



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 15, 2011

Holy shit, Google is closing Google Buzz. Yuk!

**Kieran Simpson** - It makes sense. What can Buzz do that G+ can't, and thus why shouldn't Google consolidate their product offering? Oct 15, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - I can hit Buzz from my GMail window. G+ is a separate app. Oct 15, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Will miss Buzz search feature. Will miss displaying multiple photos feature in Buzz.

Wah wah ... Oct 15, 2011

**Casper Casper** - G+ +1 Oct 16, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - If I didn't need to open up a separate tab for G+, I'd be happy. I like that convenience of Buzz. Oct 16, 2011

**Casper Casper** - I find it easier to switch between tabs than between inbox/buzz ;) I'm just hoping you guys start posting on g+ ;) Oct 16, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - I'm switching. This is my last ever Buzz. Oct 16, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - How does one link ones Google Reader to G+ instead of Buzz? Oct 16, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Copy & Paste only? Oct 16, 2011

**Casper Casper** - <http://www.google.com/support/forum/p/reader/thread?hl=en&tid=3dcfd935bfb48935> Oct 16, 2011

**Casper Casper** - not perfect, but it works well enough Oct 16, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Meh... I prefer just G-B (gmail shortcuts) to go into Buzz, than to have a whole new tab. Oct 16, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 14, 2011

300 meters earth-scraper, sky-scraper upside down!



[Earth-scraper:](#)

[Architects design 65-storey building 300 metres below ground](#)

**Dean Budd** - Awesome! Now we get a whole new range of Disaster Movies! Oct 15, 2011

**Casper Casper** - Is this just the prison from fortress? Oct 16, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Yep! They just "liquidated" all the prisoners and now rent it as an office building! *hahaha* Oct 16, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 13, 2011

A photo taken by a Japanese friend during she took UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS in Uganda.





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Oct 13, 2011

The old adage "It's not what you know, it's who you know" is truer than ever in today's organisations. But how do you know whom to know? Here are three types of networks it pays to have:

- **Personal support.** Form relationships with people who help you get back on track during a bad day. These may be friends or colleagues with whom you can just be yourself.
- **Purpose.** Include in your network bosses and customers who validate your work, and family members and other stakeholders who remind you that your work has a broader meaning.
- **Work/life balance.** Seek out people who will hold you accountable for activities that improve your physical health, mental engagement, or spiritual well-being.



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Oct 13, 2011

“There’s that line from Newton about standing on the shoulders of giants,” says Kernighan. “We’re all standing on Dennis’ shoulders.”



[Dennis Ritchie: The Shoulders Steve Jobs Stood On | Wired Enterprise](#)

[|Wired.com](#)



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Oct 13, 2011

After application crashes, you are investigating what is causing the issue. An error message shows up that says something about **TODO** ...

Awesome and helpful.

(Pseudonym photo is used to protect developer's identity)





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Oct 13, 2011

The newest Android operating system Ice Cream Sandwich working on a Samsung device either called the Nexus Prime or the Galaxy Nexus will be announced in Google Samsung Event on 19th of October, Hong Kong 10am (1pm Melbourne time).

Can't wait ...



**Terrence Miao** - Will be live-streamed on Android's YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/android> (Who still need a TV these days?) Oct 13, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - I do. I watch YouTube and podcasts on it all the time. ;) Oct 13, 2011

**Casper Casper** - TVs *are* PCs these days. (or have been for a while for some of us ;)) Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - You should have Google TV, Apple TV these days, but not traditional Dumb TV ... Oct 13, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - You said "a TV".

You said nothing about "free air TV" or "paid subscription TV"

:) Oct 13, 2011

**Casper Casper** - lots of TVs come with all kinds of PC features, and it's easy to add TV tuner (including cable I think) to any PC. convergence :) Oct 13, 2011

**Dean Budd** - What time is this in AEST? Oct 13, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Don't the latest Samsungs come with capability to play H264 of Samba shares? Oct 13, 2011

**Casper Casper** - <http://www.samsung.com/au/tv/my-hub/apps-store/> they have an app store. I'm thinking it's all android underneath. They don't mention it much though. Oct 13, 2011

**Dean Budd** - My Samsung BluRay player can play H264 from a DLNA server, but not SMB Oct 13, 2011

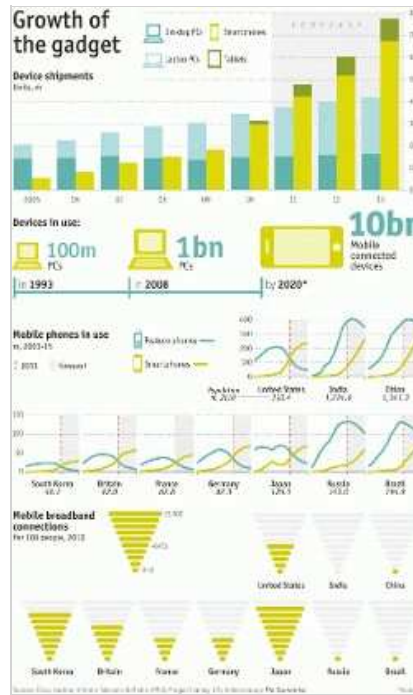
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Oct 13, 2011

Mobile digital gadgets are overshadowing the personal computer, says Martin Giles. Their impact will be far-reaching.



[Beyond the PC](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 13, 2011

`printf("Rest in peace, Dennis\n"); exit(0);`  
[C and Unix pioneer Dennis Ritchie reported dead • The Register](#)

**Kieran Simpson** - A work colleague rightly commented on how this will go unnoticed by the majority of the world as he didn't bring them flashy toys. Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - The majority of the world are shallow, peanut brain consumers. Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Without Dennis Ritchie and his C / Unix, maybe you still can see dinosaurs walking in the street, mainframe still controls big enterprise rooms, the first IBM PC would be released till beginning of 90's, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs would miss PC revolution, in their middle age crisis now, you still call people on fixed line, and work on DOS.

The majority of the people can't get this picture ... Oct 13, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Remember. Nobody is uniquely irreplaceable.

It's one of the tragedies of our days. Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Agree, no one is indispensable.

However, there are always people who make breakthrough in human being history, who be called heros. Without those people, there would be a big delay in human evolution. Galileo, Darwin and Dennis Ritchie all belong to this league ... Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Shake hands J. My post is 1s later than yours, but both of us mention Galileo and Darwin. We need have a beer to celebrate :-D Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Some things we now know to be good ideas:

- Writing operating systems in a compiled machine-independent programming language.
- Performing file I/O by reading, writing, or overwriting integral numbers of bytes at integral offsets.
- Creating processes by duplicating existing processes.
- Null-terminated byte strings.
- Investing a substantial proportion of programmers' time in building tooling to make themselves more productive.
- When explaining a new programming technique, starting with "Hello, world".
- Connecting programs together by piping the output of one to the input of the other.

**It's hard to believe that there was a time when any of these weren't conventional wisdom, but there was such a time. Unix combines more obvious-in-retrospect engineering design choices than anything else I've seen or am likely to see in my lifetime.**

It is impossible — absolutely impossible — to overstate the debt my profession owes to Dennis Ritchie. I've been living in a world he helped invent for over thirty years.

-- Tim Bray

<http://www.tbray.org/ongoing/When/201x/2011/10/12/DMR> Oct 13, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I disagree! Certain people *are* irreplaceable!

Who could possible give us as many laughs as George W. Bush!!! *hahaha* Oct 13, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - I don't know about that. I could do without the laughs if it meant not having the colossal f\*\*kups of the Bush administration (exercise to the reader to determine whether or not daddy's administration should be included). Oct 13, 2011

**Casper Casper** - `printf("goodbye world\n"); ?` Oct 13, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - ++ Oct 13, 2011

**Dean Budd** - [Kieran Simpson](#) But with George Bush Senior we had the very same colossal f\$%k ups *without* the laughs! *hahaha* Oct 13, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - I was unfortunately a bit young for GB Snr so I'll take your word for it. Oct 13, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - `exit(1);` Oct 13, 2011

**Dean Budd** - kill -9 Oct 13, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 13, 2011

It's a risky journey building a house in Melbourne, especially you borrow \$2 million dollars, in a high cost suburb, dealing with a lot doggy scam bags ...



[Two-storey](#)

[120k families claiming ghost pensions](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 13, 2011

When asked to repay the money, investigators were shocked when the family retorted: 'Sorry but all the money is spent and now we're broke.'



[Greek finance sham:](#)

[120k families claiming ghost pensions](#)

**Kieran Simpson** - +1 Oct 13, 2011

**Casper Casper** - not suprising, since "... Greece, where the rich are paid twice as much in benefits as the poorest 20 per cent" <http://inside.org.au/how-fair-is-australia%E2%80%99s-welfare-state/> Oct 13, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - +10 Mr. Null Oct 13, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - My dad's pension has already been clipped by ~30%. My folks are barely making ends meet now.

Not good. Oct 13, 2011

**Casper Casper** - not good at all. Oct 13, 2011



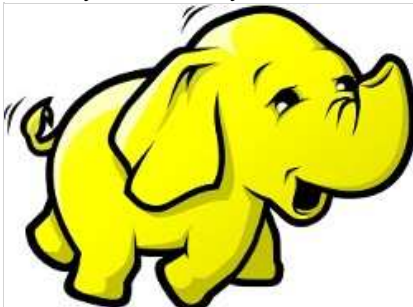
**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 12, 2011

After Oracle grabbed the open source Hadoop MapReduce tool from the Apache Software Foundation and doing its own distribution, Microsoft follows soon.

- When Linux Was "Cancer"
- The New Microsoft
- Oracle Big Data Appliance

Listen, my children, and you shall hear ...



[Microsoft Embraces](#)

[Elephant of Open Source](#) | [Wired Enterprise](#) | [Wired.com](#) | [Oracle rolls its own NoSQL and Hadoop](#) • [The Register](#)

**Martin Paulo** - The thing that puzzles me about MS is that hadoop is Java. Does this mean MS has ported it to C#? Oct 13, 2011





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

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First the FBI used this hapless Spanish MP Gaspar Llamazares face to represent Osama bin Laden on a "most wanted" poster. Then they doctored his image again to make him look like another senior al-Qaida leader.



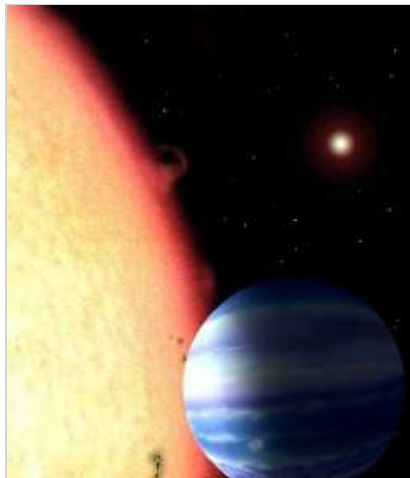
[Spanish MP to sue FBI for using his face in al-Qaida &#39;most wanted&#39; photos](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 12, 2011

Kepler's scans have found 1,235 extrasolar planets in the Cygnus constellation of our own galaxy, the Milky Way.



[signs point to where extra-terrestrials might be hiding](#)

[Here be aliens: New](#)

**Dean Budd** - First Question answered : *Is there life elsewhere in the Universe?*  
Now the Second Question : *Why are they hiding?*

*hahaha* Oct 12, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - Gosh: given the way us humans have behaved in the past wouldn't you hide from us?

It would be nice to know, if 1.2% of planets support life, what the percentage of planets with intelligent life would likely be... Oct 12, 2011

**Dean Budd** - So far... 0% Oct 12, 2011



Samsung Galaxy S II beats iPhone 4 and wins the phone of the year award.

Congratulations to Deano and those who bought Samsung Galaxy S II in last 12 months. Picking winner and teasing loser ...

[□](#) [□](#) [□](#) [□](#) [Home](#)

**Kieran Simpson** - Other than some nice photos, and description of the products; are there any details on how the "contestants" were judged/evaluated. I've been tossing up between the HTC Sensation and the GS2 for a while now and I can't find that clear winner. One thing that's put me off Samsung a bit is that Kiess sucks absolutely; especially on OSX (uses the MTM protocol underneath which is junk and the Linux support is woeful).

With my HTC phone I can just mount it like a block device so it's portable between my different OSs. Can't transfer files easily to my wife's GS as there's not a Windows box in the house (and Kiess sucks still on a Windows VM) Oct 12, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - [Kieran Simpson](#) K, you need a MacBook Pro for productivity and a Windows 7 for run all the junkies. Like I'm doing at the work now, carrying two laptops every day :-) Oct 12, 2011

**Casper Casper** - kiess is the worst. on win7 it's preventing me from copying video files over 2gb from my phone. I'm tempted to get cyanogen or something just because of that. Oct 12, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - I haven't tried it on the GS phone, but for the Tab you can get an app that allows you to copy via FTP (FileExpert). It's the best solution I've found. Video's aren't too bad because I run them through fimepeg first to scale the media down to the so the file size drops dramatically. Oct 12, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Going back to phone-phone comparison though, still need a deciding factor so I can go get a new phone ;) Oct 12, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Cyanogen is best mod so far. Will put it on my Samsung Galaxy Tab 7 after get new 10" tablet.

I use ES File Explorer transfer files between Samsung Galaxy Tab 7 and Windows shared directory. Oct 12, 2011

**Casper Casper** - I'll have to try that :). Oct 12, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - HTC if you want something that feels solid & assured. The Galaxy is so friggin' light & the plastic feel was kind of a turn off for me. But it's one heck of a phone; but I think the HTC is almost on par. BTW. Have you checked out the 3D phones. I know it seemed to be abit of a gimmick, but I was really impressed with the 3D photos. Just adds that extra wow to it. Oct 12, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Basically, I don't use Kiess at all. Only I open it is when I try to find out whether Gingerbread update is available. But it never comes. So you need help yourself out and root it with Cyanogen! Oct 12, 2011

**Casper Casper** - yeah the gs2 is too light and too thin. it's not going to break, but it feels like it will. That's why I've got a case ;) Oct 12, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - LOL nice.. Engineers went to the trouble of slimming it down, thinning it out & here you are slapping on a heavy case! :D Oct 12, 2011

**Dean Budd** - [Kieran Simpson](#) [Casper Casper](#) You don't have to use Kies... I just use it like a normal USB storage device. Oct 12, 2011

**Dean Budd** - IF you wanna get down to it just run an FTP client on your phone... I don't bother, using it as a stock standard USB storage device works a treat. Just drag n drop all me HD video files or mp3's onto the phone and viola! Oct 12, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - I couldn't get the device to mount as a block device on either OSX or Linux. I think that's because the MTP support on non Windows platforms is severally lacking (which makes sense as it's a Microsoft protocol). I didn't try to do it on my Windows VM, only tried Kiess. I'll try it out and see if that works (for the Tab if nothing else). Oct 12, 2011

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Oct 11, 2011

The oil spill off the coast of New Zealand's north island is continuing to worsen.



[New Zealand oil spill - in pictures](#)

**Dean Budd** - Why not on the other side of the country! Or down Invercargill way! =( Oct 12, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Bay of Plenty of Oil now. Oct 12, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - I had been to Auckland for a 3 days weekend holiday about 4 years ago. A clean air, untainted nature and easy going life style. I like this country very much. Oct 12, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I *do* miss the laid back attitude of home... everyone seems to be in a rush to get somewhere (or something) in Melbourne <*reminiscing sigh*> Oct 12, 2011

**Casper Casper** - is that just cause there's nowhere to go in NZ? :P Oct 12, 2011

**Dean Budd** - *LOL* Yeah! I suppose there's this universal attitude of "been there, done that" over there... Oct 12, 2011

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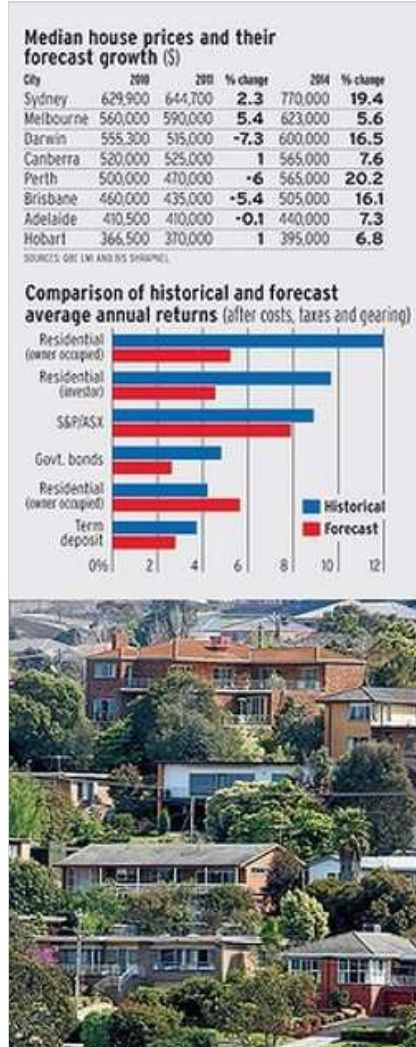
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RESIDENTIAL property has been Australia's highest-returning asset class over the past 24 years, eclipsing shares - but over the next decade it will be outperformed by commercial property, according to research by ANZ.

A separate report released by QBE Lenders' Mortgage Insurance yesterday forecast that stable interest rates and improving economic conditions would drive up house prices, particularly in Perth and Sydney, over the next three years.

What a brouhaha. Like read the comments which someone seems like real estate background. Give a laugh.



[Equities, commercial property the future](#) [Houses no longer best](#)

[investment](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 11, 2011

You can't be a surgeon and have medical practice because once upon a time you are a butcher.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 11, 2011

Building UI is expensive. UI Convergence - a rare hard find Java Posse dedicated to UI.

[The Java Posse](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 11, 2011

The cheapest way upgrade to iPhone 4S for iPhone 4 owners.



**Mike Nguyen** - I wonder if you can change Siri's voice. I would so change it to either HAL or KITT in a single heartbeat :D Take that you android fanbois! Oct 11, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - But your phone would never stop calling you Dave ;) Oct 11, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Meh.. next patch will fix all problems. I'd be more worried if it got my pizza order wrong. Oct 11, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 11, 2011

Much loved Asus Transformer 2 will hit the street by the end of this year.

Maybe it is the first tablet equipped with quad-core Nvidia Tegra 3 chip, 5x faster than dual core Tegra 2 and better computational power than Intel Core2Duo.

It is rumoured that Asus isn't making any money on the tablets themselves, they plan to rake in the profits with the external keyboard dock. The Transformer 2 is going to be priced very competitively at \$399.

Warren Buffett once said buying distressed assets is a great investment, i.e., buy CDO backed securities and Transformer 2 :-)

[Report: Nvidia's Kal-El to power Asus Eee Transformer 2](#) [Asus Transformer 2](#) | [Asus Transformer 2](#)

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 11, 2011

BPEL is not the problem, people who develop are. SOA is not the root of all evil, architects who design are.

**Casper Casper** - BPEL is not the problem, people who decide to use it are ;) Oct 11, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 11, 2011

**"Cuius est solum, ejus est usque ad caelum et ad inferos" - "To whomever owns the land, shall own the earth to its center and up to the heavens."**

This Latin maxim was the precursor to modern law of the air and of the earth below it.

Ownership of land generally includes all the land below the delineated surface plot, all the way to the center of the earth; and the sky above to infinity.

In theory, the cubic volume of space would decrease gradually as you go down towards the core of the earth and increase as you move up towards outer space.

Mate, you are blocking my sunshine ...

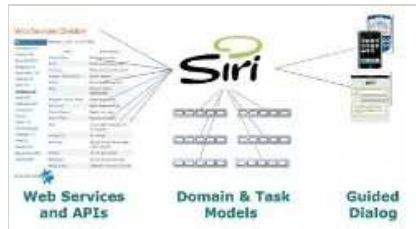
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The 4th Computer Interface - voice recognition



[Siri: Why is Siri](#)

[important?](#)

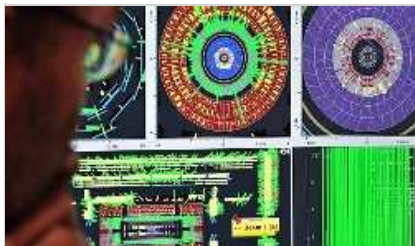
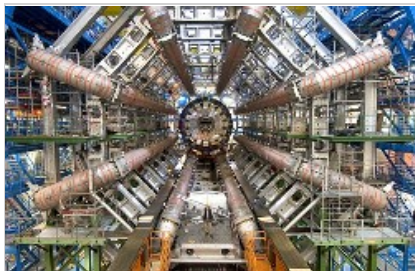


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The long-sought after Higgs boson particle will be found in the next 12 months if it exists, said the leader of the CERN facility in Geneva.

The three scientists, one from each of CERN, the U.S. Fermilab and Japan's KEK - also stated their scepticism of recent claims that particles had recently broken the speed of light in the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).



[particle exists we will find it by next year.&#39; says CERN boss](#)

[&#39;If the God](#)

**Dean Budd** - The God Particle? Isn't that the Particle that sent His only Particle to save all the other Particles? Oct 11, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - The God Particle: If the Universe Is the Answer, What Is the Question?

Deano, by any meaning, the answer to your question is YES. Oct 11, 2011



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Oct 11, 2011

Get smart computer!

BBC has been criticised by over computer generated subtitles. During the Queen Mother's funeral, a solemn call for silence became 'we will now have a moment's violence', a town visit from the "Arch bitch of Canterbury", and a reporter was quoted as saying pigs "love the nibble anything that comes into the shed, like our willies".

Ooops ...



[Deaf viewers complain about standard of BBC subtitles](#)



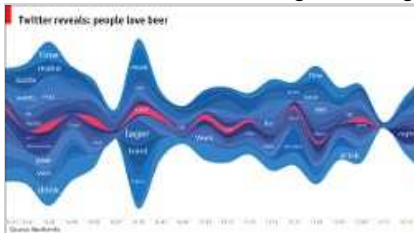
**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 10, 2011

**Twitter reveals: people love beer**

MOST tweets are inane, but a million may contain valuable information. Fed through clever algorithms, a torrent of microblogs can reveal changes in a nation's mood. Hence the excitement about a new market: the sale and analysis of real-time social-media data.

The number of tweets per day now exceeds 230m, up more than 100% from the beginning of the year. Twitter would like to turn its popularity into money, but rather than beefing up its own infrastructure, it plans to outsource the task of distributing and selling its data ...



[Sipping from the fire hose](#)

**Terrence Miao** - Beer is the evidence that God loves us and wants us be happy. Oct 10, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 10, 2011

Tegra 3 (Kal-El) series Processor:

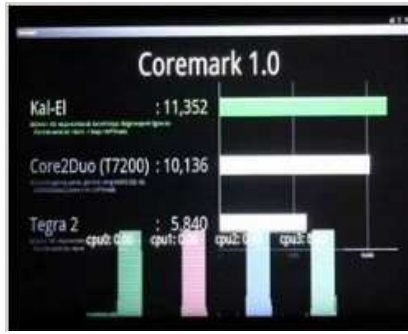
- Quad-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore, up to 1.5 GHz (fifth, low-power transistor 'Companion' core limited to 500 MHz)
- 12-Core Nvidia GPU with support for 3D stereo
- Ultra Low Power GPU mode
- 40 nm by TSMC
- Video output up to 2560x1600
- NEON instruction sets from ARM
- 1080p H.264 High Profile video decode

The Kal-El chip (CPU and GPU) is to be about 5 times faster than Tegra 2. It's faster than your desktop CPU like Intel Core2Duo (T7200).

**Estimated release date is now to be Q4 2011 for tablets and Q1 2012 for smartphones.**

Good time is still ahead us. Buy more shares!





[Tegra Roadmap](#)

[Revealed: Next Chip to be World's First Quad-Core Mobile Processor](#) [NVIDIA releases Kal-EI white papers, announces a fifth Companion core for less demanding tasks](#)

**Casper Casper** - I'm pretty sure that's *not* faster than either of my desktops ;) still pretty damn cool though Oct 10, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Hah! Speak for yourself Casper! Anyways I've finally decided into replace my old Pentium 4 workhorse. Need advice. Budget is 1k with Battlefield 3 in mind :D Need to pwn Deano >:D Oct 10, 2011

**Casper Casper** - don't buy a mac ;). On the cheap? then build it yourself from CPL or MSY or something similar. Oct 10, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - You can't ask Dr. Deano for advice on life support ... Oct 10, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Definitely go to MSY and do a DIY. Oct 10, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Buy a latest used MacBook Pro on eBay. Make sure it has genuine Apple RAM, or cheaper RAM from Transcend or Kingston. Make sure it's still in warranty.

Over-clock the CPU.

<http://www.zdnet.de/magazin/39192217/exclusive-zdnet-overclocking-tool-enhances-performance-of-mac-pro.htm>

So you don't need to pay the overpaid premium to Apple, but still have a quite faster MacBook Pro. Oct 10, 2011

**Casper Casper** - mac's don't play (almost any) games terrence ;) and laptops don't do gaming on the cheap. Oct 10, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - MOST MacBook Pro has better spec than PC laptop. Dual boot let you back to Windows when Battlefield 3 only supports PC and Xbox.

No matter it's Windows or Mac OS X, the fundamental things won't change - Latest used MBP, genuine high quality RAM, and over-clocked ... Oct 10, 2011

**Dean Budd** - [Mike Nguyen](#) You're not going to be able to own me for \$1k... *hahaha*

Personally, I'm going with prefabricated Scorptech system this time round.

My time with thermal paste is over... Oct 10, 2011

**Dean Budd** - [Terrence Miao](#) I would never buy a laptop for gaming... made that mistake *once*. Oct 10, 2011

**Casper Casper** - no one uses laptops for gaming. (except maybe some kind of alienware specialty), MBP doesn't even come close to a gaming rig terrence. Oct 10, 2011

**Casper Casper** - it can be worth getting CPL/MSY to actually do the building, but I'd still choose my own components. Oct 10, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - I had my bad experience with CPL. MSY was more helpful. Even when they could have made a meal out of me. The sales guy even assisted me in some of the diagnoses. Oct 10, 2011

**Casper Casper** - as in, customer service? yeah CPL don't do that thing ;) Oct 10, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Sale of refurbished MacBook Pro from Apple - [http://store.apple.com/au/browse/home/specialdeals/mac/macbook\\_pro/13](http://store.apple.com/au/browse/home/specialdeals/mac/macbook_pro/13) Oct 10, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Hm... Prices too close to MacBook Air, which is apparently **fast** in its current iteration. Oct 11, 2011

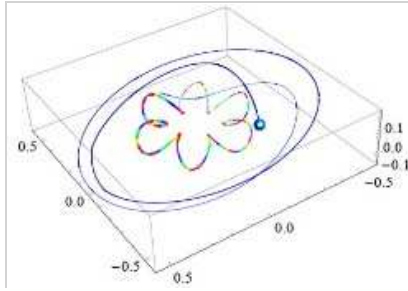




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Oct 10, 2011

This time this "scientific" claim is from Russia.



[inside a supermassive black hole, claims Russian cosmologist Vyacheslav Dokuchaev](#)

[Life could exist](#)

Dean Budd - ...or the most **dense** *hahaha*

See what I did with that? Oct 10, 2011



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Oct 9, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 8, 2011

World's First Floating Golf Course Set to Break Water in the Maldives



[Maldives plans 18-hole floating golf course \(Wired UK\)](#)



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Oct 7, 2011

Inside Apple I





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public  
by Diana Walkers

Oct 7, 2011



[Steve Jobs Photos: Apple CEO in a Private Light | LightBox |](#)

[TIME.com](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 7, 2011

在有关乔布斯传奇的帖子中，人气最高的一条来自学者吴稼祥，他写道：“苹果是树上的一枚果实，它的枝条是思想和创造自由，它的根系是宪政民主。专制国家可以有巨大集体工程，但绝不会诞生科技巨匠。”对此，易凯资本有限公司创始人王冉补充道：“它的树干是承认知识产权价值的法治社会。”



[网民讨论：中国为什么出不了乔布斯？\\_中国实时报\\_华尔街日报](#)

[wsj.com](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 7, 2011

The Colbert Report - Tribute to Steve Jobs

The BEST tribute I even have seen so far to Steve Jobs!



[TechCrunch | Stephen Colbert Drops The Sarcasm In His Steve Jobs](#)

[Homage](#)



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Oct 7, 2011

The Classic Story of the Pig and Chicken



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Oct 7, 2011

Choosing an iPhone or an Android phone like choosing the religion, catholic or protestant, depends on the view of sexuality and reproduction.

To engineers, it likes a question asking you whether you have the principle - want to be a producer or want to be a consumer?



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Oct 7, 2011

In Chinese saying, there is a phrase to describe people who has extraordinary talent but die at young age - **天妒英才**. Translated into English that mean heaven is jealous of heroic genius, or even envied by God.

Two great human beings can be described as **天妒英才**, Mozart and Steve Jobs.



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 7, 2011

The little millimeter-sized glowing light that appears on every MacBook Laptop. The light, known as a sleep indicator, glows when the laptop is closed, or sleeping. Competing laptops have this feature too, but Apple's is different.

**The Mac sleep indicator is timed to glow at the average breathing rate of an adult: 12 breaths per minute.**

If someone could put excellency on the every end of the detail, Deano and Casper, I reckon that is a good excuse and a good time to buy a MacBook Pro ...



[Steve Jobs: Designer](#)

[First, C.E.O. Second](#)

**Casper Casper** - a blinking light is not enough to convince me ;) Oct 9, 2011

**Dean Budd** - LOL! Oct 9, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Don't get me started in that blinking light. From a usability perspective it is a bad implementation. It doesn't blink on/off, it **fades** in-out. That means that what should be a split second of paranoia, as you're waiting to see the light activity and know your machine is sound asleep (and you can chuck it in your bag) is extended to 1-2sec while you're waiting for his glowing highness to shine.

wtf!

Much like the even more retarded ideas to not include an HD activity LED, for which I have to software to show me when the machine is thrashing.

w.t.f!!!!

And lets not even speak of the glossy screen that comes as default!

W.T.F.!!! Oct 9, 2011

**Casper Casper** - lol! Oct 9, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Double LOL! Oct 9, 2011

**Dean Budd** - You can get a matt screen though yeah? Whoever came up with this glossy screen idea needs to be *<insert favourite macabre death here>* Oct 9, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Yeah, you can get a matte screen, but (a) they charge you extra, and (b) they make it so the machine looks a lot less sexy (the black frame is replaced by aluminum).

I really have NO idea why this glossy business ever took off, it's such a huge step back in ergonomics. Oct 9, 2011

**Dean Budd** - +1 that! Oct 9, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - but I guess no one can argue against the fact that that an LED light on the CAPS LOCK KEY IS REALLY NEAT IDEA!!! ;-) Oct 9, 2011



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Oct 6, 2011



[The Top Ten Lessons Steve Jobs Taught Us - Forbes](#)



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Oct 6, 2011

I envision and use Google Buzz as my closest bookmarks.

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Oct 6, 2011

The first ever Apple - Apple I



Dean Budd - Really? Oct 6, 2011

Alex Megremis - Mmmmmm... A good dose of retro and steam punk. Niiiiiice :) Oct 6, 2011

Dean Budd - Imagine coding on that for 8 hours a day! *hahaha* Oct 6, 2011

Alex Megremis - I can imagine running the starship Nostromo off one of these puppies! Oct 6, 2011

Terrence Miao - Original Apple I Computer Up for Auction, Starting at \$160,000 - <http://www.geekosystem.com/apple-i-auction/>

Never never underestimate the value of the "old crap". Oct 6, 2011

Dean Budd - *lol* Oct 6, 2011

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Oct 6, 2011

Mr. Jobs described his philosophy as trying to make products that were at **"the intersection of art and technology."**



[Jobs Is Dead](#)

[Apple's Steve](#)

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Oct 5, 2011

R.I.P.

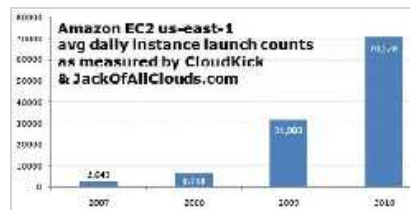




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Oct 5, 2011

The peak request rate for S3 is now in excess of 200,000 requests per second.



[Amazon S3 Cloud](#)

[Stores 262 Billion Objects](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Oct 5, 2011

These leaked shoots show that orders for Amazon's Android-based tablet are racking up at an average rate of over 2,000 units per hour, or over 50,000 per day.



[Leaked Sales Numbers Suggest Amazon Kindle Fire On Track To Outsell iPad \[Exclusive\] | Cult of Android](#)

[Leaked Sales Numbers Suggest Amazon Kindle Fire On Track To](#)



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Oct 5, 2011

"I'm truly saddened to learn of Steve Jobs' death. Melinda and I extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends, and to everyone Steve has touched through his work.

Steve and I first met nearly 30 years ago, and have been colleagues, competitors and friends over the course of more than half our lives.

The world rarely sees someone who has had the profound impact Steve has had, the effects of which will be felt for many generations to come.

For those of us lucky enough to get to work with him, it's been an insanely great honor. I will miss Steve immensely."

-- Bill Gates



[Steve Jobs](#)



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Oct 5, 2011

"Steve Jobs is the most successful CEO in the U.S. of the last 25 years. He uniquely **combined an artist's touch and an engineer's vision** to build an extraordinary company, one of the greatest American leaders in history."

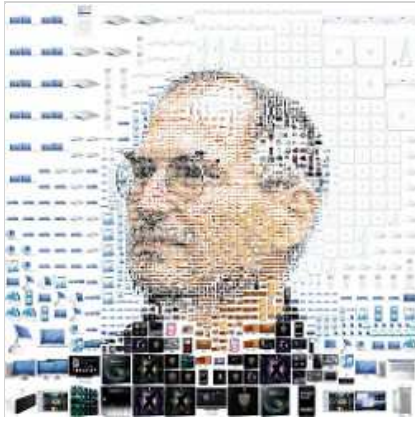
-- Eric Schmidt





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R.I.P.

Oct 5, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public  
Wall St. is not only "Too Big to Fail" but also "Too Big to Jail".

Oct 5, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public  
Android vs. Apple

Oct 5, 2011



[Android vs Apple](#)

[HD Desktop Wallpapers for Android Fans](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Wonder if Lucasarts will start filing lawsuits anytime soon? :P Oct 5, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Lucas? Try Apple. :)

(and Google...) Oct 5, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - They'll take a break from going at each other and all pounce on this guy. :) Oct 5, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 4, 2011

'S' stickers are selling for \$0.99 on internet so iPhone 4 owners could have the cheapest upgrade to the latest iPhone 4S.

**Mike Nguyen** - Yeah, but can you order it to fetch you a pizza though? Although I'm kinda disappointed that Samsung won't feel the need to cut the Galaxy 2 price :( Most likely the 3 will be postponed. Oct 4, 2011





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 3, 2011

Oracle will offer its own NoSQL solution for enterprise.

Is it a kiss of angel, or death?



[Oracle Defies Self With 'NoSQL' Database | Wired](#)

[Enterprise | Wired.com](#)

**Oleg Kiorsak** - it's a fad! ;-)) Oct 3, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - F.U.D? Oct 3, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - no, I mean because it's trendy to talk about "nosql"... Oracle feels obliged to follow suit (the way they see it from their corporate angle)... same thing was with "open source", "social tools in Enterprise" many other "fashionable" items...

in certain circles and certain level imitation of competency is just as sufficient as a real thing... so I don't think Oracle has any strategic ideas here...

I think Oracle sees it as part of their corporate role to provide a comforting feeling to the executive level dudes that they are "up to date" with all the modern trends etc...

I don't think Oracle SQL DBMS is in any danger at all... ;-)) Oct 3, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Good point Oleg! Oct 3, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 3, 2011

How can things get so out of hand and are the banks doing enough to manage the risk?

['Buck stops with boards' on rogue trading - Inside Business - ABC](#)

**Terrence Miao** - I agree there is NO way you can go back to MANUALLY cross checking.

I reckon last word of Neal Woolrich made the final verdict:

**Rogue trading has been happening for centuries and likely to continue frightening banks and their stakeholders from time to time no matter what safeguards are put in place.**

Do bank shareholders have the solution against fraud happen, except suing the banks?

BTW, remember after NAB debacle in 2004 which caused the bank \$360 million in foreign exchange losses, NAB still still fighting to get come back. The market value of NAB dropped from No.1 in the big four banks to No.4 since. Oct 3, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - "BRUCE AUTY: It's not systems and processes that go rogue or go bad, it's people."

Well duh. Computers don't suffer from greed, fear and all those other pesky emotions. Oct 3, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - -1 transcript fail. Oct 4, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 1, 2011

**Do gay people have feelings?**

Julia Gillard says no to gay couples marriage is due to her conservative upbringing.

**Yes, Prime Minister. They do. They hate you.**

**Mike Nguyen** - Coming out of the closet? Oct 2, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Oct 1, 2011

The moral of the story: **whatever you do, don't do your job too well.**



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 30, 2011

**Life is about choices, but not about being consumed with the debt wheel, and affluenza Australian diet.**

**Terrence Miao** - General Melchett: Crevice isn't a dirty word, Blackadder. Debt is a dirty word, but crevice isn't.  
Oct 1, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 29, 2011

Blaming rogue hormones for the latest UBS trading fraud debacle.

To reduce the financial havoc these hormones might wreak could be for trading desks to hire more women. Women have about 10% as much testosterone as men, making them less prone to irrational exuberance. Competitive situations do not activate women's cortisol response with such intensity, so market mayhem is less likely to impair their judgment.

Call it a hormonal-diversification strategy.



[Rogue hormones](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 29, 2011

You don't need Agile course, YOW! Conference or Spring boot camp. You need exercise to enlarge your brain

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[How Physical](#)

[Exercise Can Strengthen Your Brain](#) [Top 10 Tips and Tricks to Train, Exercise, and Better Your Brain](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 29, 2011

E-2D Advanced Hawkeye command and control aircraft was launched using the a new catapult system - The Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, known as EMALS, is set to replace the steam catapult systems that have been used to launch planes from aircraft carriers for over 50 years.



[VIDEO: Navy Tests Aircraft Launch System at Joint Base](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 29, 2011

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence



[After Report on](#)

[Speed, a Rush of Scrutiny](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 29, 2011

New Google Android phone - **Nexus Prime** announced on Oct 11th. A dual-core processor, a large 4.5" screen and 4G capabilities and will run Ice Cream Sandwich.



[Google to take on Apple iPhone with launch of new Samsung Nexus](#)

[Prime - Telegraph](#)



**Unlike the other mayoral candidates and politicians, Marko has a strong character, doesn't steal, doesn't lie, and gets the work done.**



Amazon also announces a "revolutionary" web browser - Amazon Silk runs on cloud along with Kindle Fire.



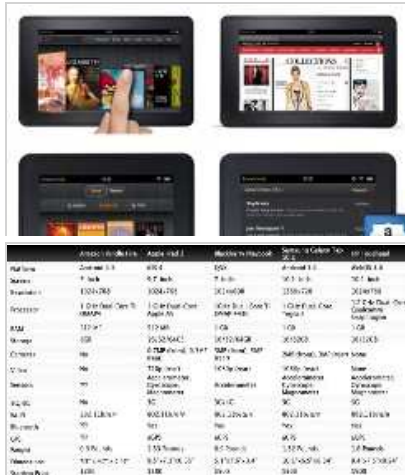
[Browser Amazon Silk—Amazon's Revolutionary Cloud-Accelerated Web Browser](#) [Amazon Silk browser revealed](#)  
- SlashGear



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 28, 2011

That's why you need a 7" tablet read ebooks and 10" one for presentation. Introducing a killer Amazon Kindle Fire ..., with US\$200 tag.



| Kindle Fire  | Kindle Fire HD          | Kindle Fire HDX         | Kindle Fire HDX         | Kindle Fire HDX         |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Model        | Kindle Fire             | Kindle Fire HD          | Kindle Fire HDX         | Kindle Fire HDX         |
| Screen       | 7" (178mm)              | 10.1" (257mm)           | 10.1" (257mm)           | 10.1" (257mm)           |
| Resolution   | 1280 x 800              | 1920 x 1200             | 1920 x 1200             | 1920 x 1200             |
| Processor    | 1.2 GHz Quad-Core ARMv7 | 1.5 GHz Quad-Core ARMv7 | 1.5 GHz Quad-Core ARMv7 | 1.5 GHz Quad-Core ARMv7 |
| RAM          | 1 GB                    | 2 GB                    | 2 GB                    | 2 GB                    |
| Storage      | 16 GB                   | 16 GB                   | 16 GB                   | 16 GB                   |
| OS           | Android 4.0             | Android 4.0             | Android 4.0             | Android 4.0             |
| Camera       | 0.3 MP                  | 0.3 MP                  | 0.3 MP                  | 0.3 MP                  |
| Connectivity | Wi-Fi, Bluetooth        | Wi-Fi, Bluetooth        | Wi-Fi, Bluetooth        | Wi-Fi, Bluetooth        |
| Weight       | 150g                    | 250g                    | 250g                    | 250g                    |
| Dimensions   | 190 x 120 x 10 mm       | 250 x 160 x 10 mm       | 250 x 160 x 10 mm       | 250 x 160 x 10 mm       |
| Price        | \$199                   | \$299                   | \$299                   | \$299                   |

[Amazon Kindle Fire](#)

[Hands-On: A Killer 7-Inch Android Tablet | Gizmodo Australia](#) [Kindle Fire - Full Color Kindle with 7" Multi-Touch Display, Wi-Fi](#)

**Terrence Miao** - Yeah, the price tag is teasing every part of my bones :-D

Good on you Aussie Dollars, reach to US\$1.50 on Xmas please ... Sep 28, 2011

**Casper Casper** - I reckon the \$79 e-ink kindle is more interesting ;) I've already got a dual core 4.3" phone :D

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0051QVESA/ref=famstripe\\_k](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0051QVESA/ref=famstripe_k) Sep 28, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Nice. I'm more swayed by the \$79 e-ink kindle instead. And oh yes.. reach \$1.50 by Chrissy pls :D Sep 28, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I would be tempted to pay another \$30 to get no ads... Sep 28, 2011

**Casper Casper** - The ads are only on the lock screen. I would actually prefer random ads to the current lock screen (random authors). I'm sick of people thinking I'm reading Jane Austin :P Sep 28, 2011

**Dean Budd** - LOL! Especially when you've already read all her books!

That's odd... my mates Kindle displays all sorts of wicked art... not authors. Sep 28, 2011

**Casper Casper** - damn, it must just be on the second gen kindles. I tried to add pics to it, to use instead; but it just cycles through 10 or so "classic" authors. Sep 28, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Amazon Will Lose \$50 For Every Kindle Fire Sold, Says Analyst Gene Munster of Piper Jaffray.

"Making a loss but win the big market share". Same strategy used by Microsoft on Xbox. Losing money on hardware, but making profit on games sale.

Is it a good for consumers? Is it a sucking hole you should jump in? Or wait for till an Android Mod for Kindle fire released?

<http://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-losing-money-on-the-kindle-fire-2011-9> Sep 28, 2011

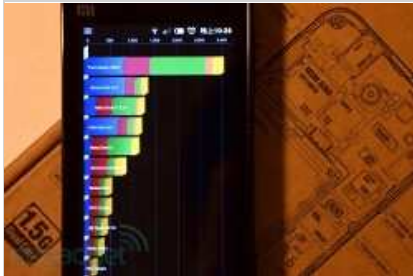




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Sep 28, 2011

An Android mobile phone made in China, with 1.5GHz dual-core Qualcomm MSM8260 SoC (note that this isn't just an overclocked 1.2GHz chip), 1GB RAM, 4GB ROM, eight megapixel camera and the usual wireless bundle including WiFi, Bluetooth and GPS (plus the rare GLONASS), a tradeoff somewhere for that tempting price of ¥1,999 (\$310) ...



[Xiaomi Phone](#)

[review](#)



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Sep 28, 2011

@\*\*\*\*\* Here is Warren Buffett's long bet vs. Hedge fund of fund.



[» The Warren Buffett-hedge fund bet tightens - Long Views: The Long](#)

[Now Blog](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 27, 2011

Facebook Timeline - a stalker's paradise ...



[Every click you make. Facebook tracker will be watching you](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - People using Facebook worrying about privacy is somewhat an irony IMO. Most people on there are there for attention. Sep 28, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - That is a gross generalization.

They might be there for attention, but, if so, it's likely for attention **from their own crowd** . Sep 28, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Phhhtt.. attention wh0r3 is always an attention wh0r3! Sep 28, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - That's your opinion, but it's not equate no privacy in any case. Sep 28, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Well it's amazing that people are concerned about their privacy when they're using a **free & public** domain service to socialise & share things. Are they really that naive? Especially when the service makes no attempt to hide the fact that their business is to advertise? Sep 28, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - That's a very cynical approach.

You can assume they're trying to screw you over all you want. I'd rather get pissed, make noise, and set them straight. That's how all changes to FB have happened.

Plus, people don't use FB because they're stupid, or naive, or masochistic, Mike. They use it because there's nothing else.



G+ may be the nerd's fav right now, but it's a drop in FB's ocean for the average Joe.

That doesn't mean that the average Joe should just grease up and bend over for them. It means that the average Joe makes every effort to keep FB straight and true. Sep 28, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Most Generation Y people I know are on Facebook to get attention from whoever they can and will "friend" people they've never even met before! Sep 28, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - "Facebook does not track users across the web," - A Facebook spokesperson on September 25, 2011

"Generally, unlike other major Internet companies, we have no interest in tracking people." - Facebook employee on September 25, 2011

In reality:

"A method is described for tracking information about the activities of users of a social networking system while on another domain." - Facebook Patent application dated September 22, 2011

Whoops, Facebook **BRUTAL DISHONESTY** is due to communication problems ... Oct 4, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Ok - who here has an active FB account, and which of you are closing it down because of this? :) Oct 4, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - I am wondering if I shouldn't perhaps set up site dedicated vm/browser combos. Ie: one for my banking only, one for work email, one for twitter, one for anonymous browsing, and of course one for facebook... Oct 4, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Martin, have already done that. IE for work (for those have to applications). Firefox is my workhorse & Chrome is for the serious-businesses :D Oct 4, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - Ah: but I was thinking adding to the separation by putting them each inside their own virtualbox vm: especially the banking one :-)

**Mike Nguyen** - Ok that's just tin foiled paranoia there! So.. which distro will you be running? :D Oct 4, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Martin you could just use the Private Browsing mode of FF, or get a Tor dist (which boots up it's own version of FF). Oct 4, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Private mode will do... Separate FFX profiles will do... Different browsers entirely will do...

There are options, if you could be bothered. Oct 4, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Yeah, but, why should we have to? Oct 4, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Because FB wants your life. Oct 4, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I've "deactivated" my Facebook account... but they make it very hard to close it. One accidental click on one of the "We've noticed you haven't been on Facebook lately" emails and whammo, you're back on! Oct 4, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Is it supposed to be 2w of inactivity on a deactivated account and they "delete" it? Oct 4, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Yeah... 2 weeks. But in the meantime you suddenly get bombarded with emails.. :) One wayward click and you have to "deactivate" again. Oct 4, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Navigating the minefield 'ey. Just like 'nam ;) Oct 4, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - More like "Juuuust like Viet-f\*\*kin-naaaaam!"

:) Oct 4, 2011

**Dean Budd** - "I love the smell of Cookies in the morning!" Oct 4, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 27, 2011

The new iPhone features Apple's dual-core A5 processor like the iPad 2 for even faster performance, better gaming, and drastically improved graphics. Apple didn't stop there though. Unlike the iPad 2, the new iPhone packs 1GB of RAM, according to a source familiar with the SOC's manufacturing.



[9to5Mac | Apple Intelligence](#)

[The new iPhone...](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz -

Sep 26, 2011

We are negotiating over how to share a pizza while you continue to eat it.

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 26, 2011

terrence.miao@chimpanzee ~

11:21:23 4 \$ uptime

11:21 up 23 days, 4:59, 2 users, load averages: 0.24 0.20 0.32

After 23 days, 4 hours and 49 minutes abuse, finally I reach to the point to reboot Macbook Pro. Though I still can keep using it for another few days, memory fragments get application load and run slowly, some applications are not working, don't know.

Apple finally has a stable and reliable product - MacBook Pro you can trust, though it's a good job of BSD on OS, smart switching to Intel processor, a more conventional hardware design, not like the original outrageous, courageous iMac series - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/iMac>. Look them, like animals from another planet!

Anyway, MacBook Pro is not a bad choice for work, and can be very productivity, but don't expect too much. It's not designed for over-clocking and hacking.

It's fair to pay the premium if hardware and accessories are more rock solid reliable, and with a longer 3 years warranty. I won't recommend it to anyone, unless you have deep pocket and time to learn a different mindset.



[iMac - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/iMac)

Alex Megremis - I find the OS itself to be the only long term memory hog.

That said, if you have 8GB, consider disabling the pagefile completely. As long as you monitor your memory use, you'll always have maximum performance. It works very well this way until you get near the 7GB used mark, at which point it starts dropping its file caching and gets annoying.

*Caveat emptor* : unlike Windows, where an application will just crash, if you run out of RAM here the whole UI just lock up. At that point, you either try to SSH into your machine, or your reboot it. Sep 26, 2011

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Sep 26, 2011

Rolling off the 3D printing press... the world's first 'printed' car

Jeremy Clarkson should try out this new revolutionary car.



[world's first 'printed' car rolling off the 3D printing presses...](#) [Urbee: The 3D Printed Car - Fabbaloo Blog - Fabbaloo](#)

[Urbee: The](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 26, 2011

Samsung has sold 10 million Galaxy S II smartphones worldwide in five months till today.

Look how cute they are.

I mean the girls ...



**Alex Megremis** - No wonder Apple are pulling all the stops trying to stop them. Sep 26, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Apple would have a picture of a couple of pimply nerds holding *their* phone *hahaha* Sep 26, 2011

**Dean Budd** - In "cool" blue t-shirts of course! Sep 26, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - **shudder** Sep 26, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Aye & look how many other Galaxy spinoffs Samsung have been churning out (8"). So many that even Apple legal dept is falling behind! Sep 28, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 26, 2011

Door to open for gold diggers ...

[Australia's first physical bullion Exchange to open next month - Australian Bullion Exchange](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 25, 2011

Micro Cloud Foundry is a complete version of Cloud Foundry that runs in a virtual machine on a developer's Mac or PC. It is a full instance of Cloud Foundry that provides the flexibility of local development while preserving your options for future deployment and scaling of your applications.

Micro Cloud Foundry supports Java on Spring, Ruby on Rails/Sinatra and Node.JS frameworks as well as MySQL, MongoDB and Redis application services.

[Cloud Foundry](#) -

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 24, 2011

**Leave the beautiful women to men with no imagination.**

情人眼里出西施.

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 22, 2011

**Men and women are wired differently. When it comes to money, men are more prone to risk taking, whereas women are more value security.**

**Alex Megremis** - Meh... I don't think this particular idea has much truth to it.

I would imagine these behaviors align more with age than with gender. The younger your are, the more reckless (or plain dumb). Sep 22, 2011

**Casper Casper** - agreed, I've heard many times that generally, the variations within each sex, are greater than between the average of each sex. Sep 22, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - although (probably) not (!) related, such comparisons remind me of this old but good one:  
<http://www.gdargaud.net/Humor/Pics/EngineersView.jpg>

from  
<http://www.gdargaud.net/Humor/Engineer.html> Sep 23, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - @Oleg, we should have a beer. I was going to find the EXACTLY SAME photo to teach Alex a lesson about Engineering in man and woman, but you got at first! That photo tells ALL! <hahaha /> Sep 23, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - @Terry - sorry, mate, your sexist view regarding money habits is defunct (arguably never having been anything more than vapor).

As for that joke about women being more complicated than men... You underestimate men. Sep 23, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I dunno... I've seen some pretty risky hand-bag purchases in my time. Other than that I think you're right on the money! hahaha Sep 24, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - [Dean Budd](#) Deano, you know better about women just like our beloved first bloke Tim Mathieson, a **happy handbag holder** to Prime Minister Julia Gillard. Sep 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - hahaha Sep 24, 2011

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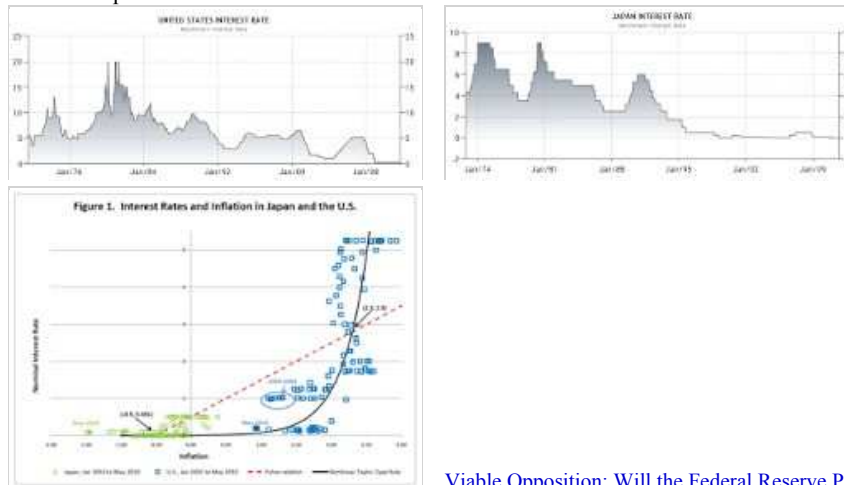
**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 21, 2011

“Of course, we can hope that we do not encounter such shocks (i.e. deflation), and that further recovery turns out to be robust but hope is not a strategy. The U.S. is closer to a Japanese-style outcome today than at any time in recent history.”

-- James Bullard, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Welcome Operation Twist!



[Viable Opposition: Will the Federal Reserve Policy Create A Lost Decade for America?](#)  
[Viable Opposition - Canadian and Prince Edward Island Political Commentary](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 20, 2011

Welcome Google Wallet - empty your wallet, make your phone wallet. It's officially released today. It's the biggest revolution since the invention of the credit cards and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs)



[Google Wallet: How it Works](#)

**Dean Budd** - The S2 has NFC but apparently has been disabled in Aussie... =( Sep 22, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Aussies are second class citizen in tech world, except on pirates of the Oceania.

Anyway, NFC is the awesome solution for payment. It's as quick and as convenient as pay by your credit card. With smartphone, you can do more things than a smartcard. Sep 22, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Bah, who wants another way for big brother to trace what you're doing. Cash is where it's at ;) Sep 23, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - K, you sound more like a, ... hmmm, better I should report you to big brother now <hahaha /> Sep 24, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 19, 2011

Home prices will halve over the next few years, says the only forecaster to have predicted both the record sharemarket run to 2007 as well as the subsequent GFC. And that was in 1993.



More recently, he also predicted the property collapse in the US, selling his Florida home at the peak in 2005 and renting ever since.

He's predicting a second big drop in the US and Australia's first, which, in four years, could turn McMansions into ghost houses.

The chief economist at AMP Capital Investors, Shane Oliver, says prices are "way overvalued", though not in a bubble. They need to correct by about 25 per cent but there are alternatives to a crash, such as a slow meltdown - or should that be a fast cool down? - **or no movement for years as inflation, like termites, wrecks the foundations.**



[Deflating](#)

[speculation on the property bubble](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Maybe the fringe cities. But for major cities like Melb & Sydney - maybe 20% tops (and that's subjective to location). Australians are too locked into property investment. Plus we're still getting high influx of migrants (legal or not illegal). Sep 19, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - Occupancy rate in Melbourne is at a historic low (1971 it was 3.31, in 2006 2.6, and now around 2.3 [from memory] )

Quoting: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real\\_estate\\_bubble](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_estate_bubble) "A low occupancy rate means that the market is in a state of oversupply brought about by speculative construction and purchase. In this context, supply-and-demand numbers can be misleading: sales demand exceeds supply, but rent demand does not"

(there is a thought provoking graph on this page showing house affordability in Melbourne as well...)

In 2006 there were more than 1.3million empty bedrooms in Melbourne

(<http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/featurearticlesbyReleaseDate/5C1E6ED77AE24BD2CA257784001D7A49?OpenDocument>). That number obviously has grown.

I wouldn't bank on migrants saving the property market. Sep 19, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - There are some cases where the overseas owners are happy to have the property vacant (see money laundering).

Probably obvious but outer suburbs will suffer the most while inner city areas will probably just feel the tremor - if not affected at all.

Well I've given up the days of living 10-15 mins from the city. Sep 19, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - 1. IMHO, it is the overpriced inner and "great location" suburbs that will drop the most - because prices there do not reflect the value of living under a roof, but are a result of property been used as speculative instrument - "blue chips"

2. We been waiting for "adjustment/de-bubble" since 2001 to enter the market, waited through "GFC" (quite stupidly as the effect here in AU was the opposite) - and I always been saying that the moment when we will buys something that will be the turning point market will start going down... well we did buy a townhouse this June.. ;) but I am not worried too much - we did not buy for speculative reasons in an assumption of market ever going up (as 99.999% of "normal" Australians did all these years.. and so far at least they been proven right and we were proven wrong...)

3. Demand for rent far exceeds the supply - been kicked out the rent we considered renting again rather than buying, but advertised rental properties disappear faster than you can call the agency to organize an inspection (!!)

4. The Government will again come up with some scam to keep the prices up - as majority of Australians are over-invested in real estate as their primary idea of building wealth there will be too many pissed off "masses", so unless the Government is willing to deliberately let some sort of "revolution" start, they will do something to keep the real estate "value" up... (as they did during "GFC")

just 2 cents from someone leaving in a house hunting nightmare for last 1.5 years  
(thankfully not anymore! :)) Sep 20, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Thanks a lot Marty. Great reference! Rolling my eyes after read these shocked data. Sep 20, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - Yeah: all the evidence points to the house prices being unsustainably high. And they seem stuck there. So much so that I am starting to consider Oleg's theory about vested interests keeping the prices up to be a good one :-)  
But somewhere the dam wall has to burst, doesn't it? And when it does, there will be tears. I just hope their not mine :-)

Sep 20, 2011



**Mike Nguyen** - Problem is we're not like the US or other countries. We're unique in that realistically, there's only 2 major cities. While Brisbane and the other minor cities will feel the burst. I think Melb & Syd will feel the disruption, but house prices won't drop dramatically - 15-20% tops. Sep 20, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - @Oleg

1. I read an article about who bought property over \$2m during boom period after GFC will suffer the most. Unfortunately, one friend's friend did exactly the same, bought a \$2m investment property in Melbourne in 2010, based on the "facts" that the short supply of property stock and keep coming new migrants. The guy is a teacher in Uni, but I don't know how his income can cover the shortage of the renting income.

2. I always have this conspiracy theory that Australia government keep the annual inflation around 3% in order to keep a positive GDP growth. Sep 20, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - 1. I do agree *this* \$2m kind of property is likely to drop in price... big times...

hm... I am an immigrant as well... but after 11 years in successful (!!!) IT career here, still not even looking at \$2m houses... (not even the "stock standard" \$1m ones)

the reasons *some* immigrants are now (or used up until recently) buying like crazy in "blue chip" areas is because they been seeing it as an investment and money-making opportunity and *those* type of immigrants are the entrepreneurial ones - i.e. ones who cleverly made some cash back home and now here they look for ways to multiply it... again these are "reckless" ("greedy") types been attracted/addicted to this game...

if the real estate market stops being a mechanism to make money, you will have mostly much poorer humble immigrants coming and buying in more "down end of the market" places like "Sunny Dandenong" (where I work and can see it all in action here ;)

2. IMHO, Australia is very unique in a sense that in overwhelming majority the folks here seem to sincerely trust and put a lot of faith in the Government (kinda like it was *meant* to be in theory with "Socialism" system ;-)  
so for the Government to allow the "dam wall to burst" it will mean a "new reality" for Australians, especially for the so called "middle class" something that never had place in their history...  
but this not to say it cannot happen - if reality is going to change to the worse on a global scale, then AU is unlikely to be the only "happy country" standing...

but then - there might be a bigger problems then just fallen real estate market... :(

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Russian (?) joke - translated:  
difference between a pessimist and an optimist...

a pessimist says (with a depressed voice and face):  
"things are so bad it can't get any worse..."

optimist (with a happy enthusiastic voice and grin on the face) replies:  
- NO, it CAN, it CAN!! :) Sep 20, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Yeah, that claim is a bit too optimistic.

In Japan, mortgagees who have been declaim dead their children will inherit their patents debt. Very reasonable in the Asian culture. Your debt can pass generation by generation, as same as your fortune and legacy :-< Sep 20, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - @James @Terrence I think it's different in different countries - I heard in UK in the 80s (or something like that) people were just handing over the keys from the house to the bank and walking away free of any debt... and I think in US it's the same system... (but not sure)... but yest in AU the debt is the amount you borrowed and you need to return it and not just the keys from the house... Sep 20, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - maybe in UK they changed after what happened in 80ss ? (banks "learned" ;) Sep 21, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Residents of Australia are liable for CGT on assets worldwide.

So if you have investment properties in NZ, UK, you have to pay capital gain tax when you sell them.

You own all the liabilities and pay all the tax. Fantastic system. Sep 25, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - I'm curious, though: if our property prices are trending down, how come there are more "million dollar" suburbs?  
<http://www.theage.com.au/business/property/count-them-in-40-suburbs-hit-magic-million-20111002-113zf.html> Oct 2, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Make sense J. If bankrupted Americans could walk away from the mortgage freely, they could make things even worse - like burning down the house and leaving the biggest damage bill to the bankers they hate.

In conclusion, banks never lose. If you are minnow, the danger been eaten by big fishes always there. Oct 2, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - 485 suburbs recorded in Melbourne - <http://www.melbourne-suburbs.com.au/> Only fourty millionaires suburbs you can't afford that's tiny number :-)

Anyway, interesting to see the number on Jun 30th next year. BTW, I don't think Real Estate agents published this data during GFC Mark I. Oct 2, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - While I feel bad for friends that have bought houses at current inflated prices, I'm loving this.

I've refused to even consider buying property, given the state the market was in, on general principle.

I look forward to a price crash. Also, hoping the next sentence isn't too ignorant, I strongly hope we see government step in with price regulation, once it all does come down. Oct 2, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Having previously lived in the Boroondara area (I was living with friends, one of whom owned the place), I can understand why the volume has dropped. Extremely expensive and the council are bastards. Oct 2, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Can't trust politicians who inflame with the fuel index and inflate with the bubbles.

Wayne Swan named world's best Treasurer 2011 by Euromoney magazine - <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/wayne-swan-named-worlds-best-treasurer-by-euromoney-magazine/story-fn59niix-1226142190437>. The only other Australian won this prestige award is no other than Paul Keating.

Through a crystal ball I can see a inflation dragon flying over our heads now ... Oct 2, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Don't forget the whole negative gearing issue, brought to you today by ... Oct 2, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Sounds like "Road to Hell, meet Good Intentions" Oct 2, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - However as I'm sure you're aware JG no government would get rid of negative gearing on property as the voter backlash would be huge. Maybe the current Labor government can do it now since their approval ratings are shot (tack it on the back of the carbon tax :p) Oct 3, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - *In July 1985 the Hawke/Keating government quarantined negative gearing interest expenses (on new transactions), so interest could only be claimed against rental income, not other income. (Any excess could be carried forward for use in later years.)*

*The result was a considerable dampening of investor enthusiasm; although the new capital gains tax introduced shortly afterwards (September 1985) may have contributed too. After intense lobbying by the property industry, which claimed that the changes to negative gearing had caused investment in rental accommodation to dry up and rents to rise, the government restored the old rules in September 1987, thereby once again permitting the deduction of interest and other rental property costs from other income sources.*

So many Australian are geared with negative gearing. This is one tax hardly rolled over. Oct 3, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 18, 2011

The fear mongers in the media, like the host of radio 2GB's Alan Jones, get a sense of power from scaring the shit out of ordinary people, which is quite entertaining, but you shouldn't take them too seriously.

University education has taught us the predictions of these so-called experts, and their dogsbodies, i.e. the hosts of "Still The One" radio, TV, and commenters in tabloid newspaper, are often neck and neck with dart-throwing monkeys ...

**Terrence Miao** - Alan Jones is just a general annoying figure should be lampooned, especially when he shamelessly exposed his arrogance and stupidity in public on climate change.

Great you have a living legend, especially a stupid one, in your daily life. Sep 19, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - You're forgetting his bigotry. Well I guess he will soon change his tune as someone buys his station. He's very easily bought. Sep 19, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 18, 2011

**Betting on the short term movement of prices creates nothing and adds no value. It's not sustainable, and it goes against the laws of nature.**

Even with A.I., even with computer power, even you are Goldman Sachs ...

[Goldman Sachs shuts hedge fund after hefty losses](#)

**Terrence Miao** - CDO, CFD and latest popular ETF all under the name of beneficence of liquidation. But they are all the double edged swords. Increasing the liquidity, but also increasing market risk and volatility.

Big hedge funds won't die, the final victims are those innocent small investors. Human beings are living on hope. Delivering hope is more important than delivering. That's how financial market works :-)

The Efficient Market maybe is still a hypothesis I reckon. Otherwise there won't be fraud, inside trading. market manipulation happen again and again ... Sep 19, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 18, 2011

幸福是一个人的时候，内心也会平静。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 18, 2011

**Natural selection has done a pretty tasty job already**

You may drink a lot beer. But there is something people don't know about the beer.

In the 15th century, German already known how to brew lager beer. The difference between lagers and more traditional ales lies in the yeast. Ales are made with baker's yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Lagers use a hybrid, half *cerevisiae* and half something else. The interloper, though, has never been found — until now.



[Heady discoveries](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 17, 2011

**Champagne, girls and an obsession for making money.** The man who blown \$2bn for UBS.

History repeats itself because the human beings never learn ...





[Kweku Adoboli:](#)

[Swiss bank UBS unaware until he blew the whistle on HIMSELF](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Silvio Berlusconi proved otherwise :D Sep 18, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 15, 2011

Wish list in Google+ basket:

1. Stream can have multiple channels.

A few big mouths in my circles feed their Google+ stream every minute. My other buddies "important" feeds inundated into nowhere.

Listen, get multiple stream channels on Mr. Larry Page!

2. Search feature on stream.

Don't understand why Search giant doesn't have a search feature in Google+ that let people search their and people in their circles stream. All my valuable stream pips like down to the drain after posted, so you can't find them a few months later. So I still reluctant using Google+ instead of Buzz. If one day, you could sell your Goggle stream like selling your children for medical experimental, you could lost a lot unclaimed money to Google.

Listen, get search feature on Mr. Larry Page!





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 15, 2011

RCS is not about branching, but about merging.

This is the most intuitive article I have read about the daunting merge task in Git.

[Pulling and merging with git](#)

**Dean Budd** - I always ask the same question... why is everyone doing so much merging? It sounds like you're certainly **not** doing *Continuous Integration*

Even on a large project the only time we merge is when we merge hot fixes from the branch (which represents production code) back onto the trunk Sep 15, 2011

**Dean Budd** - PS. *Feature Branches* are a different story and can be handled much more elegantly than using VCS branching i.e with *Feature Toggles* Sep 15, 2011

**Casper Casper** - This is exactly the same sequence as in perforce :) Sep 15, 2011

**Casper Casper** - Dean - this kind of merging wouldn't be required as often with non-distributed RCSs, but with distributed ones, every workspace is a 'branch'. So I'm guessing there's more merging required than otherwise. Sep 15, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Good point Mr. Null. In addition, Git does the "SAME" sequence in a fast, smart and distributed way.

Deano, you are just not squatting in the same bunker as me :-D Sep 15, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Gotcha... so sorta back to my point... *Continuous Integration* becomes *Delayed Integration* I think this is my biggest gripe with this whole distributed thing. The feedback loop has just got a whole lot bigger... Sep 15, 2011

**Casper Casper** - It all depends on how you use it. I would like to have a local repos, so that I could do multiple revisions in a day's work. The kind of small improvements that you don't want to commit on the main branch. Currently I use perforce's "shelve" feature, but that's just a single backup. If you treat your local repos as an actual "branch", you're right in that you'll completely miss the benefit of CI! Sep 15, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - We use Hg mainly now, and CC made a good point about each workspace being a "branch" so there is some merging overhead. However what we've found is that if you go for > a half day without pulling down the "trunk" and merging/rebasing it becomes a nightmare because of all the changesets involved. It certainly makes me merge often (and I rebuild/test). So we're doing CI all the time which is a positive thing. Sep 19, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 15, 2011

Google is working on a Flipboard competitor for both Android and iPad. My source says that the versions he's seen so far are mind-blowing good ...

□ [Robert Scoble - Google+ - Two different approaches to "social magazines" - which one...](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 15, 2011

**Chicken or egg, which came first?**

A chicken and an egg are lying in bed.

The chicken is leaning against the headboard smoking a cigarette, with a satisfied smile on its face.

The egg, looking a bit pi\*\*ed off, grabs the sheet, rolls over, and says,

**"Well, I guess we finally answered THAT question."**



[Chicken and egg question answered](#)

**Dean Budd** - HAHAHAHA! Sep 15, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 13, 2011



[wishing trees studded with coins that can take illness away from the sick.](#)

[Mystery of the](#)

Mike Nguyen - - - links to a British tabloid newspaper. Sort of is NSFW for some of us :( Sep 14, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 12, 2011

"Lies, damned lies, and statistics"



[Housing shortage a myth, bears claim](#)

Mike Nguyen - Yeah but nobody wants to live out in whoop-whoop. Inner city prices are going to stay whilst outer suburbs will crash Sep 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 12, 2011

Google is going to build its next data center in Finland, attracted by its cold climate and low electricity prices.

Facebook is going further. According to Swedish newspaper NSD, Facebook is in the final stages of making an agreement with the local city council in Luleå, the largest city in the northernmost parts of Sweden. The city of Luleå is located just south of the polar circle and has a population of about 45,500, yet this could be where Facebook is planning to build its next data center which is said to consist of three massive server halls.

[For Data Center, Google Goes for Cold](#) [Facebook rumoured to locate new data center in Sweden by VR-Zone.com](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 11, 2011

**"Polls are for strippers and cross country skiers."**

-- Sarah Palin, *The wisdom of the great motivational mentors*

**Terrence Miao** - Q: Let's move on to what you say is the number one issue facing the United States in our time, and that is the challenge of addressing Islamist extremism. **What credentials does Gov. Palin have in national security, diplomacy, foreign policy, that qualify her to be your partner on that issue — the fight against Islamist extremism?**

**"Alaska is right next to Russia. She understands that.** Look, Sen. Obama's never visited south of our border." [John McCain, 9/3/08]

**"You know, the experience that she comes from is what she's done in government, and remember, Alaska is the closest part of our continent to Russia.** It's not as if she doesn't understand what's at stake here." [Cindy McCain, 8/31/08]

**"But the other thing about her, she does know about international relations because she is right up there in Alaska right next door to Russia."** [Fox News host Steve Doocy, 8/29/08] Sep 12, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - So she knows where Russia is. Obviously doesn't care enough about the Korean peninsula because it's not right next door. ;) Sep 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 11, 2011

**If everything in life is already known, then what's fun for tomorrow.**

**Kieran Simpson** - Lying on the beach drinking <beverage of choice /> ;) Sep 11, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - +1 @KS Sep 11, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2011

The person who changes the world isn't the one who comes up with the idea, it's the one who executes on it.



[Change The World More Than Apple](#)

[Yes, Microsoft Did](#)

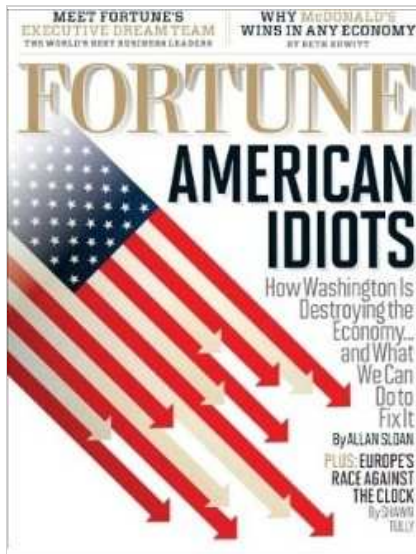
**Dean Budd** - Course they did... Apple didn't change squat. Sep 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2011

Fortune cover article: And looked how Washington does destroy the economy.





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 8, 2011

Android 4.0 releases in October or November.

Don't rush to buy any Android smart phones and tablets now!



[Eric Schmidt: Ice Cream Sandwich coming in October or November](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 7, 2011

Sanity tests are commonly conflated with smoke tests.

A smoke test determines whether it is possible to continue testing, as opposed to whether it is reasonable. A software smoke test determines whether the program launches and whether its interfaces are accessible and responsive (for example, the responsiveness of a web page or an input button). If the smoke test fails, it is impossible to conduct a sanity test.

In contrast, the ideal sanity test exercises the smallest subset of application functions needed to determine whether the application logic is generally functional and correct (for example, an interest rate calculation for a financial application). If the sanity test fails, it is not reasonable to attempt more rigorous testing. Both sanity tests and smoke tests are ways to **avoid wasting time and effort by quickly determining whether an application is too flawed to merit any rigorous testing.**

**Dean Budd** - That why you run Unit, Integration, Smoke and Acceptance in that order, each testing larger circles of functionality Sep 7, 2011

**Dean Budd** - If you use Sanity tests as your Smoke tests you will end up wasting a lot of time. And we all know what Lean Software Development says about waste.

Can't tell how many hours I've wasted trying to determine why a Sanity test failed only to find out an app never deployed properly... Sep 7, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 7, 2011

There are only a few ironclad rules of investing. One is that there's a negative correlation between sentiment and future returns. When the public expects outsized returns, they practically guarantee otherwise. When people won't touch an asset because they think it's toxic, the stage is set for outperformance.

[Dump your gold in favour of shares](#)

**Terrence Miao** - Great interview with Dr. Doom.

Yeah, last decade is lost decade if investing in share. Unless, unless you invest shares with good dividend. You won't get appreciation on share price, but in Australia, you can get 30% frank imputation which is still better than deposit in saving account 7%, on 30% tax bracket. I reckon that's why Warren Buffett doesn't want shares, but 10% special dividend from Goldman Sachs and GE, 6% dividend from Bank of American.

Good investment must pay a good dividend, to offset risk in the future. That's I'm not big of gold - doesn't produce anything, doesn't pay one cent dividend. Sep 20, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 6, 2011

### "First come, first die."

It seems it's an absolute truth in I.T.

Once upon a time, there is the first search engine supports natural language - AltaVista, died now, replaced by Google; Napster, pioneer of file and music sharing, belly up, Apple's iTunes become the domination of the market; Netscape, first contemporary web browser, kicked the bucket, by the end of 2006, the usage share had fallen from over 90% in the mid 1990s, to less than 1%, IE takes over it and takes the 90% lion share.

IBM OS/2, Microsoft Windows; Lotus 1-2-3, Excel; WordPerfect, Word; Lotus Notes, already six foot down under, Microsoft Exchange; MySpace, Facebook ...

This list can go on and on.

Does innovation mean success? Or have to be copy plus innovation? That's the dilemma.

Alex Megremis - I certainly hope true innovation means certain death. The reason is simple:

The first iteration of an idea will never be optimal. The person who had the idea will never see it objectively enough to change what's needed.

In comes competition, derivation, and being bought out by a large company for enough cash to retire at age 26. We should all be so lucky... Sep 6, 2011

Dean Budd - Add to that... dinosaurs. Sep 6, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 5, 2011

Pro Git, for its speed and intelligent merging.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Sep 5, 2011

Standardising and modularising, reducing duplicated codes, re-using more common codes ...

Sound familiar? I'm programming them in BPEL.

Dean Budd - Shouldn't that be "reducing duplicate **business processes** " and "re-using more common **business processes** "? Isn't *code* an irrelevant concept at the level of *Business Processes*? ;) Sep 5, 2011

Terrence Miao - Good point Deano!

In BPEL, should see as the Business processes from the top down view, not see as the codes from the bottom up view.

I bow to you Deano. Sep 5, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL! Sep 5, 2011

Dean Budd - Otherwise it would be called *CEL* or *Code Expression Language* ;) Sep 5, 2011

Kieran Simpson - CCEL - Crappy Code Expression Language :D Sep 5, 2011

Terrence Miao - Top down view see a smarty head, bottom up view see nothing but a fat arse.

No matter how detailed part of the project you are working on, good developers always have the big picture of a complete project architecture and workflow in mind.

See more head, see less arse.

What kind developer are you? Head developer, or arse developer? Sep 5, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL! I just **love** your analogies Mr T! Sep 5, 2011





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 5, 2011

Financial expert suggests there are six ways that marriage can improve your finances:

- Save Money on Car Insurance
- Raise Your Credit Score
- Get Favorable Loan Offers
- Increase Financial Stability
- Combine Expenses
- Share Employer Benefits

...

One commenter says: **"Marriage good for finances? You don't know my wife!"**



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 5, 2011

This guy should be voted as CEO of the year.

He volunteers sitting behind his company's bullet-resistant glass and asks his employee shoot him with AK-47 in a close distance.

Holy cow!

[This is what it's like to be shot at with an AK-47 via Jalopnik in FULL HD](#) [This is what it's like to be shot at with an AK-47 via Jalopnik in FULL HD](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Could somebody please explain the need for 'safety' glasses? & Before you scream glass fragments - what about his head/face? Sep 5, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - +1 Sep 5, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 3, 2011

If call a liars, cheaters and swindlers organisation an institute, e.g. Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV), you can call a whore house The University of Her Majesty.



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 3, 2011

**"Talent Is Nothing Without Focus and Endurance."**

-- *Haruki Murakami (村上春树)*





**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public  
One Ring to rule them all ...

Sep 3, 2011



#### Intuitive volume control.

Slide your finger across the touch sensitive surface to control the volume.



#### Skip / Pause / Play control.

Tap the Apple icon to toggle between Play and Pause functions. Tap the touch strip to the left or right of the Apple icon to skip the previous or next song respectively.



#### Lock function.

To lock the ring from unintentional commands, bend your ring finger to squeeze the two rubber pads.



[iRing – iPod Ring](#)

[Concept | Modern Industrial Design and Future Technology - Tuvie](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Wow! Married to iTunes! Divorce would be messy! Sep 4, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I divorced myself from iTunes on the weekend... I forgot to uninstall it when I gave my iPhone away. **Best Breakup Ever!** Sep 4, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Obviously Deano chooses the Freedom over the fancy toys to impress women ... Sep 4, 2011

**Dean Budd** - LOL! Sep 4, 2011

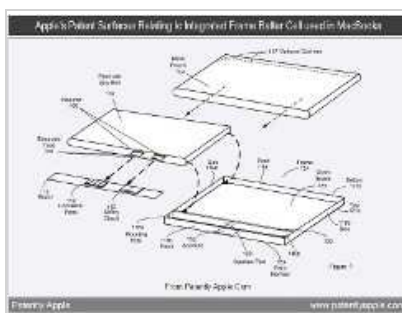
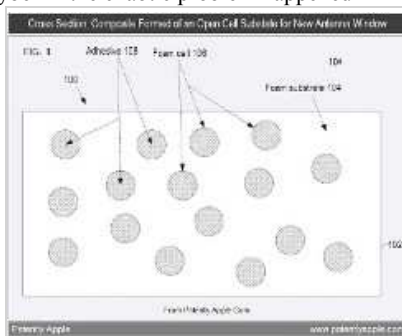
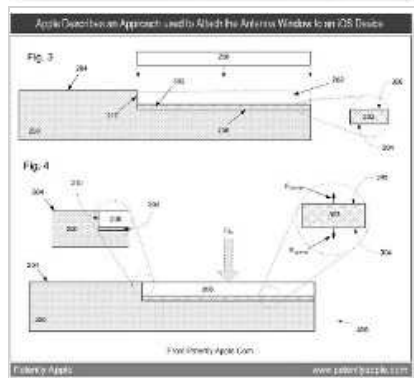
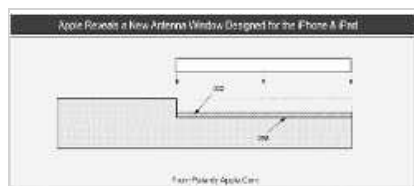


**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 2, 2011

Here is the place you can learn all the Apple's secrets. Its registered patents which in public domain, which is good.

For example, this newly designed antenna, maybe fix the chaotic problem happened in iPhone. Enjoy ...



[Newly Designed iPhone Antenna Window - Patently Apple](#)

[Apple Reveals a](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 2, 2011

Melbourne now replaces Vancouver as the most liveable city in the survey.

**Top ten cities:** 1. Melbourne 97.5 2. Vienna 97.4 3. Vancouver 97.3 4. Toronto 97.2 5. Calgary 96.6 6. Sydney 96.1 7. Helsinki 96 8. Perth 95.9 9. Adelaide 95.9 10. Auckland 95.7



[Liveability Ranking August 2011 - Economist Intelligence Unit](#)

**Dean Budd** - Now if only we can find a taxi... or afford to catch a tram *hahaha* Sep 2, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Sep 1, 2011

HP Mercury Quality Center, a software turd of its own. So popular, but so little to offer.

Based on ActiveX that mean you can only use it in IE. There is QCExplorer that let you connect Quality Center without a browser. But it's for Windows only.

Errrh ...

**Casper Casper** - It's hard to believe *how* bad QC is .... Sep 1, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - +100 Sep 1, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Know a couple of ex-TW guys who helped write Selenium. I asked "What's with the name?" They said "Selenium is a cure for Mercury poisoning" *hahaha* Sep 1, 2011

**Dean Budd** - [www.fasting.ws/juice-fasting/disease-treatments/mercury-detoxification-treatment](http://www.fasting.ws/juice-fasting/disease-treatments/mercury-detoxification-treatment) Sep 1, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - @\*\*\*\*\* Every byte of RAM is sacred. Only 4GB memory on Macbook Pro, struggling to run Chrome, Firebox, SoapUI, Hermes JMS, Eclipse plus JDestroyer at the same time. Already installed Parallels and VirtualBox, but won't be bothered.

Oracle DB and SOA suite on Weblogic, I run them on another laptop in Windows 7. Sep 1, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - +1 TM - Something that the code crankers at Oracle's Bangalore factory don't seem to get.

You should have gotten the 8GB RAM however ;) Sep 1, 2011

**Oleg Kiorsak** - IMHO, HP is an anti-software company, any software HP ever acquires is either quietly killed or gets transformed into absolute crap... (sorry couldn't resist to comment - been mandatorily exposed to HP SM7 at work ;) Sep 3, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Most bizarre thing is HP is going to rip off PC business and focus on software and services. IBM has OS/2, Lotus suite and Websphere, Oracle has Database, SOA and fancy BI. HP is not a traditional software vendor. How can it manage to do that?! Sep 3, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 31, 2011

Companies make mistakes. Once super smart and invincible Google starts making mistakes, a lot mistakes, and bigger mistakes ...



[Google Is Buying "Crap" Patents In Motorola Deal](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 31, 2011

Looks and feels like a Macbook Air clone



[Photos: See ASUS's stunning MacBook Air rival up close - the UX31 Ultrabook &gt; Gallery &gt; PC &amp; Tech Authority](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Doesn't say how much this will go for. I am in the market for a lightweight laptop. Aug 31, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - Same here (my missus laptop is nearly a zombie). Aug 31, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - By the looks of it, it doesn't have backlit keys which the Air does. Aug 31, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Well it's not like I'm trying to impress the ladies in a nightclub with this. Anyhow, anything is better than having a +8kg slung on your back when peddling home. Aug 31, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - [Kieran Simpson](#) I don't think ASUS has any model laptops with backlit keys. I quite like it. Maybe this design has been patented by Apple. IBM thinkpad has this LED light on the screen. Can switch on and off. Very handy. I'm quite sure Apple pinched this idea from IBM! Aug 31, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Why do you need backlit keys? On a HTPC keyboard, where you're operating in the dark, sure... but on a laptop? Aug 31, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - My wife's vision isn't the best in low light situations, so having backlit keys has aided her in the past (when using my MBP that does have them). Aug 31, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - These could be an option Kieran: <http://www.chipchick.com/2011/09/lenovo-ideapads-u-series.html> But could be pricey. Sep 1, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Now *that's* something I would buy! Sep 2, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Of course you'd have to wear sunglasses while using it... Double Win! Sep 2, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 31, 2011

Only 5 months after he joined Google, James Gosling moves on again ...

[Java creator Gosling leaves Google for robotics startup | ZDNet](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 30, 2011

No one should be allowed a monopoly on colour because as artists they all need to be able to use the full palette. To make this point, imagine Picasso taking Monet to court over the use of blue in his painting of water lilies, because it was the same or close to the distinctive shade of indigo, the "colour of melancholy" he used in his Blue Period.

Mind you Apple recent in the patent war it started ...

**Mike Nguyen** - Funny that you've used the artist analogy.

First of all, you won't be taken seriously if you copy other people's ideas. If anything artists strive for originality (that's why you see dudes sunk to the level of peeing on a statue of Mary). Otherwise you're just another cheap imitation. Plus Picasso's art (abstract?) is different to Monet's impressionist style.

Secondly, poor Claude Monet will be rolling in his grave if he was ever got accused of reusing the same blue colour mix.

He's the master of mixing the colours.

So I'm not sure whether your analogy was poor choice or you're just bitter :D Maybe a combination of both.

But I do get your point. Apple's latest patent outburst isn't about depriving people of innovation. It's just reaction to serious competition. Aug 30, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Ideas, even brilliant ideas should not be granted patents at the first place.

"You can't have the similar shape as me!" Apple sues Samsung look & feel just like it has patented colour and air. Silly U.S. patent bureaucracy. Greedy Apple. Aug 30, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - [Mike Nguyen](#) - ever heard of *all art is derivative* ? Aug 30, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - So Mike, when are you getting every Apple product possible? Aug 30, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Alex - Depends on your taste of art. Let me put it simply - if you're happy with having a Chinese copy (and there are brilliant copies) of the Mona Lisa hanging on your wall then that's fine :D Although a copy made by yourself is another matter.

Terry - I disagree. If you have an idea & intending to make some bucks out of it then you would probably want to protect that idea. In the case of Samsung vs Apple - let's not kid ourselves, Samsung was out to imitate Apple products.

Kieran - I'm not an Apple fanboi if that's what you mean. In fact the only Apple item that I've ever bought was a shuffle which I lost (more like stolen - welcome to Sydney) within a few days. I marvel at their products, but they are too expensive. Just disagreeing with Terry's bashing of Apple. Aug 30, 2011

**Casper Casper** - copies and a derived work are completely different. I don't think anyone would think it was ok to actually copying a specific painting or product; but patents prevent derived or inspired works too! if you could patent art in the same way, it would destroy all creativity. Aug 30, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Mike - No, I didn't say rip off. I said *all art is derivative*. In other words, the margin for truly original thought and creation is very small these days. We are all heavily influenced to degrees we are not even aware of.

In other words, just because someone is creating something *based on* something preexisting does not mean they're copying it.

I speak to that first hand and say that *a lot* of my work as a photographer is influenced by the work of masters that I follow. I never consider that "copying", and I make effort to individualize my output enough to satisfy my own ego in the process. Aug 30, 2011

**Casper Casper** - music works exactly the same way, as does most things we humans do :) Aug 30, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - +1 Aug 30, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - **If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.**

Imagine if Apple patents shoulders place of all giants, leaving Newton nowhere to stand. There won't be science, arts and music. Human beings will back living in the cave.

There won't have C++ and damn you Object C, because they exactly look and feel like C. Aug 30, 2011

**Casper Casper** - +1 for quoting newton. oh yeah the newton pda lol Aug 30, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Alex - I think in the art world, plagiarism is frowned upon. It's the IDEA in details. And I don't mean using the same brushing technique or painting of the woman. It's the fine idea, the expression behind it. Sure you can base your work on someone else - but that's because you're an amateur.

Terry - It's not like Apple suing because Samsung made a tablet. It's the little fine details that makes the iPad unique. Had Samsung been selling tablets well before the iPad came out then they may have the case. Besides, they're in the business of making money, they have no interest in innovating or solving world hunger.

And funny that you've mentioned C. I think the people/consortium encouraged spin offs. I don't think the same is applicable to C#

Casper - I don't think patent necessarily mean prevention derived work. Just means you'll need to pay royalties for using the same idea. But I agree that broad ideas should never have gotten the patent rights. Aug 31, 2011

**Casper Casper** - mostly it means paying royalties, but in some cases the patent owner would rather have the device prevented from sale :( but in most of these recent patent cases (and in particular the patent trolls like lodsys) I don't think even royalties should be paid, as they're almost all too broad to be helpful. Aug 31, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Mike - Plagiarism is *copying*. There's degrees of plagiarism, of course, and as it waters down it becomes more *derivation*. Where on that scale an artist places himself depends largely on the objective that is being achieved, the legal standing of the original work, and the clout of the original artist.

As an example, one of my all time favorite Ray Charles songs was, originally, a *country music* execution that sucked.

Whether the individual artist is an amateur, or a professional only relates to whether the artist is receiving some kind of reward that someone else would lay a claim on, and how much the deriving artist fears litigation. A very good example of



this is a recent copyright infringement lawsuit around an iconic photograph of Miles Davis.  
[http://waxy.org/2011/06/kind\\_of\\_screwed/](http://waxy.org/2011/06/kind_of_screwed/)

Other than that, a *you did it first, but I did it better/properly* is perfectly acceptable, and applauded, once bruised ego pettiness is set aside. I'm not sure where you're getting your ideas of the art world, dude. :) Aug 31, 2011

**Martin Paulo** - You will all like this one then:

[http://www.appleinsider.com/articles/11/08/30/apple\\_accuses\\_motorola\\_samsung\\_of\\_monopolizing\\_markets\\_with\\_patents.html](http://www.appleinsider.com/articles/11/08/30/apple_accuses_motorola_samsung_of_monopolizing_markets_with_patents.html)  
Aug 31, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Alex - You're using the word derivation quite liberal there. Maybe for your local community art group or self gratification, that's acceptable. But for the professionals (especially where the dollars are involved) - you have the copyright laws & you guess it EGO. Don't confuse collaboration with deliberate rip-offs. Certainly landed a couple of rappers (early 90s) & cheesy dance groups (late 90s) in hot waters. I think artists don't mind being rehashed/covered but as long as they get their share of the spoil or at least some recognition for their original work. And I think most of us feel the same.

Anyhoo - the use of art with these patent fiasco is somewhat inappropriate. Since art is subjected to interpretation whereas in the world of business - it's clear cut if you're cutting in my profit. Aug 31, 2011

**Casper Casper** - sampling covers and derived works are all subtly different ;) art is *big* business these days btw Aug 31, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Again and again, Pablo Picasso once said: "Good artists copy; great artists steal".

In software industry, apprentices code and invent the wheel; journeymen copy and paste; the masters smuggle and steal. If you know stand on the shoulders of giants, you know what I mean. Aug 31, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - Mike - The *art community* is not the same as *professional artists*. The latter is but a small subset of the former. Aug 31, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - Alex - yah but one is a hobby & the other is a serious-business :D

Terry - that's your interpretation. Try expressing that to your manager or CEO. For most part they won't care.. well until the law suites come their way.

Besides, Pablo was an interest character. I don't think his ingenuity derived from stealing other people's ideas. Maybe he meant stealing from the French. He (Spaniard) sure spent alot of time in France.

<http://www.artofthestate.co.uk/Banksy/banksy-versus-bristol-museum-028-picasso.htm> Aug 31, 2011

**Casper Casper** - haha, the quote was copied by banksy onto a piece of wall, which somebody stole, and now the photo is copywritten. Aug 31, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Mobile - Public

Aug 30, 2011

As happy as a pig bathing in the deep shit.



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 30, 2011

世上不爱的理由有很多，而爱的理由只有一个：想和你在一起。



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 30, 2011

When Charles deGaulle decided to retire from public life, the American ambassador and his wife threw a gala dinner party in his honor. At the dinner table the Ambassador's wife was talking with Madame de Gaulle.

"Your husband has been such a prominent public figure, such a presence on the French and International scene for so many years! How quiet retirement will seem in comparison. What are you most looking forward to in these retirement years?"

"A penis," replied Madame de Gaulle.

A huge hush fell over the table. Everyone heard her answer, and no one knew what to say next.

Finally, Le Grand Charles leaned over to his wife and said, "Ma cherie, I believe zee Americans pronounce zat word 'happiness.'"

**Kieran Simpson** - Not if they're Cockney :D Aug 30, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 30, 2011

There are NO borders of imagination.

[iPhone 5 Concept Features](#) [iPhone 5 Concept Features](#) [SurfMobee | Aatma Studio Unveils Spectacular 'Concept iPhone 5' Video](#)

**Casper Casper** - the old 'pen computer' eh :) <http://www.hoax-slayer.com/pen-computer.shtml> Aug 30, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Concept, no patent, no product, on paper, in video only ... Aug 30, 2011

**Casper Casper** - there was a prototype of the pen one in 2003, who knows when someone will actually release a product of this kind of thing. Aug 30, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - You mike like this Terry: <http://www.kogan.com.au/shop/android-wireless-keyboard-and-trackpad/> Aug 30, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 30, 2011

Build your Rock & Roll band with cheap Android smart phones as instruments ...



[Transformers Girl Band](#) [Transformers Girl Band](#) [Chinese \(Android\)](#)

[Girl Band Cranks It Up To 11 - AndroidPIT](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Has already been done on the iPad though. Aug 30, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 30, 2011

On Sept. 17, 2009, I quoted the words he used to describe the gold market at the time: **"terribly, egregiously, preposterously, shockingly overpopulated."**

Some handy tips for gold investors ...

[Gold's fall: Slip or start of slide? - 1 - investing strategy - MSN Money](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 29, 2011

Git rocks! Command line interface is awesome!



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 28, 2011

One conversation heard in Goldman Sachs elevator:

**Suit#1:** Was that really an earthquake?

**Suit#2:** No, I just dropped my wallet.

[GS Elevator Gossip \(@GSElevator\) on Twitter](#)



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 28, 2011

Google has Google TV. Google bought Motorola Mobility. Not only 20 thousands patents, mobile hardware division, but also, aslo Motorola's set top box. Will be very interesting to see who is getting into TV market the first ...



[a television for 2012, sources say | VentureBeat](#) [Apple-branded Television Arriving as Early as 2012?](#)

[Apple is working on](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - Apparently you can get Google TV on some of the Sony Bravias.

Even the new Samsung TVs allow you to sync up with your Galaxy 2! Aug 28, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 27, 2011

*Every patent granted for an idea that any number of suitably skilled engineers could have (and would have, and did) come up with is a patent that probably shouldn't be granted — a pure deadweight loss that's actually compounded by the squandering of resources on the "arms race," with no compensating dynamic gain. Actually, there's probably a dynamic loss: You end up creating a huge incentive for smart and skilled people to spend their time and energy not coming up with a brilliant idea that nobody else would have, but instead trying to be the first to put on paper ideas that are obvious (to a properly trained and up-to-date person) but haven't been locked down yet — the solution, again, that almost any professional would have come up with once they were actually trying to implement the relevant technology. A sector where investment in defensive patents is so massive, then, is a sector where — even if some of them do genuinely add value — patents are probably doing more harm than good on net.*

At a time when our future affluence depends so heavily on innovation, we have drifted toward a patent regime that not only fails to fulfil its justifying function, to incentivise innovation, but actively impedes innovation. We rarely directly confront the effects of this immense waste of resources and brainpower and the attendant retardation of the pace of discovery, but it affect us all the same.



[Patents against](#)

[prosperity](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 27, 2011

Look. Apple isn't an unusually nice company. It just isn't. **It's an entirely conventional, ruthlessly capitalist company** that has identified itself so closely with its beloved products that people pretend not to notice.

In a world where information saves lives just as much as vaccinations do, inventing something like the iPhone is, indeed, doing something wonderful in every sense. But buying one isn't.

[Apple cult really makes me shudder](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 27, 2011

Love is the delightful interval between meeting a beautiful girl and discovering that she looks like a haddock.

*John Barrymore*



Terrence Miao - Buzz -

Aug 27, 2011

You know why God is a man? Because if God was a woman she would have made sperm taste like chocolate.

*Carrie Snow*



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 27, 2011

**Why do Java Programmers wear glasses? Because they don't C#.**

Thinking the counter-punch ...



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 26, 2011

Father's day next Sunday. Thinking to buy a present. Coming across news that Samsung Galaxy Tablet 10.1 (the thinnest and lightest tablet) is available in Australia on September 1st (Thursday). Hmm ... buy me a Samsung Galaxy Table as a Father's day present. Brilliant idea!

:-D



**Kieran Simpson** - How have Samsung lobotomised it to get past the Apple injunctions? Aug 27, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Shit. Myer updated item not available now - <http://www.lasoo.com.au/offer/ipads-tablets/samsung-galaxy-10-1-25-6cm-16gb-3g-and-wi-fi-tablet/4nn6r1qop.html> Aug 27, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - But hang on Terry, you're not even a dad!! Aug 28, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Need a good excuse to buy me something :-)) Aug 28, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Better hand it over... Aug 28, 2011

**Mike Nguyen** - BTW. I read somewhere that HP will still be churning out the Touchpads. Obviously they won't be sold at happy hour price (\$99). Aug 30, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 25, 2011

Yeah, baby, yeah! I'm coming!

[Android 2.2.1 System Dump From HP TouchPad Now Available](#)

**Mike Nguyen** - I hope you have a destination! Aug 25, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - 6000 units in country wide sold out in a few hours after news broke out. Baaah, carry on man! Aug 27, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - I jumped on it as soon as I read about it, but I was already too late. :( Aug 27, 2011



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 25, 2011

Google Buzz is like a bottomless bin. You can throw anything in it. No storage limitation. No bandwidth threshold. And Google keeps indexing for you so you can search later. And it's FREE. What are you waiting for?



**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 25, 2011

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[imitates Maria Sharapova in Head viral](#)



[Novak Djokovic](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Aug 24, 2011

### Test for dummies

**Unit test:** Specify and test one point of the contract of single method of a class. This should have a very narrow and well defined scope. Complex dependencies and interactions to the outside world are stubbed or mocked.

**Integration test:** Test the correct inter operation of multiple subsystems. There is whole spectrum there, from testing integration between two classes, to testing integration with the production environment.

**Smoke test:** A simple integration test where we just check that when the system under test is invoked it returns normally and does not blow up. It is an analogy with electronics, where the first test occurs when powering up a circuit: if it smokes, it's bad.

**Regression test:** A test that was written when a bug was fixed. It ensure that this specific bug will not occur again. The full name is "non-regression test".

**User Acceptance test (UAT):** Test that a feature or use case is correctly implemented. It is similar to an integration test, but with a focus on the use case to provide rather than on the components involved.

**Dean Budd** - Well said! That's wall-worthy! Aug 25, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I'd prefer the term *User Story* rather than *Use Case* but you know me... ;) Aug 25, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 24, 2011

Much loved features like Self Explosive and Spontaneous Combustion built-in in JDestroyer which make the death more like by a natural cause ...

**Casper Casper** - I've had 5 jdev crashes this afternoon already, how about you? Aug 24, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - JDestroyer is quite stable on Mac OS X. So far so good. No crashes, but also no response ... a few times in a day.

\$ kill -TERM pid

will do the trick Aug 24, 2011

**Casper Casper** - hanging forever is a crash in my book :P that's the only kind of crash I've had with jdev. Aug 24, 2011

**Alex Megremis** - I'd have to say JDev is as msbehaved on OS X as it is on Win. Not nearly as bad as it was on Oracle's RedHat VM in any case. Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - You guys still doing BPEL?!? Wouldn't it actually be more productive to write the XML yourself? Aug 24, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Deano, BPEL is good at doing simple orchestrating integration jobs. In this case, it's more productive than writing the XML yourself.

Sales people, enterprise architects and consultants make BPEL miserable because they don't understand BPEL's domain, because they try BPEL do something impossible.

Otherwise, things can go very well. And business like to pay big bucks for Oracle SOA.

Shitty jobs averagely pay well. Like lawyers, accountants, bankers, plumbers. Open source solution are fun, but on money point of view, it's hard to make big profit. You don't like iOS development, but iOS developers make more money than Android developers. I still hardly see a business model to profit in Open Source, in Android market.

There is a Google, but aslo there are Microsoft, Oracle, IBM, Tibco ... Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - What I mean is... if JDeveloper is so unstable, wouldn't it be quicker to write the XML yourself? Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - We're doing simple-to-complex orchestrations here... we use Message Driven Beans, POJO's and JMS... much quicker, simpler and easier to test (meaning TDD) Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - However, we don't get the massive productivity gains from drag and drop tools... Aug 24, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Deano, because you are not dragging & dropping big XML fragment. Your "Hello World" application always work very well :-D

I reckon you still need GUI tool visualise big picture view when schema becomes complicated. Please don't write JDestroyer into history right now. Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - LOL! I wasn't... I thought *you* were ;) Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - By the way... *Netbeans* has a very good BPEL editor, why not use that? Aug 24, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Waiting for Open Source BPEL solution. Eclipse has something can make it as BPEL designer. But need a lot passionate volunteers like Alex M warms up the shower water for us. I'd prefer stay back drinking beer instead at the moment ... Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - LOL! Yeah, I'd prefer to just get things done in the meantime too... Aug 25, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 23, 2011

Looking for a thin LDAP client / browser. But come across Apache Directory Studio, a Super size (120MB), overkilled LDAP client - Eclipse RCP application, composed of several Eclipse (OSGi) plugins ...

Like running File Explorer in Eclipse. Can't see the benefit. But UX is good so far.

It's Fat, but it's FREE. Not bad ...



[directory client](#)

[Apache Directory Studio - The Eclipse based LDAP browser and](#)

**Dean Budd** - [jxplorer.org](#) Aug 23, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - I used Apache Directory Studio to see what a mess <obscured-clients-name /> LDAP was. I quite liked it. Aug 23, 2011

**Terrence Miao** - Thanks Deano. Softerra LDAP Administrator is quite good tool. But it's not free - <http://www.ldapbrowser.com/> Aug 23, 2011

**Dean Budd** - I've been using *JXplorer* for years... simple and lightweight. Aug 24, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 23, 2011

### **Laziness is the virtue in programming**

If you a new programming language can't let you become more lazier, forget it ... You can see this laziness in Scala, Clojure, Ruby ...

#### *Three Virtues of a Programmer*

**Laziness** - The quality that makes you go to great effort to reduce overall energy expenditure. It makes you write labor-saving programs that other people will find useful, and document what you wrote so you don't have to answer so many questions about it.

**Impatience** - The anger you feel when the computer is being lazy. This makes you write programs that don't just react to your needs, but actually anticipate them. Or at least pretend to.

**Hubris** - Excessive pride, the sort of thing Zeus zaps you for. Also the quality that makes you write (and maintain) programs that other people won't want to say bad things about.

-- Larry Wall

**Terrence Miao** - As old saying goes "Lazy people creates the world; fools are the luckiest people in the world." Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - Ahhh yes... the birth of the *DRY Principle* Aug 24, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - I remember reading Larry's nuggets on true laziness in the "Camel" Perl book in uni. Opened my eyes to doing things properly so that you never have to do them again :) Aug 24, 2011

**Dean Budd** - You read people's nuggets? <strange look> hahaha Aug 25, 2011

**Kieran Simpson** - ROFL. Aug 25, 2011

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**Terrence Miao** - Buzz - Public

Aug 23, 2011

**"Weaseling out of things is important to learn. It's what separates us from the animals... except the weasel."**

- Homer Simpson

**Dean Budd** - LOL!!!!!! Aug 23, 2011

**Kevin Henshall** - Classic - Also brings to mind "They have the Internet on computers, now?" and "To Start Press Any Key'. Where's the ANY key?" Aug 23, 2011

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