while the upper chop-stickers moves to grasp the food, it's you can use the chopstick to catch the fly.

I can do that, but only the dead one.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 30, 2010

Is your money ready?
[Samsung GALAXY Tab](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 29, 2010

Check what does "big mouth" mean:



[Angolan Jaw of](#)

[Awe is 'World's Widest Mouth' in Guinness Book of World Records | Mail Online](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 28, 2010

In Google Buzz now you can search your linked Twitter's tweets. Because Twitter's searching sucks?

Dean Budd - I've found tweets these days have become almost unreadable with #all #the #hashtags, [bit.ly/4mtMyr](#) URL's , @at-tags and other various meta data... let's hope Buzz #doesn't @go #that @way... Oct 28, 2010

Terrence Miao - Matey, with 140 characters limitation, you can't do too much. Unreadable of tweets are inevitable! Oct 28, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 26, 2010

Have been pooh-poohing for Microsoft Sharepoint for so long time, till I see this Office Hub for Windows Phone 7.

"Keep Office Alive" that is the point of Sharepoint!

[Microsoft Office in the Office hub on Windows Phone 7](#) [Microsoft Office in the Office hub on Windows Phone 7](#) [E-mail & Calendar on Windows Phone 7](#) [E-mail & Calendar on Windows Phone 7](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 26, 2010

When a message comes in outlining dinner plans for that evening. Aro Mobile highlights several pieces of information within the messages, like the name of the restaurant, other attendees and the time of the event. It then offers the user options like adding the event to the calendar, mapping directions to the place or contacting the other people on the invite list.



[Aro Mobile Wants to be the Brain of Your Mobile Phone -](#)

[NYTimes.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 26, 2010

Good boss inspire people, doesn't make your daily work miserable.



[10 Things That Good Bosses Do | BNET](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 23, 2010

Seeing the potting mix in gardening warehouse made by cow manure, I realise even bullshit can sell for good money ...

Terrence Miao - The scope of your research area is wider than a lot people can imagine. Very droll Mr J. Hahahaha Oct 24, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 22, 2010

Facebook decides its long waiting IPO coming after 2012. But I already can't wait to see how much my privacy FB can sell for ...

Tony Szabo - LOL!!!! Mate if you only knew wat's just happened to me.. Oct 22, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 21, 2010

More choice has made us not freer but more paralyzed, not happier but more dissatisfied.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 21, 2010

Useful tutorials on jQuery, JavaScript and User Interface design.



[8 Hours Of The Top](#)

[10 JavaScript Talks From 2010 That You Can't Miss](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 20, 2010

过错是暂时的遗憾，而错过则是永远的遗憾。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 19, 2010

If a key opens lots of locks, then it's a master key. But if a lock is opened by lots of keys, then it's a quite shitty lock.

Mike Nguyen - Only the keys that failed to open it would thing so! Oct 19, 2010

Terrence Miao - If a test tests lots of codes, then it's a master test. But if a code is broken by lots of test, the it's a quite shitty code. Jan 6, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 19, 2010

The Huns have discovered my position. I fear they heard me wanking.



[MI6 'used bodily fluids as invisible ink' - Telegraph](#)

[Colbert: MI6 Used Semen for Invisible Spy Ink | Comedy Central Insider | Funny, TV and Comedy Blog](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 18, 2010

Java sucks C++ because C++ libraries incompatible on different platforms. C# sucks Java because new languages features keep adding into C#, it's the native only language for Windows Phone 7 development. integrated with .NET framework, and it's closed relationship to Microsoft Office. What about Java? It hasn't got moved for several years!

So Oracle acquired Sun and Java is NOT all that bad as someone pointed out. At least if you consider Oracle's unlimited bank checkbook ... I can see a bright future of Java is coming :-)

Dean Budd - OO will be dead in ten years... Oct 18, 2010

Terrence Miao - The prediction of the death of OO means we lost our jobs and greet each other in the line up of dole queue every day! So have to keep OO and fear alive ... Oct 18, 2010

Dean Budd - No, no, no... we simply adapt... ;)

We adapted from *Procedural* to *Object Oriented*, now we just adapt again... ;) Oct 18, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 17, 2010

Samsung Galaxy Tab - HQ Android Tablet Unboxing

[Samsung Galaxy Tab - HQ Android Tablet Unboxing](#) [Samsung Galaxy Tab - HQ Android Tablet Unboxing](#)

Terrence Miao - iPhone screen to small. Fonts on it can be too tiny to read. iPad is too big to hold in one hand and carry it around easily. 7" Galaxy Tablet fills the gap between iPhone and iPad rightly and nicely. Plus it runs Android, etc, etc ...

Oct 18, 2010

Dean Budd - That's all very fine. But it's not big enough for people to *see* me carrying it around. I need people to recognise my status with a single glance... Oct 19, 2010

Kieran Simpson - I also contend that < 10" is too small read to anything meaningful on without having to be so far zoomed out that the letters are microscopic. Oct 19, 2010

Terrence Miao - I played an iPhone 3GS with iOS 4.0.1 intensively last week. My favourite websites I accessed mostly don't support mobile devices. The pain in the back to pan web page on iPhone tiny screen to locate information I need, the pinch and counter-pinch action (zoom in / out) in order to tune the fonts to right size that I can read but not overwrite the who screen just awkward, unnatural.

The implementation to make iPhone screen size like devices visit web application is total failure, even by Steve Jobs' tasting standard.

I report this issue to Apple long time ago. But they don't listen because my Anti-Apple policy against extravagance and resource waste. I said:

"You are a fornicating baboon. Fornicating ... Yes, I just really can't do it in this box!" Oct 19, 2010

Mike Nguyen - I don't think phones were designed to be used to surf the web. Maybe a quick browse or checkup on the latest scores. But definitely not for prOn!

The Galaxy tablet is certainly a welcoming (serious) challenge to the iPad. No doubt other big manufacturers are waiting in anticipation. But I doubt it will leap frog the iPad. Just the very reason why you're reluctant to get one yourself ;) Oct 19, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 16, 2010

Last chance for Microsoft stays as an IT Giant. Otherwise it will diminish into a mediocre company.

[Windows Phone 7: Microsoft's last stand? | Adventures in IT - InfoWorld](#)

Dean Budd - Don't forget Kinect! Oct 17, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 14, 2010

Money can afford democracy and stupidity.

Mike Nguyen - Beats getting thrown in jail & have your organs harvested! Oct 14, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 14, 2010

New gadget to a man just like having sex first time. After figures out, he plays it all night.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 13, 2010

I still only have a crappy dinosaur Nokia 6550 so far. However, from now on, I'm going to play a big wide range mobile devices, iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPad, HTC HD3, HTC Desire, Samsung, LG, Sony Ericsson, whatever you can name, with iOS 3.x, 4.x, Android 2.1, 2.2, Windows Phone 7, Symbian whatever the most popular, plus un-metered internet surfing ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 13, 2010

Thinking a dream role before the retirement of your IT career? You can be a Sharepoint Developer in the big bank!

Dean Budd - That's my dream... I'm just building up enough skills so I can get there one day! <haha> Oct 13, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 10, 2010

Running is the modern day substitute for religion. Running is the monastery for the mind. It's the opportunity for anyone great or small to spend an hour or four in the modern day equivalent of prayer enhanced by iPod.

What better place for thought and its religious equivalents of contemplation, assessment, confession and spiritual renewal? And where else could you do that with Meat Loaf singing hymns in the background?

- Marcus Padley

Angelos Megremis - Swap Meatloaf with AC/DC and that will make more sense.

Swap running for street photography, and you've described my own meditation (including AC/DC ;)). Oct 10, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 10, 2010

"The task is not so much to see what no one yet has seen, but to think what nobody yet has thought about that which everybody sees." - Arthur Schopenhauer, 1788-1860

http://www.gartner.com/it/content/1395400/1395423/august_4_whats_hot_hype_2010_ifenn.pdf



[Gartner's 2010 Hype Cycle Special Report Evaluates Maturity of 1,800 Technologies](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 7, 2010

"Agile" is NOT the excuse for your bad practice!

Dean Budd - Gotta blame *someone* when you fail! <haha> Oct 7, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Isn't that always the most recent person to leave the project? ;) Oct 10, 2010

Dean Budd - <haha> Very true! Oct 10, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 6, 2010

Oracle CEO Larry Ellison has Fusion and Apple CEO Steve Jobs has the iPad, but Microsoft has had things in development for a while without being able to get those things to market. This is Windows Mobile 7.

Dean Budd - Whoever owns DirectX gets my money :(Oct 6, 2010

Terrence Miao - People are looking the far-side of these IT juggernauts in the next 10 - 20 years, not the game box you sitting on Deano! Oct 6, 2010

Dean Budd - All roads lead to gaming! <haha> I guarantee Larry Ellison and Steve Jobs will not be able to resist the billions of dollars being generated by gaming sales (and gaming hardware!) in the future... <crazy man's prediction> Oct 6, 2010

Tony Szabo - Oracle releasing the "OBox 360" and buying EA? *Awesome!* Oct 7, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 6, 2010

Choice of partner crucial to happiness

Professor Bruce Headey says choosing your partner wisely goes a long way to ensuring happiness, and more often it's women who get it wrong.

The world greatest investor Warren Buffet once said marriage is the best investment you can get.

[Happiness is a matter of choice, study finds](#)

Tony Szabo - "I think people don't often sit down and think about what really makes them happy, and then try to do more of that."

Who woulda thunk it, that doing more of what u like makes u happy?! Oct 6, 2010

Terrence Miao - Comment from a good lady friend:

Happiness is the repeat of same routines. Like a dog who knows what time he will have a walk. Oct 6, 2010

Tony Szabo - lol Shit, I'd hate to be her dog! I equate "routine" to such words as "repetitive", "boring", "mundane", and "same same, but different" Oct 6, 2010

Terrence Miao - Tony, when you get older, you will understand the happiness in these "boring, mundane, same same" routines. And check back today's comment 20 years later, you will tell the difference. I promise you. Hehehe... Oct 6, 2010

Tony Szabo - omg you're right, I just love that "What am I doing today? The same thing I did yesterday; work, eat, and sleep" feeling in the mornings! lol

Also must be why production line workers are such lovely people to be around, they must be the happiest people on earth! ;) Oct 6, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 5, 2010

Call Center

[Call Center \(funny\) PART1](#) [Call Center \(funny\) PART1](#) [Call Center \(funny\) PART2](#) [Call Center \(funny\) PART2](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 1, 2010

Google URL Shortener - <http://goo.gl/Redirecting>



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 30, 2010

iPad masturbator

[iPad Peek](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Real Iron Man

Sep 30, 2010



[Raytheon Company](#)

[- Agent Phil Coulson Meets XOS 2 Raytheon Company - Agent Phil Coulson Meets XOS 2](#) [Raytheon's Sarcos XOS 2 military exoskeleton just does the heavy lifting -- for now -- Engadget](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 28, 2010

In 2010 Jimi Heselden bought Segway Inc., maker of the Segway personal transport system.



[Segway tycoon Jimi](#)

[Heselden dies in cliff plunge on one of his own scooters | Mail Online](#)

Mike Nguyen - Those things run on Vista? Sep 28, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 27, 2010

没有理想主义不能走向未来，没有现实主义就活不过今天。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 24, 2010

You will never get bored with Oracle and Larry "Big Mouth" Ellison.

After it swallowed Sun Microsystems, killed Open Solaris, sued Google on Java, Oracle starts looking its next prey. This time is AMD, IBM's chip division and Nvidia.

Go Larry go!



[Oracle Plans to Acquire Chipmakers. Industry-Specific Software -](#)

[Bloomberg](#)

Dean Budd - Hasn't this guy heard of the term *"collapsing under your own weight"* Sep 26, 2010

Kieran Simpson - If Oracle buy AMD, Intel will rake in the profit. Sep 26, 2010

Tony Szabo - Lol Shame Larry ain't a 7o9! (boom-tish) Sep 27, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 23, 2010

"Too often a vast collection of possessions ends up possessing its owner. The asset I most value, aside from health, is interesting, diverse and long-standing friends." - Warren Buffett

Dean Budd - My Mum once said to me... *"Quality of Life comes from a deep connection to the greater human family, not from a big back yard..."*

But where do you ride your motorbike I asked... <haha> Sep 23, 2010

Terrence Miao - Wise words from your mum. You'll learn and understand more when you getting older ;-) Sep 23, 2010

Mike Nguyen - You're quoting from a guy that has financial freedom. Take away most of his 'possessions' and see what he has to say about it. Sep 23, 2010

Dean Budd - You're missing the point... interesting, diverse and long-standing friends can lend you money! <haha> Sep 23, 2010

Mike Nguyen - point taken! Sep 23, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 22, 2010

Dell joins tablet war. Goodness me it's running Android!



[Dell unveils new, 17.8cm tablet to challenge iPad | The Australian](#)

Mike Nguyen - Like Samsung, they will need to undercut iPad big time to have any hope of success. I don't think Steve Jobs will lose any sleep or kidneys over this one. Sep 22, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 22, 2010

The mp3 player for an obstinate person

I bought this mp3 player a few weeks ago. It doesn't have contemporary sexy design as iPod. And with no accelerometer or pedometer.

Actually, it's ugly and bulky, but you can hold it firmly in your hand. It comes only with 1GB flash memory, built-in USB interface so you can plug it into any computer with USB port, no USB cable you need to carry around. The tiny screen only can tell you the song you are playing. Want a touch screen? Kindly sod off.

One feature I really like is that you need provide one "AAA" battery. Then it can give you 36 hours unstoppable audio after a full charge. Now you can understand why this feature is so handy:

1. you won't lost any songs when the battery is dead, just put a new battery in
2. you don't need to pay big loyalty to Apple just to ask them to open the case and replace the dead battery for you, if unfortunately you are an iPod sucker

In addition to that, this mp3 player can let you listen FM radio, make voice record, which are not the fancy features made my purchase decision.

I can put one weekly The Economist, or an audio book in it, playing charmingly more than 10 hours audio for me, good enough.

And it only costs \$19.95. I don't worry about lose it. And I don't have safety concern if someone wants to rob it.

I give people who design this mp3 player a big thumb up. They accurately understand most people only know and need a small feature set of a product. They design it for a niche market. In this market, they find picky, stingy and never-satisfied people just like me with no effort.



Tony Szabo - so you carry your mp3 player, digital camera, mobile phone, and portable gps unit all separate and in one pocket? no thanks! ;) Sep 22, 2010

Terrence Miao - In fact, I only carry my mp3 player and Nokia mobile with me.

The mobile can take terrible photo for tasteless people. If I need GPS service, I have a small bluetooth GPS receiver. TomTom is running happily on my crappy Nokia mobile. If I don't need them all, I have two bare hands and can give ladies good massage.

Will any ladies get impressed when one of your hands always occupied and masturbate an iPhone? Sep 22, 2010

Tony Szabo - i didn't say anything about an iphone :)

(and hey, everyone loves a good maths debate) Sep 22, 2010

Terrence Miao - <haha>Very droll Tony!</haha> Sep 22, 2010

Tony Szabo - all i'm sayin is why carry a device for every need, when most of your needs can be satisfied by one device that fits easily in one pocket (iphone/android/...)

if u want better photos, bring a better camera :) Sep 22, 2010

Dean Budd - At times like these I ask... "What would Bear Grylls carry around?" Sep 22, 2010

Dean Budd - Having an iPhone and being so frustrated at it's hopeless music playing abilities... I bought a Creative Zen http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Zen_mp3_player.JPG Sep 22, 2010

Kieran Simpson - I have my iPod and my Android phone. I'm a big believer in dedicated devices for tasks; they often do the job better than "all in one" combos. Sep 22, 2010

Dean Budd - Except for those "all-in-one" burgers I get down the corner shop! Hmmmm..... Sep 22, 2010

Mike Nguyen - The Galaxy comes close as he all-in-one device. Until that is HTC unveiled the new Desire HD. Sep 22, 2010

Tony Szabo - When i press play, I hear music. That's all I need from an mp3 player :)

Everyone has different needs tho (and why there's so many mp3 players out there) Sep 23, 2010

Mike Nguyen - Is that an mp3 player/nokia brick phone/camera in your pocket or are you just happy to see me? Sep 23, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 21, 2010

在水一方 - Teresa Teng

绿草苍苍, 白雾茫茫, 有位佳人, 在水一方.
绿草萋萋, 白雾迷离, 有位佳人, 靠水而居.

我愿逆流而上, 依偎在她身旁. 无奈前有险滩, 道路又远又长.
我愿顺流而下, 找寻她的方向. 却见依稀仿佛, 她在水的中央.

我愿逆流而上, 与她轻言细语. 无奈前有险滩, 道路曲折无已.
我愿顺流而下, 找寻她的足迹. 却见依稀依稀, 她在水中伫立.

绿草苍苍, 白雾茫茫, 有位佳人, 在水一方.

[鄧麗君 ~ 在水一方](#) [鄧麗君 ~ 在水一方](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 21, 2010

The Moon Represents My Heart - Teresa Teng

你问我爱你有多深, 我爱你有几份? 我的情也真, 我的爱也真, 月亮代表我的心.
你问我爱你有多深, 我爱你有几份? 我的情不移, 我的爱不变, 月亮代表我的心.

轻轻的一个吻, 已经打动我的心. 深深的一段情, 教我思念到如今.
你问我爱你有多深, 我爱你有几份? 你去想一想, 你去看一看, 月亮代表我的心.
[The Moon Represents My Heart - Teresa Teng](#) [The Moon Represents My Heart - Teresa Teng](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 21, 2010

又见炊烟 - Teresa Teng

又见炊烟升起, 暮色罩大地. 想问阵阵炊烟, 你要去哪里? 夕阳有诗情, 黄昏有画意. 诗情画意虽然美丽, 我心中只有你.

又见炊烟升起, 勾起我回忆. 愿你化作彩霞, 飞到我梦里. 夕阳有诗情, 黄昏有画意. 诗情画意虽然美丽, 我心中只有你.
[鄧麗君 ~ 又見炊煙](#) [鄧麗君 ~ 又見炊煙](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 21, 2010

A pigeon carrying a memory card beat a broadband connection to get a video from Yorkshire to Lancashire. It landed in 80 minutes; the computer was still uploading the video.

Make you think ...

Dean Budd - <haha> Ahhh... Tanenbaum, his books bring back so many stressful memories. Sep 21, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 21, 2010

After looking at several service oriented architecture (SOA) solutions, the company opted to deploy Oracle SOA Suite 11g to provide real-time integration and visibility. It was an early adopter of the technology in Australia and was up and running with it within two weeks in September last year.

G. James has seen cost savings of \$430,000 in development and integration time to the business in the first 12 months of using the Oracle SOA Suite 11g and other off-the-shelf Oracle solutions.



[Australian](#)

[Finding a way for new systems to interact with legacy system | The](#)

Terrence Miao - You must have lived in Oracle's fantasy and believed in all its brouhaha! Sep 21, 2010

Dean Budd - LOL! That's hilarious! 2 weeks? It takes longer than that to install it! <haha> Sep 21, 2010

Kieran Simpson - Just remember that 11G is >80% not Oracle developed tech. What G. James didn't realise of course is that if they went with something else, they' would have gotten up and going even faster :) Sep 21, 2010

Dean Budd - Yeah, 2 weeks was for *Hello, World!* <haha> Sep 21, 2010

Tony Szabo - The only thing quicker than a 2 week *Hello, World!* is the first system crash! Sep 22, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Why evil people always with the mustache? Hitler, Stalin, Saddam ...

Sep 20, 2010

Except Super Mario ...



[A Guide To Evil](#)

[Dictator Facial Hair](#)

Tony Szabo - what about George Bush?? no wait he's just an idiot! Sep 20, 2010

Dean Budd - LOL Sep 21, 2010

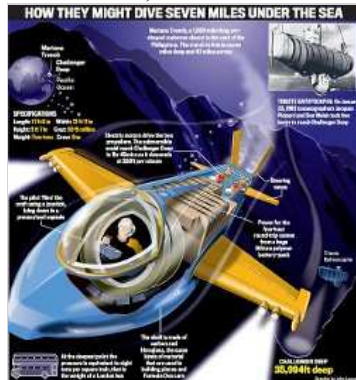


Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 17, 2010

HOLLYWOOD director James Cameron is preparing to dive to the deepest point of the oceans, it was revealed Sunday, as part of his research for a sequel to "Avatar," his 3D epic.

He has commissioned Australian engineers to build a deep sea submersible which can reach the bottom of the Mariana Trench - 36,000ft (10.9km) down in the western Pacific - after deciding to set the film in the turbulent waters of Pandora, an alien moon.



[As director James Cameron plans to film Avatar sequel seven miles below the sea's surface, we go into the deadly deep with the only two men who've been there | DownloadsEdge](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 17, 2010

Behaviour-driven development is an "outside-in" methodology. It starts at the outside by identifying business outcomes, and then drills down into the feature set that will achieve those outcomes. Each feature is captured as a "story", which defines the scope of the feature along with its acceptance criteria.

[What's in a Story? « DanNorth.net](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 17, 2010

A Low-Tech Approach to Understanding SOA

Describe a scenario in business terms - The first step is to remove any reference to computers or modern technology. This will allow you to concentrate on the business objectives of the service, without getting sidetracked by technological considerations. In other words, it enables you to separate the "what" from the "how."

[A Classic Introduction to SOA « DanNorth.net](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 15, 2010

I need an iPhone 4

[iPhone4 vs HTC Evo iPhone4 vs HTC Evo](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 15, 2010

Ride your plane home to “further reduce ticket prices”



[Aviointeriors SkyRider high-density airline seat unveiled](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 13, 2010

Man is not made for defeat.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 13, 2010

Why iPad can never replace newsPAPER?

[Newsday Ipad Commercial](#) [Newsday Ipad Commercial](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 12, 2010

HaHa



[Team Thriller Dance](#) [Windows Phone 7 Team Thriller Dance](#) [Microsoft celebrates Windows Phone 7 RTM with funeral parade for BlackBerry and iPhone \(update: Thriller video!\) -- Engadget](#)

[Mike Nguyen](#) - What happened to their last attempt?? Sep 12, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 12, 2010

Robust Switch - it works under water ...





Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 10, 2010

iPod Nano 6th Generation stripped down - understanding Apple's design inside-out.



[Generation Teardown - iFixit](#)

[iPod Nano 6th](#)

Mike Nguyen - You bought one? Sep 12, 2010

Terrence Miao - No and never ... Sep 12, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 10, 2010

Seal Island is home to 64,000 seals and approximately 15 to 25 great white sharks.



[of great white shark | Mail Online](#)

[Captured on camera: One lucky seal's amazing escape from jaws](#)

Tony Szabo - they didn't show the 4th photo! (the seal jumping *into* the shark!) Sep 10, 2010

Dean Budd - Na... in the 4th frame they both suffocate to death by swimming through an oil slick Sep 10, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 9, 2010

Blink first Apple.

Blocking competition, stuffing dissenters, and killing innovation.

Steve "ODB" Jobs, with respect, you O! Dirty Bastard!



[Apple opens Apps to Flash, Google | The Australian](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2010

When you have big market share and an open approach to development and deployment, the developers will flock.

That will make the destiny of Android and iPhone.



[Should Android be Startups' First Choice? «](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2010

Technology behinds Google Instant
[Google Scribe](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2010

One reason why you need have a smart meter at home.
☐ [Google PowerMeter Overview](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2010

Open sesame for mobile devices
[Google Instant](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 6, 2010

Waiting for the chaos of Federal Election 2010 comes to an end after 17 days, and people can return to normal life.





Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

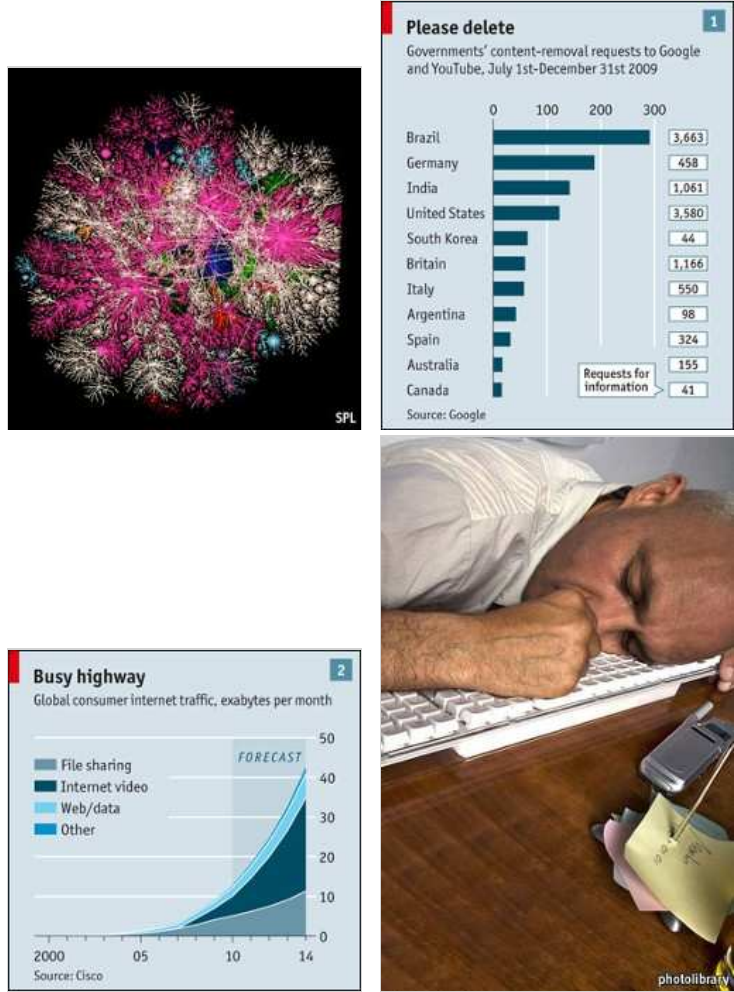
Sep 6, 2010

Governments are increasingly reasserting their sovereignty. Countries erecting borders in cyberspace.

Big IT companies are building their own digital territories, where they set the rules and control or limit connections to other parts of the internet.

Network owners would like to treat different types of traffic differently, in effect creating faster and slower lanes on the internet.

We're heading into a war for control of the web.



[internet: A virtual counter-revolution | The Economist](#)

[The future of the](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 4, 2010

Pagani Zonda R, 6:47, made a Nurburgring lap record.

[Pagani Zonda R - Nurburgring documentary](#) [Pagani Zonda R - Nurburgring documentary](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 3, 2010

"The joke is holden in your hands."

This the most profound, sophisticated, highly intelligent and wisdom of life is found on the wall of railway station inside a Gentleman's loo.





Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 1, 2010

“ASSHOLE!” That was what Jeff Skilling, the boss of Enron, called an investor who challenged his rosy account of his firm’s financial health.



[Economist](#)

[Corporate psychology: How to tell when your boss is lying | The](#)

Dean Budd - www.thecorporation.com **Outstanding Film!** Sep 1, 2010

Terrence Miao - Actually you don't need have to be harsh, rude, ruthless, and becoming success in corporate, or in a capitalist society. Google and Warren Buffett are the a few paragon among them.

Invest in your intelligence.

Nasty people around most are brain cell deficiency syndrome patients, or just a batch of bludgers . Sep 2, 2010

Mike Nguyen - You can't call them bludgers if they're out for blood... Sep 2, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 1, 2010

Love many, trust few and always paddle your own canoe.

Dean Budd - Wise words my friend... now *get out of my canoe!* <haha> Sep 1, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 1, 2010

Trust us the things you put in cloud.

[HP unveils Cloudstart to speed private cloud deployment - private clouds, internet, HP, hewlett-packard, Cloudstart, cloud computing - PC World Business](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Life wisdom from the most successful investor

Aug 30, 2010



Warren Buffett is

[80. wants to work past 100! : Rediff.com Business](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Goodbye The Age, The Australian, Herald Boobs-Obsession-And-Adultery-Fantasy Horny Sun.

Aug 29, 2010



[LG putting 9.7-inch color, 19-inch flexible e-paper displays into](#)

[production -- Engadget](#)

Greg Soertsz - I wonder whether it makes swatting mozzies any easier. Aug 30, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
The end of Microsoft and Intel's marriage.

Aug 29, 2010

Tech giants invade each other's turf									
Company	Apple	Google	Microsoft	Intel	HP	IBM	Oracle	Cisco	Other
Revenue, 2009, \$bn	48.7	55.7	56.7	25.1	131.3	90.8	21.2	25.3	
Net income, 2009, \$bn	9.6	6.5	16.5	9.6	8.0	10.6	5.8	6.7	
Employees, total	24,310	28,033	52,000	71,000	294,000	233,000	93,000	55,000	
Amount of activity by each unit									
Processors	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Computers	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Network equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mobile devices	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Software	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Applications	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Web-based services	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Online advertising	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloud computing	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
IT services/consulting	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0



Information

[technology in transition: The end of Wintel | The Economist](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
For Buffett, the need to be loved and feel love is behind this drive to succeed.

Aug 27, 2010



[Happy 80th birthday, Warren Buffett - CNN.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 27, 2010

Research suggests the more time you spend analyzing your buying options, working hard to pay it off, and anticipating the day you get to experience it, the more happiness it eventually brings.

Dean Budd - Ahhh yes, something that's definitely missing in society today...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deferred_gratification Aug 29, 2010

Terrence Miao - Great tip Deano! Remind me again that good things only come to those who can wait till the last :-)
Aug 29, 2010

Kieran Simpson - It's cause society today is just a bunch of selfish pricks :p Aug 29, 2010

Kieran Simpson - Indeed Aug 29, 2010

Dean Budd - Yeah... but I don't think we (as a society) actively trained our kids that way... ;) ;) I'm just referring to the *Credit Culture* we've become. By the way, you can make further comments to this post **INTEREST FREE** for **24 months** with **NO DEPOSIT!** <haha> Aug 29, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 26, 2010

Thanks Deano for your ridiculously puristic software craftsmanship.

I hope someone will set up a software stud farm one day. And you will be the champion stallion on that breeding yard.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [The Art of Separation of Concerns](#)

Dean Budd - LOL! Aug 26, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 26, 2010

Advanced analytical and conceptual visualization skills in order to transform abstract thought efficiently into graphic, tangible forms and to manage the topic complexity and the problems.

[A Periodic Table of Visualization Methods](#)

Dean Budd - My eyes! They burn! <haha> Aug 26, 2010

Greg Soertsz - Ironically, the the periodic table doesn't seem to document itself #completenessfail Aug 26, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 24, 2010

A good team leader should behave like a shit shield, actively deflecting all the crap dumped from management and especially architects.

Dean B - i.e Scrum Master... The job of the Scrum Master is to shield his team from 'distractions'. To remove any 'impediments' that cause the team to go slower. Aug 24, 2010

Terrence Miao - Precisely, Mr. B. Aug 24, 2010

Dean Budd - Agile has it all covered buddy! ;) Aug 24, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 23, 2010

Your iPhone can be a bug spying you one day...

... including the activation of a camera that could capture and geotag the device's surroundings, and perhaps current user, and transmit that information to a remote device:

... a photograph of the current user can be taken, a recording of the current user's voice can be recorded, the heartbeat of the current user can be recorded, or any combination of the above.



[Apple applies for patent to kill jailbroken devices | Apple - CNET](#)

[News](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 22, 2010

The Stig revealed...



[Collins | Herald Sun](#)

[Top Gear's The Stig is reported to be stuntman and racer Ben](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 21, 2010

Haha!

[Hilarious Taiwanese spoof on Australian election](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 21, 2010

Why do you need wait for gPad, there are already some Pads in market - **Tablet Review: Moonse APAD E7002, First 1080p Savy iPad Clone**

[Tablet Review: Moonse APAD E7002, First 1080p Savy iPad Clone](#) [Tablet Review: Moonse APAD E7002, First 1080p Savy iPad Clone](#)

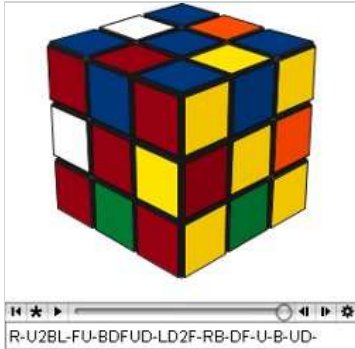
Mike Nguyen - 'cause they all suck and are knockoffs? Aug 22, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 20, 2010

The answer to life the universe and everything is 20 now.



[God's Number is 20](#) [Every Rubik's Cube can be solved in 20 moves or less | News.com.au](#)

Tony Szabo - God has more computing power than 35 CPU years borrowed from Google, *he's a genius!* Aug 20, 2010

Dean Budd - That's cause God operates in the Cloud! *<haha>* Aug 20, 2010

Tony Szabo - lol! He's the fkn *creator* of cloud computing! lol Aug 22, 2010

Dean Budd - I once solved the problem in ONE MOVE! I threw the thing out the window... problem solved! *<haha>*
Aug 22, 2010

Kieran Simpson - Buzz needs the ability to "Like" comments! Aug 22, 2010

Terrence Miao - And comments can show the content and image files of the links just like buzz. Aug 22, 2010

Dean Budd - Even peeling off all the stickers so the cube is completely black (hence 'solved') takes more than 20 moves!
Aug 22, 2010

Terrence Miao - You really offer some **unconventional** Rubik's cube solutions Deano! Aug 22, 2010

Dean Budd - I follow the Lean Software principles of "*What's the simplest thing that could possibly work*" and "*Maximise the amount of work NOT done*" *<haha>* Aug 22, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 19, 2010

So many speculations, so little truth underneath



[Practically Everything](#)

[The Tragic Death of](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 17, 2010

Blame no one. Expect nothing. Do something meaningful.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2010

The IT Crowd fan?



Mike Nguyen - : \ I dunno.. the show is so deceiving. Although the geekiness is cool.. it's WAY too cool!!! So cool that I wished I worked in their dept!!! :(Aug 15, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2010

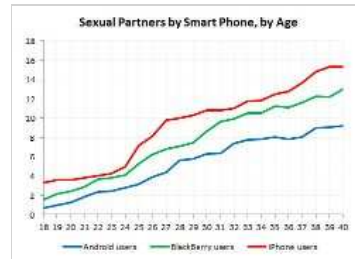
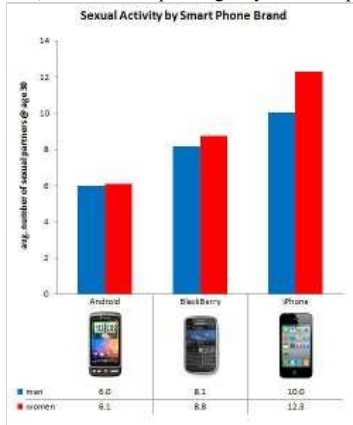
爱过之前叫做孤单，爱过之后叫做寂寞。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2010

Well, one reason explaining why someone picks up iPhone.



[iPhone Users Have](#)

[Twice as Much Sex as Android Users \(Plus! Sexiest Cameras\)](#)

Dean Budd - Zero times two still equals zero! Aug 15, 2010



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2010

他，中国第一清官，副厅级巡视员，跟国家领导人有亲戚关系，去西方考察访问只带三个随从，从不警车开道，也不用公款吃喝，有时甚至要自己找饭吃。三随从因太清苦常闹辞职。他在西方考察多年，见过多位外国元首，成绩很大，回国后也没要求升官，一生教书育人，死后没任何家产。他，就是唐僧。

她，丈夫在河北当建筑工人，工程塌方，被砸死在下面。她要求赔偿，包工头不肯。她起诉到法院，败诉。她上诉，再次败诉。她只好上访，从山东一次次来到河北，当局抓她，关她，在精神病院喂她吃药。她逃了出来，上网求助，被屏蔽、被删帖。她不会翻墙，一天天坐在墙下哭，最后终于把墙哭倒了。她，就是孟姜女。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 15, 2010

哄领导开心就做得假，哄群众开心就做得秀，哄自己开心就做得梦。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 14, 2010

OpenSolaris becomes the first casualty after Oracle swallowed Sun. Who will be the next?

[\[Phoronix\] Farewell To OpenSolaris, Oracle Just Killed It Off.](#)

Kieran Simpson - Open JDK? Aug 14, 2010

Angelos Megremis - I think that Google can probably wipe Oracle out without even breaking a sweat. I'm hoping they do. The way they're acting, they deserve it. Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - WTSSHHH! Get back to making money for Oracle! WTSSHHH! Vote with ya feet! ;) Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - We're not the ones making money for Oracle, their sales people are! We get brought in when people have bought their products, without even knowing how they'll use them yet! Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - By becoming experts in the tech! <haha> wtssshh! Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - We all go where the money is, dude. I've been disillusioned to find that there is little room for idealism in corporate IT. :-/ Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - You're obviously not wearing a *Che Guevara* T-Shirt right now... Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Nope. Smart casual. Not even runners. Aug 15, 2010

Kieran Simpson - It's not so much a lack of room for idealism; it's that we as a profession aren't respected. The reason that Oracle's sales team succeeds is that they pitch it to the people who make the decisions who aren't knowledgeable enough to smell the BS, and who think they know more than us. Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - Hear hear! <applause> Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - I don't think it has anything to do with respect for the profession. The entire concept of IT is as, probably, much a mystery to said decision making tools as is the concept of "No, this \$10K DSLR will not make you produce better photographs than your pocket cam if you're, otherwise, useless". The mistake here is that WE don't have sales guys as good as Oracle's. If we did, our opinions would carry more sway. Aug 15, 2010

Kieran Simpson - It's an attitude towards the profession that I believe shows that we aren't respected. You don't hire a civil engineering firm and tell them how to build your building. You may have input into certain requirements, like you want every office to have feature X. But the core building decisions are left to the firm. That's why you pay them. The client should focus on their core business, negotiating a feature set and letting the engineers build what they build best. Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Yes, but... If you're building a house, and you're hiring a small 5-man builder team you've only heard of from a friend/neighbor, or smth, you will "keep a close eye on them", etc. Whereas if you go for a large outfit, they'll make you feel stupid to even open your mouth for anything that would divert them from their cookie cutter constructions.

In other words, respect is earned. We can't just go and say "we're awesome, X previous client will attest to that, pay us money". Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - What if the big company keeps building crap houses (that cost the earth) that you have to spend all your

money and time fixing (for years after you bought it) and your "business partner" (who knows better about these things) still insists on using them? Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - In the end it all comes down to this: having people give you/us the "override priority", ie take our word over others, is something that is earned in street cred, not protested. Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - Your logic is flawless... you have just converted me into an Oracle believer! LOL! Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - I am not advocating for Oracle. I am simply saying that protesting that we don't have our client's ear is self-righteous, and indulgent, at best. We can dispense advice until the cows come home, but, until there is a strong perception of us formed in the receiver's minds, that advice is as worthy of attention as the advice of the milkman.

It's standard socio-interactive principles, it is our mistake that the conversation flow should be any different because we are discussing IT with the client. Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - Your Cow and Milkman logic is flawless! LOL! Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Dude, do you know any other form of conceptualizing your thoughts, apart from packaging in sarcasm for contrast?

Or, alternatively, what I said made perfect sense to me. If you have a counter argument, feel free to share it. Otherwise...? :) Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - Moo? Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - ... otherwise stop wasting bandwidth and do some work! :) Aug 15, 2010

Dean Budd - Get back to making money for Oracle! wtssshhh <haha> Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - lol

I'd be guessing "making money for Oracle" also paid for your last PC upgrade, dude. :) Aug 15, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Oracle has bought MySQL, and might kill it.
Oracle has begun starving PGSql by withholding use of infrastructure that Sun was allowing.
Oracle is going after Google for being dodgy with their java-but-not-Java implementation.

I, for one, would like to welcome our new PL/SQL overlords.

sigh... Sun was the one place that I sort of was hoping I could one day work at. They were the hippies of IT, without emptying your fridge. Or perhaps more the Buddhist monks of IT...?

Who is there left to look up to? Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - Google! Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Hardly. I don't really buy their "do no evil" mantra. They do give back to the community, but their actions seem, to me, simply like a bid for community acceptance. They are more Microsoft, and far less Sun.

Sun was sustaining some, seemingly, truly selfless activities. I think they were real idealists. And that is probably reflected by the cumulatively large developer walkout when Oracle took over. Google is not like that.

Of course, you could argue that that's why Google can fight back, and, possibly, even turn the tables on, Oracle, whereas Sun was bought out. Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - Sun were a bunch of wimps who laid down and *let the tanks roll over them*... they should have rigged explosives to all the main support columns and started a campaign of guerilla warfare <he says while wearing his Che Guevara t-shirt> Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - I read a funny, yet poignant, comment I read was as follows (and I paraphrase): Money is Oracle's only metric. I was also the only metric that Sun didn't have, and look where it got them. Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - It got them respect! :) Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - It also got them killed. I wish they had survived. I wish they had remained a success story, and a mecca for developers. Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - Yoda: *Train yourself to let go... of everything you fear to lose*

<haha> Aug 16, 2010

Kieran Simpson - I don't think Sun were a bunch of wimps. There's too much generalising. In any company there's the engineers and the bean counters. If the company is non sustainable then how are those engineers going to get paid? So when Larry came along of course the pencil pushers would have loved it. The engineers turned to the simplest form of guerilla warfare - they left. Which also solves the money problem if there's noone left to pay :)

I'd have no problem working for Google, except that I don't want to move to Sydney. If Google opened a Melbourne office, I'd consider applying. Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - I don't think you got the joke... I wasn't seriously condoning the use of explosives and guerilla warfare... or for people to wear Che Guevara t-shirt's for that matter... <haha> Aug 16, 2010

Kieran Simpson - One never knows with you Kiwis :) You're such socialists over there - you got rid of software patents :p Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - <haha> But only through the liberal use of explosives and guerilla warfare! Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - I'd like to work at Google simply because there's a lot of bright minds there. But, at the same time, the impression I have from online commentary is that Sun was any engineer's paradise, whereas Google is the young hip engineer's mecca. Aug 16, 2010

Terrence Miao - Some final salt.

Sun is an engineering company. Oracle is a sales company. In reality, sales companies not always but most time beat engineering companies, except Google. Microsoft and Apple are sales companies too.

Most engineers are lack of abilities like business astute, financial provision and management, mastership of communication in subtle situation. Can't shine and present themselves well in front of public make them short to reach the bar.

Regarding to Google, no argument it's engineers' dream company, but why don't join or marry Google in another way.

You can set up your business, build large customers base and make it thrive. Lure, fondle, molester, or whatever you can do to Google, and let Google buy you out. So you don't need to go through interview process, you can pick up where you want to work. Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Damn, Terrence, that was disturbing to read. Molest Google? There's limits, dude. :)

As for Oracle, and MS, I don't quite agree that they are sales companies. We all know the trivia around MS's rise to power, yes. And nobody likes them as a member of the IT ecosystem. However, so many of us make a living off of their products and platforms.

Something similar could be said for Oracle.

The fact of the matter here also is that Sun, to my [granted - hugely limited, at least compared to some seasoned old-timers] knowledge, never had the chance to become such a huge target simply because they never undertook such ambitious projects. Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - Hey! Leave Microsoft alone... I've actually softened up to ol' Bill over the years. (After all that pain he put me through writing 16bit Windows 3.1 Applications)

But won't somebody think of the mosquito's! Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - lol

You actually got to play with MFC then? Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - Microsoft Fried Chicken? Sure did! I still have that terrible taste in the back of my mouth... Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - BS. I'll bet you were a VB boy, and I'm not talking about the beer. :) Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - <haha> VB is for people who find basic Computer Science concepts too overwhelming and dread-inducing! People who wouldn't know recursion from their purse!

I was all Visual C++ back then buddy! Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - Dean, I know all the "cool kids" talk about "cee plus plus", but you were doing VB, mate.

hehee Aug 16, 2010

Dean Budd - Terrence... can you please disable comments. But just after I have the last say! <haha> Aug 16, 2010

Angelos Megremis - nyawwww Aug 16, 2010

Terrence Miao - Without the business cunningness of Bill Gates and aggressiveness of Steve Palmer, M\$ won't be today's M\$. In Technical history, Average Joe won most race than intelligent Smart Pants. Good artists copy, great artists steal.
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Kieran Simpson - Good debate. Aug 11, 2010