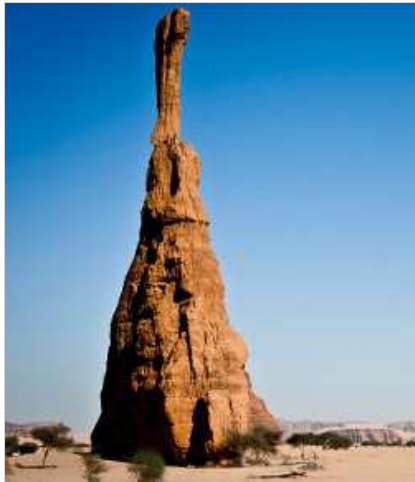




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[Climbers become first to conquer rock formations in the](#)



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Chromebook teardown

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Jun 8, 2011

See how HTML / CSS / JS trio amigos can do with latest Google doodles!

<http://www.google.com.au/webhp?hl=en>



[Google doodles a digital guitar on Les Paul's birthday - Tech](#)

[News - IBNLive](#)

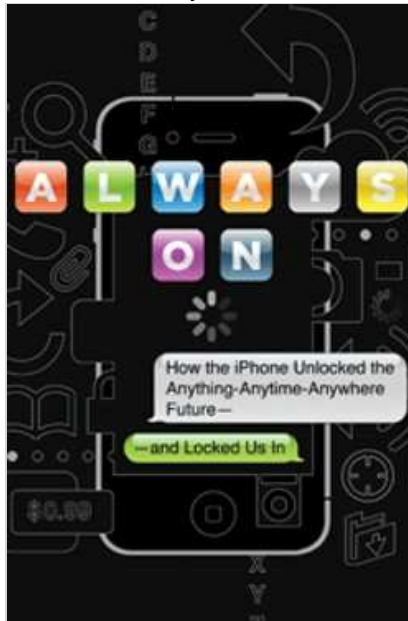
Terrence Miao - Usually people reckon it can only be done in flash. Jun 8, 2011



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Jun 8, 2011

One day after the announcement and iOS 5 has been hacked already.



[How to Upgrade to](#)

[iOS 5 Today, Without Any Developer Account | Gadget Lab | Wired.com](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - IOS is not the problem, the hardware is.
It's been months and still no jailbreak for the iPad2, damnit. Jun 8, 2011

Mike Nguyen - For some reason at a glance 'jailbreak' keeps on being read as 'jailbait' Jun 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - filthy old man Jun 8, 2011



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Jun 8, 2011

Code is bad. It rots. It requires periodic maintenance. It has bugs that need to be found. New features mean old code has to be adapted. The more code you have, the more places there are for bugs to hide. The longer checkouts or compiles take. The longer it takes a new employee to make sense of your system. If you have to refactor there's more stuff to move around.

Code is produced by engineers. To make more code requires more engineers. Engineers have n^2 communication costs, and all that code they add to the system, while expanding its capability, also increases a whole basket of costs. You should do whatever possible to increase the productivity of individual programmers in terms of the expressive power of the code they write. Less code to do the same thing (and possibly better). Less programmers to hire. Less organizational communication costs.



[Coding Horror: The Best Code is No Code At All](#)

naedyr null - code is bad. config is worse. properties even worse. documents worst of all ;) Jun 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - hahaha, good one! Mr. null Jun 8, 2011

Dean Budd - We need to go back to the *CASE* revolution of the 80's/90's where Business Analysts created software systems using graphical tools. There was no need for engineers at all back then! *hahaha* Jun 8, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Isn't that what BPEL is for? :p Jun 8, 2011

Dean Budd - Come on buddy... those documents were incredibly valuable and will be read over and over for generations of developers to come. Jun 8, 2011

Dean Budd - *LOL!* Jun 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 7, 2011

What the architecture like and developing tools to use if you design a website today?

With Twitter and Shopify is becoming popular and popular, I want to find out the latest trend and contemporary design of a website. Here is a long wish list I like to have:

- * Simple, small and Event Driven SOA
- * Browser, smartphone and tablet support
- * Thin Web tier layer - HTML 5 / CSS 3 / JS (jQuery and jQuery Mobile). AJAX
- * Ruby on Rails to develop the website and mobile website
- * Thin RESTful web service layer. Opened API for web service call and JavaScript. Build a developers community encouraging more third party applications added in.
- * Clean, straight forward and intuitive UI. Bigger fonts, bigger navigation bar and buttons, no lengthy, wordy law like declamation anywhere.

...

So there is no messy JSP, no incompetent Struts, no not so perfect MVC. If you don't use Spring, so there is no Java at all. No middle-ware, less layers. All the services and business logic on back-end, implementation are masked from outside.

So you can run your website on a single node with less resource demanding, or deploy it into the cloud benefit from performance, bandwidth, scalability and redundancy. No more concerns about your electricity, water bill, and toilet cleaning. Paying cheaper money and let someone run your infrastructure in the cloud.

Don't forget KISS (Keep It Simple and Smart) and LCBC (Less Code is Better Code) ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 7, 2011

Dontopedalogy is the science of opening your mouth and putting your foot in it. A science which I have practiced for a good many years.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is credited with coining this word for his tendency to deliver an insensitive and hilarious comment at whatever foreign dignitary, pillar of society or community group he meets.

[Joke is on us if royal jester doesn't care | The Australian](#)

Terrence Miao - Prime Minister David Cameron praised the Duke, who is known for his sometimes blunt remarks, saying the public considered his "inimitable approach" endearing.

Saying he would keep his remarks brief as, in the prince's words, "**The mind cannot absorb what the backside cannot endure.**" Jun 11, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 7, 2011

Groupon is unsustainably destroying value and will implode sometime in the next five years. When that happens, it will almost certainly, and totally unfairly, wreak havoc throughout the tech ecosystem.

Welcome to the coming Groupon IPO.

[Groupon Is a Straight-Up Ponzi Scheme | Groupon IPO | Knewton Blog](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - groupon, scoopon, ugottagetit, dealaday...

Whatever.

These guys are not going anywhere. If one of them falls, another will take its place. There will always be merchants wanting to take a loss leading gamble, and there will always be all of us eager to put our credit cards down on stuff/services we would never otherwise have even thought of. Jun 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - I'm not worry too much about who's is going to burst, who's going to fill the vacuum. The bubble blew by this new round Tech IPOs, from Linded-in, to coming GroupOn, Facebook, Twitter, is creating a havoc for healthy IT development. I don't think people will expect another big slump after dot-com bubble burst.

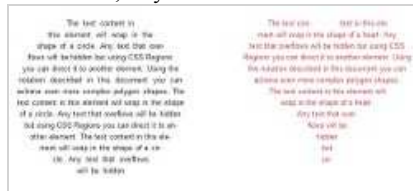
From business point view, all these IT companies above suck. They don't generate stable income, create long term value that could march their share price. The growth of these business is heavily counted on the speculation in their future. People who invest them either are living on their day dream, or waiting for bigger suckers join the party later then they can run off. Jun 7, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 6, 2011

CSS is awesome, so you are!



☐ [News](#)

☐ [Adobe's CSS regions make it to WebKit - Software -](#)

Mike Nguyen - So is the CSS (Cansei de Ser Sexy) - a Brazilian band [CSS - Let's Make Love and Listen to Death From Above](#) Jun 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - We are talking about different CSS Mr. N.

Anyway, one tip from best practice of website optimization is using CSS instead of JavaScript if both of them can do the same job. Jun 7, 2011

Mike Nguyen - CSS has been around for yonks. But the reality nobody really cares about it unless you're a vision impaired user. But most of the new voice based webrowsers are smart enough. I agree that it's very elegant, but I don't think it's well understood by many of the content producers out there. Jun 7, 2011

naedyr null - CSS is widely used and the basics are understood by most web developers. it's not just for vision impaired users either. pretty much every website is going to use CSS Jun 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - If you have seen how simple using CSS to dynamically render a page rather than DHTML and JavaScript, using CSS media query to get your current browser whether it's in Portrait or Landscape mode (big weapon for smartphone and tablet), using CSS to give you some fancy feature in webpage rather than littering JavaScript snippet around, you will impress with CSS!

With HTML 5, CSS 3 and JavaScript, I don't think there is a place for Flash, or Silverlight in the future of web front ... Jun 7, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Well, doesn't it depend on who your audience is? After all, isn't Flash more approachable for the not-so-technie, rather than having to master the HTML5/CSS3/JS trifecta to achieve the same results? Jun 7, 2011

Kieran Simpson - It's also dependent on what tooling is available (and the quality there of). Jun 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Flash is popular so far IMHO is because of it gives you an unique interface across ALL the browsers. But it's a heavy solution, like to embed a "JVM" in your browser to get Flash running. And big learning curve, as same as writing Object C on iPhone, for developers.

The target of HTML5/CCS3/JS is the same as Flash - unique interface across ALL the browsers, dynamic content, and multimedia support.

If you have a JS runtime error, you will get a notice in the status bar in your browser. If you have a Flash runtime error, it crashes your browser and hang your machine if you are lucky enough. Jun 7, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Now that's sensationalist.

Neither FF nor Chrome (current versions) die if Flash does. I believe that IE9 also runs it as a separate process and survives a crash (although I could be wrong). Jun 7, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Terry - My goodness! Is that hint of your agreement with Apple concerning Flash? Jun 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Have you seen when Flash crashed in Firefox and Chrome on your tablet? Or slow down your browser till it's dead slowly?

Getting rid of Flash maybe is the only thing Steve Jobs and I agree on :-)

Jun 7, 2011

naedyr null - From what I understand, flash provided functionality that nothing else did at the time. These days though, there's plenty of (better) ways to do animation, menus, video, etc. Jun 7, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Cough iGLIDe cough Jun 7, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 5, 2011

"Well, if you want to be a real computer scientist you need to start using vi".

But this is not true.

Great tools just don't make you that much better. Your tools are really important. They're wonderful, in fact. But Tiger Woods would beat all of us with a junky set of clubs, Messi would outplay us without any boots on, and Rafael Nadal could probably beat any of us on a tennis court with a classic wooden racket from the 60's. Heck, he could probably beat me with a ping pong paddle. The skills, knowledge, and experience that you've built up are the most important part of the equation.

So tools don't make the programmer. What does? I think many aspects of what makes for a great programmer depend on what you're working on and the people that you're working with, but I've seen some common traits in people who have had a lot of success in software development that I felt were worth sharing ...

☐ ☐ ☐ [What Makes A Great Programmer? | Think Vitamin](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 4, 2011

3Ds - Debt, Death and Divorce are the only drivers bringing properties to the market as the housing bubble deflating in Australia at the moment.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 3, 2011

Think about age in IT as yourself to a fine wine - "To stay in the bottle more, and a more sophisticated, a much, much better wine you can get."

naedyr null - ... and you can't tell which one it is until you open the bottle. (maybe that's taking the metaphor too far)

Jun 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jun 2, 2011

Anyone interested in Cloud? You will be impressed if you can develop in Ruby on Rails and run a completed weblog application in heroku cloud in half an hour.

Speakers:

Azure - Tim Buntel

Salesforce.com - Clayton Brown

Amazon Web Services - Simone Brunoizzi

Ninefold - Lachlan Hardy

Cloudfoundry - James Tyrrell



[YOW! Night Melbourne - Cloud - June 7 - User group- Eventbrite](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
The most beautiful boat in the world?

Jun 1, 2011



[The most beautiful boat in the world? Mega-yacht which comes complete with hot tubs, swimming pool.... and even a golf green | Mail Online](#)

Dean Budd - Always cracks me up... Let's sail into the middle of the sea and do stuff we can do on land! *hahaha* Jun 1, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
10-in-1 stacking wooden chair

Jun 1, 2011





. 2010 saw an explosion of interest and activity by developers in HTML5, and developing native apps for mobile platforms like iOS and Android using web technologies.

. Android gains dramatically on iPhone as developers' regular mobile browsing platform

. There is a correlation between the devices and platforms developers use, and those they develop for.

. Web site testing across a wide range of mobile devices jumps significantly.

. JQuery Mobile leads from JQTouch and SenchaTouch in a still immature mobile frameworks market place.

. Three quarters of respondents expressed an interest in developing native apps using web technologies in the coming year, with 30% likely to do so.

. iPhone, iPad, along with Android phones and tablets all show strong interest from developers, while other platforms have their work cut out to woo web developers.

. Web developers express confidence in developing native apps using HTML5, with reservations about application performance and user experience.



[State of \(Mobile\) Web Development Report | Web Directions](#)

Mike Nguyen - I wonder whether plagiarism applies to buzz as well? :D ie. Will Terry go to jail or Google gets a hefty fine? May 30, 2011

Martin Paulo - Regardless of source, an interesting post. May 30, 2011

Mike Nguyen - It certainly is but with condoms being issued in Victoria prisons - it would be more interesting how Terry lasts in there :D May 30, 2011



The Power of Words

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 28, 2011

Slutwalk: feminists take to the streets to reclaim 'slut' in style



[Slutwalk](#)

[Melbourne: feminists reclaim slut and protest victim-blaming in Slutwalk | Crikey](#)

Mike Nguyen - Where were u terry? Not the pink dress I hope! May 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I picked the wrong damned weekend to catch someone's cold (thanks a lot, town hall).

I don't deserve to have a camera... May 29, 2011

Terrence Miao - So don't know you need to find out the weather and who is going on the street before you leave home in Melbourne? May 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I caught someone's cold from work, not because I didn't wear my blazer... May 29, 2011

Mike Nguyen - LIES! you sat on your own if I recalled correctly! May 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I did not. I also had a constantly sneezing grad in front of me. May 29, 2011



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May 28, 2011

Heineken - Men With Talent

[Heineken - Men With Talent](#) [Heineken - Men With Talent](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 27, 2011

The business plan, which Apple made in its start up was quite wrong because it said TI (Texas Instruments) was going to be our major competitor. And for some reason, they never got into the PC business ...

Attention to detail is what Steve Jobs is known for, but it also is his weakness because he pays attention to the detail of the product, but not to the people.



[EXCLUSIVE: Interview With Apple's First CEO Michael Scott](#)

Mike Nguyen - Dunno.. seems to have worked. You don't just leap frog over M\$ out of sheer luck. May 29, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 26, 2011

Google has traditionally operated with a **go-big-or-don't-go-at-all strategy**, and Thursday's event in New York was no different.

Based on near field communication (NFC) technology, Google Wallet, announced today, will enable tap-and-go wireless payments through NFC-equipped phones and will pair payments with Google Offers to help retailers and merchants strengthen their ties to consumers.

If you reckon the applications Google developed like spaghetti, a little bit mince here, a little bit sauce there, making you think company is run by a cohort of "pedantic bastards". Gradually, it turns out all these apps are closely integrated. From Android, NFC, Google Offers, Google Checkout to Google Wallet, they have been masterfully crafted out to a big thing.

Comparing some other IT juggernaut, fussy on details, playing dirty tricks on innocent consumers, I mean Apple, I really mean it, who do you think has the big picture in mind, who do you think is the real genius indeed?



☐ [Google Wallet - make your phone your wallet](#) [Google Tries to Jumpstart NFC Payments With Wallet Platform Tech News and Analysis](#) [Google Wallet: An Interesting Solution To A Problem That Doesn't Exist? | mocoNews](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Old Dirty Turd Still Rocks

May 24, 2011

Apple is basically using subtle defects to make web apps appear to be low quality at significantly slower speeds when they're launched from the iPhone or iPad home screen in "full screen mode" – even when they claim HTML5 is a fully supported platform.

So you can easily conclude why JavaScript runs slower on iOS than Android.

[Apple: Yes, Safari outperforms embedded iOS web viewer • The Register](#) [Daring Fireball: Why the Nitro JavaScript Engine Isn't Available to Apps Outside Mobile Safari in iOS 4.3](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 23, 2011

Overclock your Xoom, get 50% performance boost!



[Overclock Motorola](#)

[Xoom To 1.5GHz \[How-To-Guide\]](#)

Mike Nguyen - VTEC just Kicked in YO!! <http://knowyourmeme.com/memes/vtec-just-kicked-in-yo> May 23, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 23, 2011

Write Once, Run Everywhere.

This is what jQuery Mobile promises. Slick, native, responsive, you run web app looks like a native app on mobile devices.

[Slides from jQuery Mobile: Building Tools for a Changing Web, Mobilism Conference 2011 | Filament Group, Inc., Boston, MA](#) [jQuery Mobile: Demos and Documentation](#)

Dean Budd - JQuery is awesome. Unfortunately with all this GWT stuff I don't get to play with it anymore... Bring on GWT Mobile! May 23, 2011

Terrence Miao - Sadly, there is no GWT for Mobile from Google. Have a discussion with a colleague who worked on SmartGWT before. The showcase is quite promising for web app for desktop - <http://www.smartclient.com/smartgwt/showcase/> May 23, 2011



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May 23, 2011

iOS is slick, but Android is visionary.

Andy Rubin, the man behind the success of Android.



[Andy Rubin: The Man Who Changed Mobile](#)



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May 23, 2011

Connected, Cloud living and Computerized.

Welcome Generation C!



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May 22, 2011

Mobile new concept, development and future:

- . Luke Wroblewski: Mobile First (PDF)
- . PPK: The Future of the Mobile Web (PDF)
- . Stephanie Rieger: Beyond the Mobile Web
- . Brian Leroux: After HTML5
- . Antony Ribot: Devices, designs and enabling behaviours
- . Browser panel: No slides
- . Steve Souders: High Performance Mobile (PPT)
- . Jen Hanen: How to put the Mobile in the Mobile Web
- . Stephen Hay: Meta layout: a closer look at media queries
- . Scott Jehl: jQuery Mobile: Building Tools for a Changing Web
- . Bryan Rieger: Muddling Through the Mobile Web
- . Nikolai Onken: The Hitchhiker's guide to mobile development



[Mobilism Coverage](#)

Terrence Miao - Google programmers are doing work on mobile applications first, because they are better apps and that's what top programmers want to develop.

– Eric Schmidt, Google CEO

We're just now starting to think about mobile first and desktop second for a lot of our products.

- Kate Aronowitz, Design Director Facebook

We really need to shift now to start thinking about building mobile first. This is an even bigger shift than the PC revolution.”

- Kevin Lynch, CTO Adobe May 22, 2011



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May 22, 2011

Brain damage if you are a loyal Apple's fan?



[report says - CNN.com](#)

[Apple triggers 'religious' reaction in fans' brains,](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Read about this. *scary* May 22, 2011

naedyr null - fanboy = faith ?

So when we talk about 'religious' wars (vi vs emacs) we're actually using the correct terminology?
cool. May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Indeed.

Although I suspect there's greater self-righteousness in an Apple defence argument than there ever would be in vi vs emacs, nvidia vs ati/amd, nikon vs canon, holden vs ford, etc. May 22, 2011

naedyr null - I dunno, people can be pretty bad with the other wars too. Especially holden vs ford. Football teams are even worse, for some people it affects who they are friends with :(May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - True. But then you're possibly dealing with a less refined audience?

Although I remember some video I saw recently about the history of the Apple fan base, and it had a clip of this (pretty hot) woman saying how she'd "never sleep with a PC user".

Now there's an interesting criteria... May 22, 2011

naedyr null - hmm, basing who you'd have sex with (on religious choice) is far *less* refined than basing who you'd be friends with :P May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - That's why I said "*Although*" ;) May 22, 2011

naedyr null - lol, I imagine most girls would look down on people who *took sides* in tech wars :P May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - In other words, feel sorry for anyone that participated in a *Star Trek vs Star Wars* debate... ;) May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Or *Star Trek vs Babylon 5* (wow - have I had a few "heated exchanges" over that one)
May 22, 2011

Dean Budd - I've decided I won't wade into this debate... for there is *only one* conclusion. May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Yeah... So, how's IntelliJ working out for you? Still hating game consoles? Apple still the bane of your existence?

You get as pigheaded and obnoxious as the rest of us if someone plucks at the right chord, Deano, make no mistake. ;) May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Or, alternatively, in the afterlife do you expect The Jobs to be running heaven or hell? :) May 22, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Hmm.. Google came up with nil for "(pretty hot) woman saying how she'd never sleep with a Mac user"
May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - It was a 10sec bit in a video about the history of Mac users, Mac culture etc. It's been at least a month since I saw it. May 22, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Alex.. *never sleep with a Mac user* May 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol - *shh!* - *don't tell my gf that* ;) May 22, 2011

naedyr null - you haven't told her you're a mac user? omg :P May 23, 2011

Dean Budd - You don't need to call yourself pigheaded and obnoxious on my behalf! *hahaha* May 23, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - *sigh...* May 23, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 21, 2011

Huf Haus - This German kit home is perhaps the most iconic Grand Design, a master piece of precision German engineering.



[Walton Suppliers - Channel4 - 4Homes](#) [Grand Designs \(406\)](#)

Martin Paulo - I've just watched this: why aren't houses in Australia built like this? May 25, 2011

Terrence Miao - Marty, watched ABC TV Inside Business, there is company in Australia is making this pre-fabricated house.

<http://www.abc.net.au/insidebusiness/content/2011/s3223461.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/2011/05/22/3223461.htm>

Australia doesn't lack talent people and good ideas, however, politicians are the major hazard. Don't think so, watch the live Tony and Julia show in the parliament. May 25, 2011

Martin Paulo - There also seem to be a lot of vested interest's working to preserve the status quo :-(May 25, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I'll feel more safe in this: <http://www.theage.com.au/domain/real-estate-news/homes-designed-with-protection-in-mind-20110525-1f3qa.html> May 25, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 19, 2011

HTML 5 is the future. It will unify fragmentary worlds ruled by smart phones, tablets and PCs. It's also the promised cross platform solution leading to a peace process to end feudal wars between native iOS, Android, Windows Phone 7.



[HTML5 Rocks -](#)

[Introduction to Chrome Developer Tools, Part One](#)

Dean Budd - ...and is also now full member of *United Nations* hahaha May 19, 2011

Martin Paulo - The only problem is that some vendors (I'm looking at you Apple) appear to be slowing those wonderful HTML5 apps down to favor native apps. See

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/15/apple_ios_throttles_web_apps_on_home_screen/ May 19, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - ...but will it blend? May 19, 2011

naedyr null - It will blend, but only in firefox 4 apparently :P : <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/4276859/are-photoshop-like-blend-modes-possible-in-html5> May 19, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol May 19, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 19, 2011

The four most dangerous words in investing are "this time it's different".

Jeremy Grantham likes to remind investors: "Bubbles have quite a few things in common . . . and that is every one of them is considered unique and different." They're usually not.

[Bubble expert issues salutary wake-up call | The Australian](#)

Martin Paulo - Linked in, I believe, claims not be expecting to make a profit this year. And its profit last year was 15 million dollars. An **8 Billion** dollar market cap is insane. Good link, btw. May 19, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 16, 2011

One thing that jumped out: This year's word of choice in Google I/O 2011 was ... well, "choice," instead of "open."

Mike Claren, of the Android team said, "If I had to pick one word to explain Android's phenomenal growth over the last year, that word would be 'choice.' Consumers really like choices."

Obviously, Apple doesn't offer choice in the mobile world -- other than black or white.



[10 Ways Google](#)

[Just Tried To Thump Apple](#)

Greg Soertsz - Can't wait for Android to become self aware and for my toaster to attack me on a Sunday morning. I personally welcome our new overlords and offer my some of my neurons to the grid. May 18, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I vote for Kodos! May 18, 2011

Terrence Miao - The day that your smartphone can control all your home electrical devices, android-ware, from lighting, hi-fi, fridge, microwave, to G preferred toaster which can make the morning call, to gardening water system, won't too far away ... May 18, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Terry - you can already do that on your **cough iPad cough** May 18, 2011

naedyr null - you can control your microwave with an iPad? wow :P May 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - You can control your microwave with an iPad, but the microwave is probably running *some kind of Linux...* ;) May 18, 2011

Terrence Miao - If microwave running some kind of Linux, not only iPad, any smart phones and tablets can control it. It's not how good iPad is, it's how Linux can co-op. May 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol - Terrie, take it easy a bit, I was more joking about how Linux hackers would get Linux to run on their favourite fountain pen, if it had a chip in it... ;) May 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - *I just got a stripped down Linux microkernel to run in that light switch, dude!!!* :) May 18, 2011

naedyr null - It does seem ridiculous to boast about getting linux to run in a microwave or lightswitch, but the underlying purpose is to make the whole world automatable; which I think is a noble goal. There's all kinds of things you can do if you can ssh into your house ;) The alternative is some kind of stupid proprietary product that never does what you want :P May 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol

While the intent you're describing is noble, I **really** think that in reality the only reason is... *because we can*

It's what makes us proud and happy geeks. :) May 18, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 16, 2011

Linked-In IPO. Web 2.0, dot com bubble mark II kicked in?



[Silicon Valley and](#)

[the technology industry: The new tech bubble | The Economist](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 14, 2011

All problems are opportunities in disguise.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 13, 2011



[what the web community can learn from mobile](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 13, 2011

OMFG! This is insane!

10.1 inch, 300dpi, 2560 x 1600 resolution screen on a tablet!

Instantaneously, you want your new bought iPad 2 used as an electrical ass wiper!

[Samsung Electronics and Nouvovance Demonstrate 10.1-inch, 300dpi WQXGA PenTile RGBW Prototype Display for Tablet Market PenTile RGBW is the only display to optimize balance between power efficiency an...](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol

No, I don't. :)

And, FWIW, Samsung has joined **2nd** in the 300dpi game. ;) May 13, 2011

Dean Budd - If I know Terrence, he can predict the field... if he says your iPad is nothing more than an electrical ass wiper, I'd start wiping! lol

Mind you, I did say anyone who bought Apple was wiping their electrical ass a long time ago... *hahaha* May 13, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Angelos Alexander Megremis](#) I know what you mean **2nd**.

Mind you, although Apple is now suing Samsung for stealing its classic toilet paper pattern design, in the coming rumoured iPhone 5, iPad 3 which screen are supplied from no other than, of course, Samsung. May 13, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Of course. *It's nothing personal, just business.* Right? ;) May 13, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Deano - We're talking about the same guy that wears his underwear (matching grey cotton tee & shorts) into work? I dunno he hasn't been serving me any of his 'tea' lately - so I'm not entirely bought into his Samsung holdings.. May 15, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL!

Trust me... May 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Deano... anyone that says *trust me*... It's like laughing at your own jokes before anyone else does... :) May 15, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 12, 2011

Mob SIG Event: Mobile Application Web Development: A practitioners perspective

In this seminar, we will investigate developing applications for mobiles devices using two different platforms, Ruby on Rails and [ASP.NET](#) MVC 3 (both using jQuery).

In this presentation Joel will detail what is involved in configuring the Ruby on Rails environment. With the environment, Joel will cover a blogging app example which demonstrates his concept.

Nick will then cover configuring the .NET environment and installing packages that are required. This will then be used to demonstrate a Google maps location application.

Finally, we will provide some useful tips and tricks which can be utilized by both environments to improve your mobile web application performance.

Entry is FREE with on line registration appreciated. Light refreshments will be provided.

Anyone interested in?

<http://www.acs.org.au/vic/index.cfm?action=event&area=9003&tmplID=eventdetails&eveID=30200392031592>



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 12, 2011

Engineering God

A mechanical engineer, an electrical engineer and a civil engineer were arguing over what type of engineer god was.

The mechanical engineer pointed to the body's intricate skeletal / muscular system and proudly stated that god must have been a mechanical engineer.

The electrical engineer said that was OK but he felt that the brain and nervous system were of such incredible design and complexity that god had to be an electrical engineer.

The mechanical engineer and the electrical engineer both looked at the civil engineer who was smiling at their discussion. "I suppose you think god was a civil engineer" they said.

"Of course" replied the civil engineer. "Who else would run a sewer system through a major recreational area"?

Kieran Simpson - God's a physicist anyway. :p May 12, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 12, 2011

Seen Google I/O 2011 Keynote day 2 presentation, especially when Angry Birds natively runs on the web, in your browser, i.e, chrome, just wonder as modern browser so superior, so powerful with the HTML 5 capability, supporting multimedia, 3D, animation, WebGL, is there any point to still develop native apps on smart phone and tablets?



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Google I/O 2011

May 10, 2011



Terrence Miao - Android 3.1, nickname Ice Cream Sandwich, announced in Google I/O, will power tablets, convertible laptops, smartphones, Google TV ...

Google wants one OS that runs everywhere! And it's Open Source. May 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - Agree. However, Google changed Linux, or its variant Android, from embedded devices, geeks desktop, small to mid enterprise servers to an explosive growth. 400,000 new Android based devices are activated every day today. That's one of the great contributions Google has done. May 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - Android @ Home - Making your Android device the "center" of your life. Discover, connect and communicate with devices in the home, dishwashers, thermostats, lightings, irrigation system in your garden ..., anything electrical in your home is a potential connected device! May 10, 2011

Terrence Miao - Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 Limited Edition. 1GHz dual-core CPU, 32GB on board, 1GB of RAM, and Android 3.0, 8.6mm thick and weight 565g. It's launching in a month, and everyone in Google I/O 2011 is getting one! May 10, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - @JG - I hadn't thought of that, and it does make heaps of sense for it to happen. That's assuming Google pull on the reins a bit as Android right now is a rampantly chaotic scene of versions. May 10, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 10, 2011

Apple Got Everything Right By Doing Everything Wrong.

Steve Jobs as a manager who proved that "it's OK to be an asshole."

WTF?!



[Apple Employees Tell the Secrets Behind Steve Jobs' 'Magic' | Gadget](#)

[Lab | Wired.com](#)

Mike Nguyen - 'former' employees.. lol what would you expect? May 10, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - From everything we've heard/read, I imagine Apple is a horrible place to work if you're not in a position of high authority. May 10, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 10, 2011

Spend less time maintaining and more time creating. That's cloud power.

...

from Microsoft. That's even more fantastic!



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 10, 2011

How to stop cats pissing on your car, The best cat video ever! - Craig Turner

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 8, 2011

Free seminar (food and drinks are sponsored), Augmented Reality (AR) development on May 16th, 6pm in QV building. Anyone interested in?

<http://www.mobilemondaymelbourne.com/tag/momomay/>



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 8, 2011

Future smart phone is paper phone?



[Paper computer shows flexible future for smartphones and tablets](#) [Paper computer shows flexible future for smartphones and tablets](#) [Researchers demonstrate flexible epaper phone - Telegraph](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 8, 2011

Call Apple a swinger. Working in Apple like welcome to Swingers Heaven.

After separated with IBM Power PC a few years ago, Apple is thinking to move on again, from Intel this time.

According to informed source, Apple plans to ship its laptops line in mid 2013 to 64 bit ARM based architecture, which ARM's 32-bit reduced instruction set computer (RISC) instruction set architecture (ISA) is dominating smartphones and tablets at the moment.

Yesterday who bought a Power PC based Mac all got screwed. Today who buy Intel based MacBook will be got f_ _ked soon, if according to Apple's plan.



[Apple dumps Intel from laptop lines | SemiAccurate](#)

Kieran Simpson - That is such a stupid decision. May 8, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Do you know what 'swinger' means? :P May 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I wonder what the reasoning behind this would be, if it's true... May 8, 2011

Martin Paulo - ARM chips have far lower power consumption than Intel chips - this is one reason why an iPad gets 10h+ of battery life from a far weaker battery than that carried by the MacBook.

Not only do they have lower power consumption they are cheaper to make, and more under Apple's control, given that ARM's business model is to license the design to foundries. The integration work Apple did with their ARM version is one reason why others have struggled to match them on tablet price...

So the reasoning is: cheaper price, longer battery life, better control and also better for the environment. It doesn't sound too stupid to me.

And this isn't windows: Unix/Linux and associated apps are quite portable...

Intel's major worry is if server vendors follow them...

See http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/14/calxeda_arm_server/ May 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - I reckon Apple believes it can be satisfied to run applications with full throttle but less power consumption based on Intel's Complex Instruction Set Computing (CISC). This is physical limitation. You can't break this physical rule. May 8, 2011

naedyr null - Even if they moved all their hardware to the ARM chips, I don't think that many mac users would be very upset. As long as they kept the 8 core systems as is, they'd get away with it. May 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - "NoSQL and MapReduce are a beautiful fit for these servers because of the ratio of CPU, memory, and disk and the performance per watt,"

Great point!

This is the strength of ARM architecture, rather than a full blow version, can-do-anything Intel's solution. May 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - If this was to happen, it would be a huge undertaking. Apple's user base expanded greatly, since its move to Intel. A lot of software vendors have invested into releasing products on the platform, and users in buying them.

That puts them in a situation where, if they make the move and the recompiled binaries for <insert performance-hungry app name> aren't out, folks won't buy the hardware.

Adoption will be slow.

I'm hoping, if it happens (and, given the potential benefits mentioned, I hope it does), that it's done with care and planning.

When they moved from OS 9 to OS X, and from PPC to x86, they had emulators out to soften the blow. That was allowable because there wasn't anything on the Mac that needed to perform. That's not the case anymore. May 8, 2011

naedyr null - "That was allowable because there wasn't anything on the Mac that needed to perform", that's kinda the impression I get of the current situation. Obviously this excludes dev/music/art production. May 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - No, that's not the case anymore, even for the common average user. VM use is **very** widespread for Windows guests. Gaming is slowly picking up too (although still just a drop in the PC's ocean). Browser performance is 100% CPU-bound...

And, past that, all things dev/music/art, as you said, are demanding areas on any platform... May 8, 2011

naedyr null - except that apparently tablet usage is skyrocketing, due to people not needing real performance for the majority of their use. Something I don't understand. May 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Well, tablets now aren't *that* slow anymore. I've found myself doing a lot of casual browsing on my gf's iPad2. You give up a lot, but the experience is surprisingly inviting. May 8, 2011

naedyr null - isn't that the point though? the ARM chips are *fast enough* for casual usage; in addition most people are pretty much only performing casual usage. Which makes the improvements in battery life and chip cost very attractive for apple to put into their laptops ;) May 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I don't think that's the case, especially when you make that comparison. The form factor alone of a laptop makes a non-casual product, especially since we have the tablets for that. How ARM performance scales, however, out of the tablet and into an actively cooled laptop/desktop, makes me curious. I'm also not entirely sold on the battery savings. The bulk of the power is consumed by the display. Of course, if I give the CPU something to do, that changes completely. If a move to ARM would reduce that effect, I say it sounds awesome! May 8, 2011

Dean Budd - Yes! I totally agree!

Hold on... you did just say *Mac's are for girls* didn't you? *hahaha*

I wouldn't really care if Apple started using Potato Power to run their devices.

(Guess who just finished Portal 2) May 8, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Took you long enough. Played it like a *girlie man* did you? :) May 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 8, 2011

The only way Bill Gross would reverse his "short" position on U.S. government-related bonds and purchase Treasuries again is if the United States heads into another recession.

[PIMCO would only buy Treasuries on recession risk | Reuters](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 5, 2011

The dilemma of life in last decade is that people spend money that they do not have, on things which they do not need, to impress people who they do not care ...

naedyr null - <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/decadence> definition 3 implies definition 1? May 5, 2011

Terrence Miao - Hahaha, great tip, good point! Thanks null. May 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 5, 2011

After Steve Jobs sainted ...



Martin Paulo - Very cute. Has me wondering how I would write a program to do this. May 5, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Hm...

> Get resolution of output image in "fat pixels"

> Read collection of images and determine average color value over entire image (probably some sort of dominant/secondaries assessment)

> Fill in the "fat pixels" on a best match basis

Or something along those lines...? May 5, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - This type of image generation first became famous as the poster image for *The Truman Show* with Jim Carrey, right? May 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

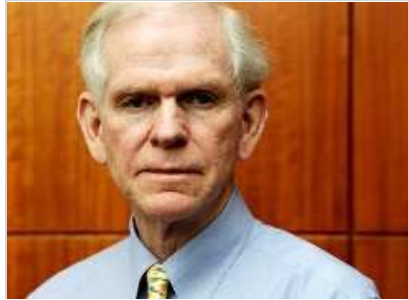
May 5, 2011

The days of abundant resources and falling prices were over forever.

There has never been anything like this in history and probably there will never be anything like it again, because we don't have an inexhaustible supply of giant countries like China and India.

Grantham, 72, influences thinking on Wall Street, and his piquant turn of phrase - he likened giving US Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke a second term to reappointing the captain of the Titanic - have earned him loyal followers.

Mr Grantham said the killer of Australia housing market was when first home buyers gave up, and people moved out of cities such as Sydney because they feared their children could never own a house. "How socially idiotic is it to engineer a situation like this."



[China's demand for commodities](#) [US tycoon praises carbon tax](#)

[Poor squeezed by](#)

Kieran Simpson - "Suffice to say that if we mean to avoid increased starvation and international instability, we will need global ingenuity and generosity on a scale hitherto unheard of." - The cynic in me cries out "fat chance". May 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 5, 2011

Dive Into HTML5 seeks to elaborate on a hand-picked Selection of features from the HTML5 specification and other fine Standards. The final manuscript has been published on paper by O'Reilly, under the Google Press imprint.

[Dive Into HTML5](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 4, 2011

Details revealed how U.S. traced and found Bin Laden via social network Facebook.



Kieran Simpson - LOL May 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 4, 2011

"I occasionally get birthday cards from fans. But it's often the same message: They hope it's my last." - *Al Forman*



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 3, 2011

png, icons and embedded images; gif, animated images on web; jpg, urh..., porn collection?



Terrence Miao - Mobile - Public

May 3, 2011

Power outage in office. Waiting people to come and fix the problem in up to 4 hours.

Colleagues sitting idle, flirting with each other. But I still can hook on internet, surfing, reading, via my Samsung tablet. Don't feel guilty of even a second is wasted. The power of mobile computing - connect people anywhere, anytime.

Mike Nguyen - People are flirting & you're sitting there playing with your tablet? May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - ^ what he said. Terrie, where's your priorities?

EDIT: also... you've got a 3G tablet with its own SIM, or (I hope) are you tethering to your mobile? May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - The tablet power lasts more than 4 hours. Unfortunately, power guys fixed the problem too quickly. I

have come back from meditation, or nap.

The bug reported is power overloaded. Counting me only that I have one desktop, one laptop, two monitors, one Wireless AP, one Samsung Galaxy and one Motorola Xoom tablets, seven devices all plugged in. Not surprised. But I need to get job done quickly, in an agile way, i.e., no rules and power (electricity) should and could limit my productivities :-)

May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Flirting and chitchatting all waste your time, precious time.

Yep, Samsung Galaxy Tablet can do tethering. But 3G network still feel slow. Looking forward lighting fast NBN kicked in <in a satirical tone />

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I didn't ask if it can do tethering. I asked if you're tethering it **to** your mobile, or if you bought it with **its own** SIM.

And, dude, flirting is never a waste of time. It's *Step 2* on the long path to awesome things... Go talk to a woman already!

;) May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - In tablet year 2011, you can do a lot just on tablet. Netbook is dead. The age of laptop but not on internet will be gone soon.

In near future, all the devices are internet-able and connect the internet most time. The devices people spend most of their time on are smartphone and tablet IMHO.

May 3, 2011

naedyr null - when travelling sure, smartphone or tablet (ie large smartphone :P) is the way to go. But big tv/monitor screens are the way to go when you're at work or at home.

May 3, 2011

naedyr null - I don't think I could go back to a rubber dome keyboard from my mechanical keyboard, let alone go to purely touch screens with virtually no tactile response at all :D

May 3, 2011

Mike Nguyen - +3 tablets are fine for click here; smudge there = kiddie stuffs. But when it comes to actual serious business stuffs, I prefer a keyboard any day.

May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Desktop and server won't die soon, even Cloud is becoming popular. As same as MS Windows and Office.

Tablet is not a large screen smartphone. Tablet can let you spend 80% your work and life time on it, do a lot things smartphone can't do, a lot things you don't want a laptop to be bothered to do. It's in its own league.

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - @JG lol!

Ok, IMO the best combination of devices for computer usage (*apart from gaming*) is a keyboard and a tablet-style trackpad (ie imagine using your Galaxy/Xoom/iPad as a trackpad).

I say that because I've seen some stuff that Adobe is doing with providing context information on your gesturing on the actual pad, while using it to control Photoshop (if I understood it correctly) and it looks mighty awesome.

PS: While I respect a clickety keyboard as much as the next guy, its sheer antisocial behaviour puts me off. I used to have one as a kid and my parents used to complain that the sound wouldn't let them sleep, FFS...

May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - When a better input solution found for tablet, you will ridicule yourself why you have affair with keyboard and mouse for such a long long time.

May 3, 2011

naedyr null - I've tried trackballs, trackpads, rollers, eye controlled, head controlled, joystick, touch pads, motion controllers and pen tablets. touch is great for small screens, but for a large screen there's nothing (yet) that is as accurate and precise as keyboard+mouse. I wish there was something better though

May 3, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Hear, hear!!

May 3, 2011

naedyr null - I'm looking forward to the telepathy interface :D

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I'm not. Firefox will keep trying to open NSFW sites at the worst times... :)

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Too much physical activity. Fail.

;) May 3, 2011

Dean Budd - But I've seen you wave your arms around like that during a normal conversation! *hahaha*

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Nah, those times I had a machette in my hand... :)

May 3, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL!

May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Voice, gesture, or mind-reading telepathy. Do you reckon the combination of keyboard and mouse are more natural to human beings comparing to them?

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I'll take keyboard shortcuts over voice any day, and I have yet to see a convincing display of gestures in real life that would be a match for speed and accuracy either. Even everyone's favorite, the Minority Report interface, as displayed was both laborious and very crude.

May 3, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Re: Alex: Macro is your friend :D

May 3, 2011

naedyr null - voice can never work properly, unless you prefix all comands with "computer ..." like they do in star trek. that will never go down well in any environment. I talk with my hands, so I can't ever use any gesture based system ;)

May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - > Computer!

daaa-doo

> Arm all weapons!

brrrrleeeep May 3, 2011

naedyr null - "engage! *points*" maybe it's actually a voice+gesture system, you have to do both :P May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - A bit OT, but I just had a thought...

Imagine having GLaDOS as your satnav voice... :) May 3, 2011

Kieran Simpson - When we all get LCARS on our keyboards I can die happy :p May 4, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Soooo... Majel Barrett on your satnav then?

:) May 4, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 3, 2011

When asked “If you live 50 years, which you will invest in industry”, Warren Buffett said with a smile, he liked to this problem, especially the assumption that part. However, he then answers also surprised. Has high-tech options are not interested in the answer to Warren Buffett is actually the technology sector.

“I will certainly choose a large-scale industry, science and technology industry is one of them.” Buffett said, he said, science and technology industry in the future there may be some huge development, but the polarization will be very serious, very few companies will be very successful, but the vast majority of companies within the industry will prove to be losers.

[Buffett re-name the technology stocks: the future will increase the polarization | IC News](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Did that article come out of Google Translate or smth? May 3, 2011

Dean Budd - ...from the *Herald Sun* May 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - linky?

because Terrie's link is to a blog, and the grammar is so wrong it must have come from a translation... May 3, 2011

Dean Budd - ...just joking. It was a poke at the quality grammar used at THS... May 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Sorry, I have no idea how the this blog is composed.

In Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting, you are not allowed take photos or record. Shareholders take notes and put on the internet. That's what I understand. May 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

May 2, 2011

Google invite you in exploring and innovating across the entire spectrum of performance — from Internet protocols to the browser to website development. Together, let's make the web faster!

[Let's make the web faster - Google Code](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

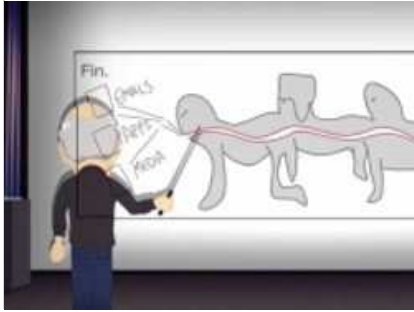
May 1, 2011

JavaScript is a sloppy language, but inside it there is an elegant, better language.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
South Park on Apple's Terms And Conditions

Apr 29, 2011



[South Park Scares You Into Reading Apple's Terms And Conditions](#)
[Buisness Casual G-Men \(Season 15, Episode 1\) - Video Clips - South Park Studios](#) [I Agreed by Accident! \(Season 15, Episode 1\) - Video Clips - South Park Studios](#) [Fully Interfaced, Mouth-to-Anus \(Season 15, Episode 1\) - Video Clips - South Park Studios](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - One of South Park's BEST episodes! Apr 30, 2011

Dean Budd - Last time that thing popped up on my iPhone it was 40 pages long!!! May 1, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - [Dean Budd](#) So, where in the humancentipad would you like to be? Front? Middle? Or back? May 1, 2011

Dean Budd - It's so obvious I'm not even going to answer! Hold on... are we talking about this South Park episode? May 1, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol

Next thing you're going to be talking about Mr Hanky... :) May 2, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Firefox 5 is going to be released in June, precisely on June 26th 2011.

Apr 29, 2011

What?! A major release only 3 months after Firefox 4?!

This is maybe the most serious application can do this kind fast pace in history AFAIK.

Does this because Mozilla community successfully practice Agile, XP, Scrum, Kanban or Kaizen methodologies?

Only thing I know this community are run by a horde of anarchists and communists ...
[Mozilla Firefox 5 slated for June release - Technology - GMA News Online - Latest Philippine News](#)

Dean Budd - Jeepers! What's the new feature list like? Apr 30, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - *It works*

:) Apr 30, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 28, 2011

Xoom vs. Galaxy; Telstra vs. Vodafone. Please don't count Acer Iconia in.

□ □ [Motorola Xoom vs. Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1v vs Acer Iconia A500: Android tablet showdown - Vodafone, Telstra, tablets, Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1, motorola xoom, Android tablets, Android 3.0 Honeycomb, Ac...](#)

Kieran Simpson - Asus Transformer is still the best for price vs feature set. Apr 28, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - If you put price in the back seat, which one comes on top? I've read a lot of negativity regarding Xoom, and Gingerbread in general, but I can't get a clear feel because I think a lot of that is just perception, and noise.

The only really alarming comments were that Xoom, as delivered, is almost like a beta product still. Apr 28, 2011

Terrence Miao - "Jesus fucking Christ, please slow down with the technology... I just barely got my damn iPad."

That's one user's comment when he sees the demo of Asus Transformer.

[Kieran Simpson](#) Many thanks Kieran. I've had a serious look of this product. Not bad at all. Actually, I quite like it!

Combining both features of netbook and tablet, Asus Transformer is quite snappy and sleeky. I like its design and equipment, especially HDMI output, dock station which provides you 16 hours battery life ...

There are two things I have a bit concern. One there is no 3G support for current version so far. That's a crucial part supporting mobile computing. Second is how to use the touch pad on the dock station. You see the demo when make a selection, people still need to touch the screen, not the pad. So why do you need a keyboard + pad for?

@***** J, have a look this one. You bought Asus Eee PC. Sorry it's too quick mate! Wait a bit longer, you can get Asus Eee Pad on your hands and at your pocket :-)

[Angelos Alexander Megremis](#) \$399 for WiFi version with similar and a bit more features than Xoom and Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1v, it's not just cheaper, it has the best features to price ratio!

I have two laptops, guess what, they are ALL Asus. One is 15.6", 5 years old, I'm using it to buzz you now. Another is 13.3" one, 2 years old, I carry it between office and home.

Apple's MacBook is the first kicked out. Cute for dude, but can't play hardcore.

Then I compared them to legendary ThinkPad, lightest in the world Sony VAIO, and popular but crappy Dell junkies before I bought them. In the end, Asus crosses the line. Why, because Asus' products have the best futures to price ratio, i.e., more features and less cost.

...

Regarding to Xoom and Android 3.0. I played quite a bit during last few weeks. Honestly to say, they are not perfect.

Xoom is OK, can be made a bit thinner and lighter, or have a better camera at back. But there are not important thing.

The most important part is the software running on it.

Even comparing to Android 2.x, 3.0 lacks of vast applications support. Although some apps you still can run on Honeycomb, you know they lack of tablet support, not fit in the trousers at all.

And it's quite buggy at the moment. Application crashed, and no consistence result, sometime, weird things happen ...

But, no matter this is beta product or not, when I hold Xoom in my hands, I can feel all the potentials it carries on, and great expectation in its future. I can see a tsunami Android Tablet application come to market for this Open Source platform soon in the future.

Imagining something beyond current trend, that's business and market astute most developers should have a little bit ...

Apr 29, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - [Terrence Miao](#) I love the potential that we all can agree exists in the Android tablet. Give me the iPad benefits without the Apple drawbacks and I'll gladly pay iPad prices for towards one.

However, this is something that I want to use as a consumer, not a techie. As a result, I want to wait until it matures. Apr 29, 2011

Terrence Miao - Asus Eee Pad Transformer is selling in CPL (www.cpl.net.au). 16GB for \$599, 32GB \$799. The dock station if FREE!

<http://www.engadget.com/2011/04/18/asus-eee-pad-transformer-uk-edition-review/> May 19, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 28, 2011

Nokia Slashes 7000 Jobs, Outsources Symbian to Accenture.

R.I.P. Symbian.

Go Windows Phone 7, 8, 9, 10!

[Nokia to slash thousands of jobs, outsource to Accenture | The Australian](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - R.I.P. Symbian, and not a minute too soon.

If their WP7+ mobiles gain proper smartphone kung fu while performing well as actual **phones** (not like any of the current offerings), that would be awesome. Apr 28, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 26, 2011

Google is building a time machine!



[Google Launches the Closest Thing to a Real Time Machine | News](#)

[& Opinion | PCMag.com](#) [About - GigaPan Time Machine](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 23, 2011

Design of Stalin's K-7 bomber.



[Russian Flying Fortresses](#)

[English Russia »](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 22, 2011

On Mar 18th buzz, I said the motto of Apple should be: **Do more evil, which make tribute to Apple's closeness vs. Google's openness ...**

Here is the wake up call of Apple's "evil" secrecy.



[iPhone tracking](#)



[Apple slammed over](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 22, 2011

Resistance is futile!

Amazon throws its hat into the ring with dedicate tablet to support Amazon's app, ebook as well as song sales.



[Engadget](#)

[Amazon to take on Apple this summer with Samsung-built tablet? --](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 22, 2011

Google takes on Groupon face to face with Google Offers. Good time is coming!

[What will Google offer?](#) [What will Google offer?](#) [Google Offers](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 22, 2011

Resistance is futile!

Intel had received the source code for Android version 3.0 (Honeycomb), and the company is working on porting the operating system over to the x86 architecture.

Tempted by the explosive smartphone and tablet market, Intel tries to throw x86 into the ring, though it's a CISC and power hogging architecture.

@***** In near future, you will run both Gentoo, you favourite and Android, you are not big of on a "netbook". You will still keep 10" screen, but won't have the keyboard and forced to use touch screen, and no more \$200 price tag ... <hahahaha>more evil laughing sound</hahahaha>



[Intel Aiming for Android Tablets This Year | Gadget Lab | Wired.com](#)



Immediately after Apple filed suit against Samsung over patent and trade dress infringements, Android enthusiasts have countered that it was Apple that actually copied Samsung from the beginning.



Angelos Alexander Megremis - I'm sure almost none of these *modern day wonders* are truly original ideas. They're all derivatives of existing old concepts, just a case of technology and execution finally catching up with imagination. Apr 20, 2011

naedyn null - This is the reason software patents (for the most part) shouldn't be granted. Almost no ideas are original. (plus they don't protect the little guy anymore) Apr 20, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis · Hm... IMHO software patents are a bit of a grey area... Patents at a higher level, ie on algorithms, perhaps? Apr 20, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Bah, the software patent system is broken. Not even the Blue Haired Lawyers (http://simpsons.wikia.com/wiki/Blue-Haired_Lawyer) can anticipate everything. It's a big game of Russian roulette.



Dean Budd will love it :-D
☐ ☐ Web Developer



Man is found where earth finishes, woman where heaven begins. - Victor Hugo

At Melbourne Comedy Festival, Dave Callan show. Ass splitting hilarious! Men, you really don't know a lot of things about women. Show finishes in a high note when Dave Callan dances with Beyoncé song Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It).

☐ [Dave Callan – 0+ | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2011](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 18, 2011

On sale in Australia now. Thinner and better back camera than Xoom. But, always but, the battery life, actually ALL Samsung mobile devices battery are quite shitty.

Go with Telstra network; set up Access Point; use Vodafone version only to access WiFi.

US\$ 569 for 32GB in U.S. You need to pay \$729 outright Down Under.

Going to Vodafone shop to have a taste today.

☐ ☐ ☐ [Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1v - Android - Vodafone Australia](#)

Mike Nguyen - <http://www.theage.com.au/digital-life/tablets/apple-sues-samsung-for-blatant-copying-20110419-1dm65.html> Apr 18, 2011

Terrence Miao - Apple sued Microsoft on Windows "Look and feel". And Xerox alleged Apple GUI's heavily based on theirs.

You will never get bored dog eating dog, especially when Apple among them.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_Computer_Inc._v._Microsoft_Corporation Apr 18, 2011

Mike Nguyen - But you gotta admit, Apple was the driving force for these user interfaces & everyone are just playing catchup. If it wasn't for their iPhone, we'd be stuck with the Nokia bricks. If it wasn't for the iPad, everyone would have gotten a netbook (sorry James I couldn't resist lol) Apr 18, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 18, 2011

As of today, all 250 million people privacy in this place!



[Facebook's new datacenter — Scobleizer](#)

[Photo tour of](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 13, 2011

Hi baby, I'm coming ...



[Teardown - iFixit](#)

[Motorola Xoom](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 13, 2011

Escape Machines - Surprise

Watch and get amazed.

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Apr 13, 2011

The Xoom and the iPad are like chess and checkers. When you first start playing chess (or trying to use the Xoom, in my amazing analogy) you feel overwhelmed and confused. You can't really do things smoothly, you don't understand the options, it just is not a great first impression. On the other hand, your first game of checkers (or using the iPad) is probably going to be pretty smooth. It isn't complex, most all the options and concepts are obvious and easy to understand and your first game is going to be pretty similar to your hundredth.

However, as you start to understand the Xoom (or chess) it really starts to grow on you. You understand what you can do, how to do it, the amazing depth and possibility in the device. While the iPad (or checkers) players are still having roughly the same experience time after time, with the Xoom every day of experience with the device makes it more powerful and enjoyable to use. In the end, the Xoom becomes a much better device than any of the competition; it just takes some time for you to learn what it is capable of and how to make the most of it.

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Damn, Terry, you're almost worse than Dean...

In any case, good to see you're enjoying your Xoom, mate... :) Apr 13, 2011

Terrence Miao - Not only worse but also eviler than Deano <wohahaha /> Apr 13, 2011

Dean Budd - I totally agree Alex... Mac's *are* for girls. Apr 13, 2011

Kieran Simpson - iPads maybe, not Macs (except for Airs maybe). Apr 13, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Where did you get your Xoom Terrance? Apr 13, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Hmmm... to be surrounded by attractive girls or snorty male geeks... Tough decision! Apr 13, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - [Mike Nguyen](#) - lol! Apr 13, 2011

Terrence Miao - Telstra is going to sell Motorola Xoom in mid May. We have one sitting around let people play with. A great product. Also I've played with Motorola Atrix 4G w/ webtop feature, that let you smartphone become a netbook. Fantastic idea.

I don't need to rush to buy one at the moment. But will definitely get a WiFi version Xoom. Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - So you *don't* have one... Yet you opine so ferociously...

Yup. Another day on the internet... Apr 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - I don't know how to lay eggs. But the capability that I can taste good eggs is much superior than

thousands chicks who can lay eggs :-)

So, you don't need to know how to program "Hello World", but you still can have the taste and be a software craftsman.

Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol

Ok dude. :) Apr 14, 2011

Mike Nguyen - TBH I'm getting fed up with my HTC Android. I'm getting an iPhone 4 when I get back! Superior camera, excellent usability & not getting that dreaded question from the attractive ladies: "What kinda phone is that?" Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - On one hand, the question is a plague. Especially with something like my Galaxy S, which just looks like an absolute iPhone 3G clone.

On the other hand, personally I find Swype to be one of the best features about Android. Apr 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - **Mike Nguyen** You haven't played latest Android phones like HTC Sensation, Samsung Galaxy S II, Motorola Atrix 4G. iPhone 4 looks like a product last century to them.

Angelos Alexander Megremis There are tons of good apps for Android you need to find out. I just download and play Linked-In for Android released this morning.

Our testing ladies already made verdict - Xoom is better, super fast, smoothy screen, great user experience than iPad!

I'm going to test, actually play Motorola Xoom all day today :-D Apr 14, 2011

naedyr null - what about poor new windows phone? doesn't anyone want to defend it? Apr 14, 2011

naedyr null - a friend has one (not sure which), and it sure was a phone. it had applications and games and everything :P Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Meh... WP7 doesn't excite me. I believe it's a good product, but I'm totally fed up with anything Windows-related, at least for now. I say that as a consumer, not an IT geek. Apr 14, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I dunno, hopeless camera, interface choking up, unattractive design... I think Apple got it right while everyone is still playing catchup. I think the modern phone is more for socialising purpose rather than its traditional communication role. The android still has its place for more technical functionalities - but meh.. I can only afford one & I prefer the one with a decent camera. If I want to 'play' around with techie stuffs, I'd rather get a real computer - but that's another story (OMG.. slowly turning into an Apple fanboi!) Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I'm holding out to see a few Android tables first hand.

I've had a lot of time with my gf's iPad2, and I have a good feel for it now. The app store keeps the overall experience fresh and exciting, and there's a good stream of interesting, sexy apps. I think that, if a reliable jailbreak comes out and I can put my .mkv files on it (thanks to that **idiot** dev that made Apple take VLC Player off the App Store), it would satisfy all my expectations of such a product. It's a pleasure to use.

I do have high hopes that one of the Android equivalents will come out to match it for experience and polish, combined with app freedom. Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - On a side note, I do wish it was lighter. It can be a bit tiring if you have to hold it at an odd angle for a while. I suspect most of the weight is the battery, so I don't think it, or any of its competitors, can do any better, not if battery life is to be maintained, not any time soon... Apr 14, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I too have a whole collection of MKVs but I bet that the codecs used are H2654 and AC3. So just use ffmpeg to remux the file into a MP4 container and it will play fine on the iPad. If needed you can adjust the video at the same time to fit the iPad better.

Or wait for a real mans tablet :) Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - That's the thing. I'd need to downscale the vids, or iTunes [edit] won't let them in directly. So we're talking heaps of time to do a decompress-resize-recompress, plus added disk space to host those files. It's hugely inconvenient, and only necessary because Apple are being dicks about their *walled garden*.

On the SGS I can just dump the files in and this little pipsqueak mobile plays 720p .mkv files without fail.

I'm a bit spoilt by Android+SGS in that regard...

f.u. Apple, and f.u. Nokia guy... Apr 14, 2011

Terrence Miao - @naedyr null Please don't write M\$ off the history too quickly. Windows Phone 7 still has the niche in mobile computing. Combining Office, Live and Xbox games, plus Bing, even Apple and Google don't cover such big range from business world to home entertaining.

M\$ is still a cash cow. It still has the money and time to play another catch up game. WP7 Next Gen is coming - <http://arstechnica.com/microsoft/news/2011/04/windows-phone-7-mango-one-heck-of-an-upgrade.ars> Apr 14, 2011

naedyr null - I wasn't writing off WP7, I just noticed that no-one else even mentioned it ;) Apr 14, 2011

Kieran Simpson - That's because the rest of us are writing M\$ off :p Apr 14, 2011

Mike Nguyen - 'odd angle' lol Kinky! Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - [Kieran Simpson](#) I'm actually kind of rooting for them - they've sort of become the underdog... the reformed ex-villain...

Mike Nguyen Meh... simple situations... You're lying down, be it on your back or on your side, and you're trying to use it for more than 5min... You'll very quickly find yourself twisting around to find a position to rest your arm and hold the device at a viewable angle. Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - True, but that's a different category of device. Apr 14, 2011

naedyr null - yeah, it's actually cheap, and actually functional Apr 14, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I had a quick look on eBay and Wireless Xooms are going for ~\$650 Apr 14, 2011

naedyr null - \$200 Gentoo netbook is in a different category of device - actually cheap ;) Apr 14, 2011

Dean Budd - Yeah James... Tablets with Keyboards don't count! *haha* Apr 14, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Were you looking for a device+store solution, or did you already have/own the content you wanted to read as PDFs, or are getting it independently?

FWIW, having used the iPad for reading, it's heavy and, for my reading distance (my contacts don't give me 100% correction), it can pixelate. When larger devices come out with über high DPI, "*retina display*" style, I'll be cheering...
Apr 16, 2011

naedyr null - I've been using the kindle, and it's best for novels. It can work well for pdf tech books, and anything else with (b&w) diagrams. Useless for photo based books, obviously. Light enough to hold up with one hand during reading. You need to use calibre to convert non-compatible formats for it though. Apr 17, 2011

Terrence Miao - One thing challenges all the smartphone and tablet devices in input. Voice, gestures, on screen keyboard, but no one can match old mouse + keyboard way.

One of great creative thing Motorola done on Xoom is offering a little \$50 docking station, transforming your Xoom tablet into a netbook or a laptop. Check Xoom Docking station unboxed here - [Motorola Xoom Standard Dock Unboxing](#)

@***** Netbook is yesterday, I really mean dead technology, along with current not-dead-yet 3D TV. Netbook is not as powerful as a PC, nor as mobilized as a tablet. Putting Gentoo on it doesn't make your meat balls taste like Frech Haute cuisine. Smartphone is not in the same league as tablet either.

As our politicians pointed out on NBN, if you want to do something right, do with fiber :-)

Be a man, Do the right thing. Buy a tablet. Apr 17, 2011

naedyr null - hahaha, more like : be a man, carry your full tower PC around in a backpack :P Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - In all fairness, the tablet's "killer feature" is just that - it's a touch interface. In fact, it's a touch-only interface, with a conventional keyboard bolted on as a virtual afterthought.

The whole use experience becomes tactile (well, almost). If we disable our nerd-o-vision for a little bit, and see it as a change (which most of us hate) towards a new way for everyday use of the device, everything else becomes a case of "come on, where are my apps!?!". Apr 17, 2011

naedyr null - tactile is exactly what touch interface isn't, dedicated, purpose built hardware (piano keyboard, joystick etc) input is tactile :). Touch interface is completely flexible, which is great for a very small device. It means you can completely change the interface depending on context. Perfect for an actually portable device (smart phone). Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Well... What's missing to define it as properly tactile? I'd say texture is the only thing that differs between me reading a paperback and a PDF. Otherwise the content responds to my touch as I would expect the real thing to (with a bit of imagination)

But I could go with your argument as well - a completely flexible interface, and, more importantly, not restricted by some of the aspects of the mouse & keyboard combo. Apr 17, 2011

naedyr null - tactile - "Of or connected with the sense of touch", ie getting touch feedback. I'm sure there'll be a touch with feedback interface one day :) . *That* will make keyboard and mouse redundant :) Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Well, it is connected with the sense of touch. You get feedback both from vibration and from moving your finger around, touching, etc etc. The software's response is a direct result of your finger's action.

It's not complete, but it's a start... Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Games on these devices are a prime example. Look at "Cut the Rope", or "Angry Birds", and examine their control scheme. There is a definite sense of physicality to the behaviour you observe in response to your actions.

The most basic example - the spring loaded list UI element in the original iPhone release, and how it response to you, also

showcases this. How does the element behave when you scroll to the top? What about when you try to go beyond that?

That's why I call it tactile. Not in the literal sense, but definitely in the ballpark, IMO. Apr 17, 2011

naedyr null - I prefer literal tactile feedback ;) (as we've said, it's not practical for actually portable devices ... yet) Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Diablo III on the iPhone 8 with new iTactile interface...

You are walking through hot lava

AAAAYYYYYYYYE Apr 17, 2011

naedyr null - lol, if it warmed up more when your character moved over lava, and provided a wobbling feel, that would be sweeeeeet :) Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Actually that's a great opportunity for accessories... All of a sudden *Flame retardant gloves* makes sense for the geek that's gaming on the train ride home... ;) Apr 17, 2011

naedyr null - just realised, the lava thing would be "literal feedback", makes what's happening actually happen :P Apr 17, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I think you're confusing the iPhone with the iWeedBag, or the iCrackPipe... Apr 17, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 9, 2011

The main difference between men and women is that men are lunatics and women are idiots. -- Rebecca West, novelist, journalist, and writer for women suffrage



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 6, 2011

"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog." There are still a few dogs on the Internet today, but there are a lot people behaviour like dogs.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 6, 2011

April Investment Outlooks by Pimco founder Bill Gross

[PIMCO | Investment Outlook - Skunked](#)

Martin Paulo - Here's another view: the top 1% are screwing the other 99%:

<http://www.vanityfair.com/society/features/2011/05/top-one-percent-201105>

So perhaps rather than reforming entitlements they could consider reforming the tax breaks and subsidies that companies and wealthy people make use of? Either way, the US sounds pretty broken Apr 6, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 6, 2011

You spend \$500 on the latest Apple iPad2, actually money cost you is \$2000 ...

[The \\$2,000 iPad - Yahoo!7 Finance](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Ahhh... That mentality applies to everything from the cost of an iPad, to buying a new car vs a used one (or just using public transport), to flying with Singapore vs flying with AirAsia, even down to your lunch money.

There's always opportunity cost when you chose to consume your funds rather than invest it.

But you mustn't forget that your money is there *to serve you* , not for *you to serve it* . Apr 6, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Hear, hear!! Apr 6, 2011

Terrence Miao - Your money is there to serve you only after you serve to get money in place at first.

I rest my case :-D

[Mike Nguyen](#) any comments Mr. N? Apr 6, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - You've already gotten your money when you've spent half your day at work and earned your paycheck. You have already earned the means to live comfortably right there.

Beyond that is elective (read: ambition, or greed, depending on your life views). Apr 6, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I already own an iPad (for free as well) so I'm not compelled to buy another one.

But going to your buzz - like all pretty things, they're high maintenance! Apr 6, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Aye.. you gotta learn to enjoy your hard earned dough Terry. Look at Alex - always a happy chap! Apr 6, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - [Mike Nguyen](#) lol - I'm not sure if I should be thanking you or not there, mate... :) Apr 6, 2011

Terrence Miao - Please die in rich. And let other people jealously say: "This person has nothing except his money." Apr 7, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol!
Is that your ultimate dream? Apr 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - It's in my Buzz's policy that I don't comment on market speculation ... Apr 7, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Whatever makes you happy :D Apr 7, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 5, 2011

Britain is famous of her whinging bastards; Australia is famous of her lousy bludgers.

It's amazing that IT industry can easily make so many programmers combining both these two qualification being a whinging bastard and lousy bludger.

Dean Budd - Throw in a Kiwi and then everything *just works!* *hahaha* Apr 5, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - All he needs is a sheep and a keyboard...

:) Apr 5, 2011

Dean Budd - And *there's* the witty punch-line! *boom-tish* (Quite original I must say!) Apr 5, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - lol
Come on, I might as well have said instead "throw in a Mac and everything *just works* ". You would have had a field day.
;) Apr 5, 2011

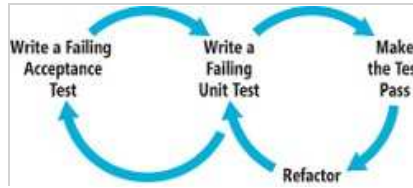
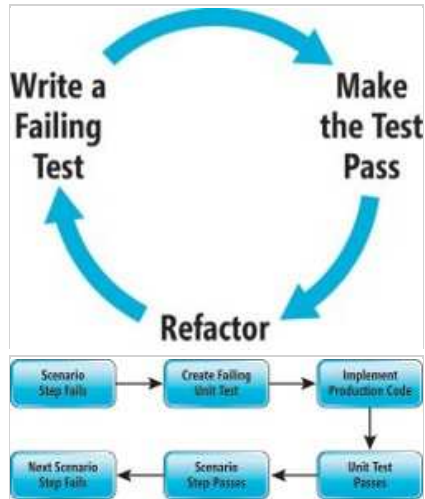
Dean Budd - *HAHAHAHAHA!* Now *that's* good! => Very clever... => Apr 5, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 5, 2011

Evolution: from TDD to BDD



Dean Budd - Very nice diagram! *That's going straight to the poo-ill (Australian for "pool") room!* Apr 5, 2011

Terrence Miao - In the discussion that how to coach Business Analysts and Testers write "canonical" BDD's style feature file, i.e., **Given-When-Then**, which make them more natural language like, but also make sense (I mean easier) for developers write reusable scenario steps?

A good point made that in **Given** should have the future tense, in **When** present tense; **Then** past tense.

Bloody English, but this should work. Apr 7, 2011

Dean Budd - *Given* is **Initial** State, *When* is the State Transition, *Then* is Resulting State

We have trouble getting this across as well. Start *just* with *When* and *Then*, and let the *Given* come out of that. If you focus *straight away* you're gonna get confused!

I run *User Story* writing Workshops if you need a consultant... ;)

Use *Given* as the test to make sure the initial State actually changes! Apr 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Given is initialise, When is take action, Then is verify expectation.

But Cucumber can't always do the work you wish, so we have to "abuse" a lot tags, change the feature files make it read like Pigeon language then. Apr 7, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Sounds like VDA then. You're changing your framework to meet the technology. Why use Cucumber then if you're wanting to use BDD? If you're on the JVM use easyB instead. Apr 7, 2011

Dean Budd - Agreed. Use a proper tool if you're going to do BDD... Cucumber is good for Acceptance Tests, not so much for BDD.

Also, then if your tests become hard to understand/read, the whole point has been lost =(Apr 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - It's a top down approach. That one project successfully implemented Cucumber and bosses like it, then all the projects have to use it. Apr 7, 2011

Dean Budd - I wouldn't fuss about *Given/When/Then* all that much (meaning to the point where you're fighting your tech)... we wrote good Acceptance Tests for years without it! ;)

Terrence Miao - We are writing Unit Test in *Given/When/Then* style now. Powered by the Mockito's supremacy, a lot redundant codes in Unit Test to obey restrictive Give/When/Then rules. You can call it discipline. I call it half arsed Agile, or with respect, shit in head ... Apr 7, 2011

Dean Budd - Awww shux... and yeah, totally agree... I think it's easy to get trapped by the framework without understanding the principles behind it... sorta like Agile. A lot a places blindly follow the practices without understand the real principles... Apr 8, 2011

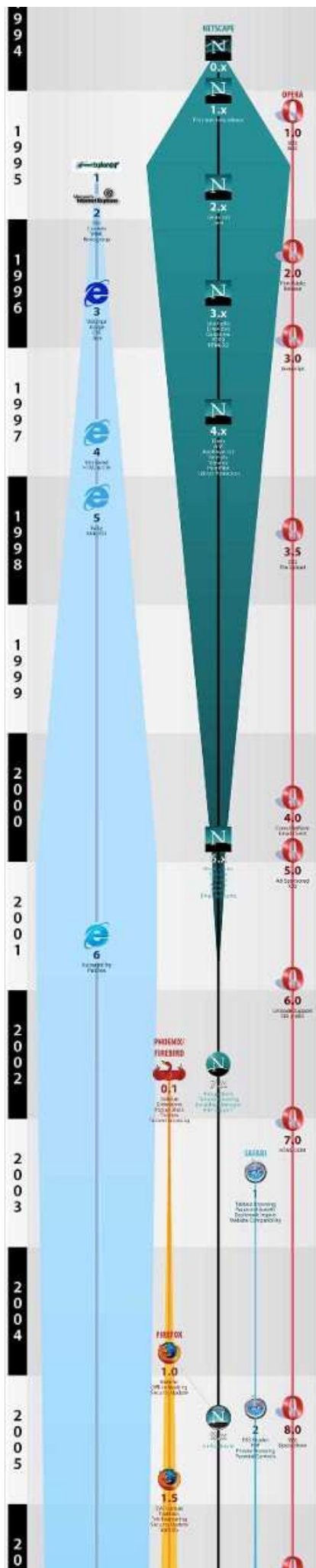
Kieran Simpson - Hear hear!! Apr 8, 2011

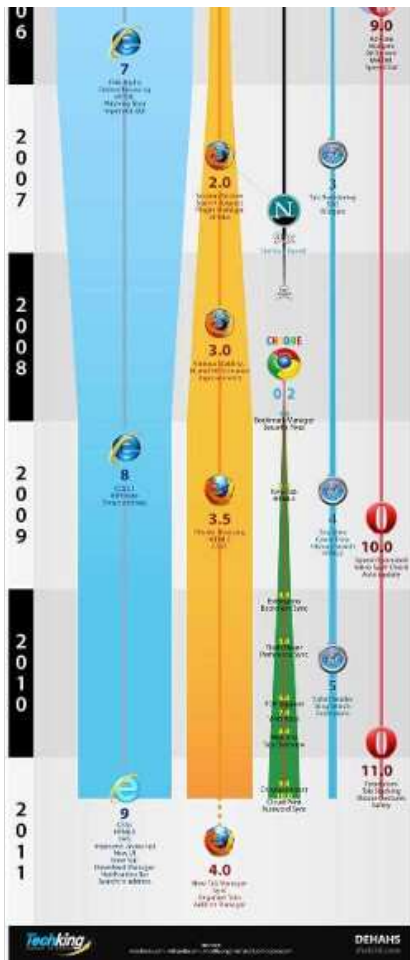


Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 3, 2011







[The History of Web Browsers \(Picture\)](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Michael Jordan

Apr 3, 2011



Michael Jordan is retired with **\$40 million** in endorsements, makes \$178,100 a day, working or not

If he sleeps 7 hours a night, he makes \$52,000 every night while visions of sugarplums dance in his head

If he goes to see a movie, it'll cost him \$7.00, but he'll make \$18,550 while he's there 

 If he decides to have a 5 minute egg, he'll make \$618 while boiling it

He'll make \$3,710 while watching 1 episode of *FRIENDS*

 He'll probably pay around \$200 for a nice round of golf, but will be reimbursed \$33,390 for that round

If you were given a penny for every 10 dollars he made, you'd be living comfortably at \$65,000 a year 

 He'll make about \$19,60 while watching the 100 meter dash in the Olympics, and about \$15,600 during the Boston Marathon

Assuming he puts the federal maximum of 15% of his income into a tax deferred account (401k), his contributions will hit the federal cap of \$9500 at 8:30 a.m. on January 1st

While the common person is spending about \$20 for a meal in his trendy Chicago restaurant, he'll pull in about \$5600 

 He makes \$7,415/hr more than minimum wage

This year, he'll make more than twice as much as all U.S. past presidents for all of their terms combined 

 If he wanted to save up for a new Mercedes Maybach 57 S (\$356,000) it would take him a whole 2 days

Amazing isn't it? However...

If Jordan saves 100% of his income for the next 450 years, he'll still have less than Bill Gates has today.

Game over. Nerds win.



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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 3, 2011

人世间最幸福的事情是什么？睡觉睡到自然醒，数钱数到手抽筋。



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 3, 2011

Residents of a California neighborhood say a cat has a habit of stealing items from neighbors. "Dusty" has apparently stolen more than 600 items from his San Mateo neighbors over the years.

[Klepto Kitty the Cat Burglar](#) [Klepto Kitty the Cat Burglar](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 3, 2011

Not getting enough silliness from your friends for April Fool's Day? Google, YouTube and LinkedIn have all contributed some new media takes on the April 1st routine.

Turn out Google Motion is only an April Fool's joke!

[Top 5 Viral Pictures of 1911](#) [Top 5 Viral Pictures of 1911](#) [YouTube, Google, LinkedIn offer April Fool's day gags](#)
[|TechJournal South](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 2, 2011

Why the impression of a good developer always a fat, big smoking, heavy drinking, bald, middle age, dressed like a tramp, smell like Baldrick's underpants?

Dean Budd - Hey... what can I say? *hahahaha* Apr 2, 2011

Mike Nguyen - I thought you were all of the above Terry? But I'm not too sure whether matching cotton shorts & Ts qualify you as a tramp. Apr 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Apr 2, 2011

A wishful thought that Coffee, Cigarette and Toilet break are totally banned from 8 hours daily work and maximum 15 minutes for lunch should become new values added in **Extreme Programming Mark II**.

Dean Budd - LOL ...or Extreme Fascism... Apr 3, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Terrence, you're scaring me, man. Apr 3, 2011

Mike Nguyen - He never scared you?? Apr 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 31, 2011

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 30, 2011

RubyMine seems the only full blow version IDE for Ruby development.

[Dean Budd](#) as you are a big fan of JebBrain's product like IntelliJ, can we have some first hand review from you?



[Ruby on Rails IDE :: JetBrains RubyMine](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Allow me to summarise [Dean Budd](#) thoughts: *IT! IS! AWESOME!*

:) Mar 30, 2011

Dean Budd - *haha* No idea... never used it.

However! My Ruby homies in the field say there's simply no other choice... *especially* if you're on Rails. Eclipse is no better than Notepad, so they reckon (their words!) Mar 31, 2011

Terrence Miao - Start using RubyMine IDE for Cucumber test today. A lot setting issues, but I can feel and touch the groovy of this tool.

Mapping the keyboard to Eclipse, just like programming Ruby in Eclipse. I gradually pick up a few more features piece by piece which Deano has bragged how superior over Eclipse. Mar 31, 2011

Terrence Miao - Install ideaVIM a vim plugin for RubyMine. Vi in IDE. Fantastic! Back to heaven again. Apr 7, 2011

Dean Budd - All the goodness of Vi, with Real Refactoring! Apr 7, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Vi... **shudder** Apr 7, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Yeah, at least use Vim!! Apr 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - This folk wrote a post about Vim against RubyMine, for nerds like an IDE for Ruby but stubborn with Vim - <http://www.cuberick.com/2010/02/vim-vs-rubymine.html> Apr 7, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 28, 2011

JBoss Melbourne User Group Meeting for 2011 on 13th April. We will be discussing the new Java standard, JSR-299: Contexts and Dependency Injection (CDI).

We are excited to have Shane Bryzak, the Seam Project Lead from Red Hat Asia Pacific to present on this new Java standard for dependency injection and contextual life-cycle management.

This session will take an in-depth look at the features provided by Java Contexts and Dependency Injection (CDI), including the most exciting feature, the Service Provider Interface (SPI) for developing extensions to the JavaEE platform.

Shane currently leads the JBoss Seam project and for the last four years has been one of the core Seam developers. He will also cover some of the current features of the Seam framework.

Anyone interested in?

[JBoss User Group: Invitation](#)

Dean Budd - I really should go, being a JBoss shop... I'll pencil it in. Mar 29, 2011

Dean Budd - The only problem with JSR-299 is that they *still* haven't got it quite right =(Mar 29, 2011

Martin Paulo - Dean I posted this to you c/o your gmail address: do you still use it or am I consigned to your spam filters :-(? Mar 29, 2011

Dean Budd - Sorry, I did see that email... it just slipped my attention. Cheers for the Heads Up. Are you going? I'm going to a Thoughtworks Amazon Cloud thing the next day so was tentative about this one. Mar 29, 2011

Martin Paulo - There's also the Dave Thomas talk the day before: I am most tempted by that one at the moment. Mar 29, 2011

Terrence Miao - Anyone go to Dave Thomas - Mature Legacy Seeking Sexy New Technology for Fun and Profit Extracting Gold from Legacy Code? Please response.

<http://yownightmelbournedave.eventbrite.com/> Mar 29, 2011

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#) My colleagues went to this Yow! night yesterday. But, according to one colleague, there was not too much content on the menu. Topics Dave Thomas mentioned, as the name says, it's topic only. Lucky I didn't go.

Yep, YOW! night really needs raise its bar. Getting some interesting topics, and good and experienced speakers. Otherwise, even Dave "Big" Thomas couldn't fill in this big vacuum. Apr 12, 2011

Dean Budd - Yeah, I thought the whole topic was clutching at straws... Apr 12, 2011

Martin Paulo - I enjoyed it: and thought it had a lot of good value in it.

But then perhaps I have a problem. Dave Thomas was making his usual outlandish comments ("Java is the new Cobol, Outsourcing is for CIO's that are on the move, If you do Scala, do the functional bit, not the OO stuff" etc...) and I was agreeing with him and cheering him on for just about everyone of his points.

I think most rational software developers would probably should have been offended by at least one or two of his generalizations. :-)

I was disappointed that he didn't run a proper q&a session at the end: and he totally neglected lawyers in the role of transforming legacy code, which I wanted to ask him about.

Lawyers I hear you ask? I wrote an antlr grammar for a 4gl that enabled me to create a translator that spat out Java equivalent code. With a touch of a button our 140 000 lines of legacy code was brought into a modern cross platform environment! It was very rough, being a proof of concept, but it worked. The lawyers took one look at it and claimed that it violated the terms of the agreement with the 4gl vendor. End of idea :-(

Ironically the 4gl worked in a very similar way to rails - and it was very, very productive. Dean might remember it (clue: It wasn't New Era) Apr 12, 2011

Kieran Simpson - What a bummer dude. I would have the lawyers shot and replaced with more creative lawyers :D Apr 12, 2011

Terrence Miao - Heard my colleagues' discussion this morning about YOW! Night. The most impressed claim Dave Thomas made is when he said he made a lot money from Legacy codes projects.

That's sad, to a technology enthusiast. Apr 12, 2011

Martin Paulo - To me the talk showed the unexpectedly strong staying power of good applications: and just how central they can become to a company.

Thus updating or replacing them successfully is one of the hardest possible IT jobs - so to a technology enthusiast surely this should represent a great of challenge?

Dave also said that most companies in Australia could be run off of an excel spreadsheet. They just didn't realize it :-)
Apr 13, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 28, 2011

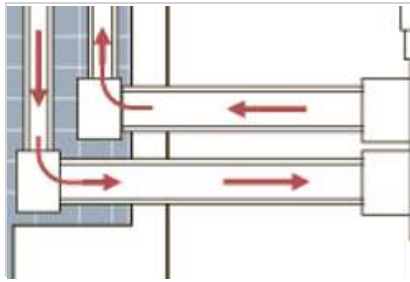
Si vous voyez un entrepreneur chinois sauter par la fenêtre, suivez-le, il y a srement de bonnes affaires à faire.

If you see a Chinese entrepreneur jumping out the window, follow him, there is certainly of good bargains to be done.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
New food for safe nuclear energy debate ...

Mar 26, 2011



[China Building Nuclear Reactors With Radically Different Design -](#)

[NYTimes.com](#)

Terrence Miao - @***** China is going to build the first Westinghouse AP1000 nuclear reactors. Based on the technology and develop on her own CAP1400 reactor in future. So that's why Chinese keep buying uranium mining companies world wide.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AP1000>

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203633104576622370645358758.html> Oct 11, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 24, 2011

At Google, we often think that speed is the forgotten 'killer application' – the ingredient that can differentiate winners from the rest.

Google launch its first ever magazine - Think Quarterly

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [Think Quarterly](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 22, 2011

I have advised testers in our team: "Don't raise bug. Add a new feature in your Cucumber test instead."

Dean Budd - Nice work! A bug is just a missing test. Mar 22, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 22, 2011

Steve Jobs is not an IT genius. Otherwise, I'd be like anointed with honey and olive oil, running nakedly up and down in Swanston St!

Steve Jobs is a talented marketing guy and super sales. In reality, the mastermind behind Apple's creativeness is this English man Jonathan "Jony" Ive, a design genius, who created products from iMac, iPod to iPhone and iPad ...

Design drives the technology, not the other way around.



[Jonathan Ive: How did a British polytechnic graduate become its design genius? | Mail Online](#)

[Apple's](#)

Mike Nguyen - O-O 'I'd be like anointed with honey and olive oil, running nakedly up and down in Swanston St!' Maybe you should visit Sydney next year when they hold the next Mardi Gras! Mar 22, 2011

Mike Nguyen - *Steve Jobs is a talented marketing guy and super sales* I think that's a genius in itself. Mar 22, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Steve's always been fashionable. :p Mar 22, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 21, 2011

I hate Twitter 140 characters limitation with a passion. After you re-tweet a tweet, the URL in the tweet can't automatically be chopped off something meaningless like "http://..."

You have to find the original tweet to get the correct URL!

I hate Twitter 140 characters limitation with a passion. You are a fornicating baboon. Fornicating... Yes, I can't really do it in this box.

Martin Paulo - What - you want usability from a product that is struggling to work out how to actually make money from its free service? :-)

My rant is reserved for Facebook's 420 character limit that just silently drops everything you write beyond that limit **without allowing you to do anything about it**. I didn't even know it existed until it chewed up my wonderful 1000 word essay last night. And they are **profitable**. More fool me. Mar 22, 2011

Kieran Simpson - I got bitten by FB too. :(Mar 22, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - ?

I went past that limit at some point over the weekend, and I got an error message that for larger text I "should use a note instead", and then was allowed to edit my post. Mar 22, 2011

Martin Paulo - When I did it all my extra text beyond the first 420 characters was just silently swallowed... But I was trying to add a link to video from youtube - it wasn't a regular message. Mar 22, 2011



Terrence Miao - Twitter - Public

Mar 21, 2011

TerrenceMiao: RT @channelv: You can use your social media powers for good at Twestival, with events all around Australia to help raise money... [http:// ...](http://...)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 21, 2011

Wake up! On March 18th 2011, is World Sleep Day.

Sufficient sleep is one of the three pillars of a healthy life, along with healthy diet and regular exercise.

充足的睡眠、均衡的饮食和适当的运动，是国际社会公认的健康标准。

[World Sleep Day](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 21, 2011

Robot shows how to solve Rubik's Cube and try to beat human beings, again!

[Robot shows how to solve Rubik's Cube](#) [Robot shows how to solve Rubik's Cube](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 20, 2011

Super Mario "Gayly" theme for all Mario's fans <wink /><wink />





Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 19, 2011

Hong Kong's price rises are the steepest in our index but it is not the most overvalued housing market. That honour remains with Australia, which is overvalued by about 56%.

Misguided Australian government has failed to regulate the housing market, make it artificially distorted while encouraging the use of tax loopholes like negative gearing and permitting over-leveraged speculators to bid up asset values so the government can benefit from huge intakes of land tax, rates and stamp duty.

The Economist house-price indicators
% change

	Latest On a year earlier	Q4 2009 On a year earlier	1997- 2011* over(+)	Under(-) / over(+) valued†
Hong Kong	20.1	23.1	-1	53.7
Singapore	17.6	1.8	21	18.1
France	8.8	-4.4	152	-48.0
China	6.4	5.8	na	12.9
Belgium	6.0	1.0	184	23.7
Australia	3.8	13.9	215	56.4
Sweden	3.2	7.1	175	38.5
Switzerland	4.2	6.2	37	5.5
South Africa	2.9	4.9	421	na
Denmark	2.7	-5.1	98	17.6
Germany	2.8	-3.7	na	-12.2
Canada	2.4	-1.2	69	21.0
Netherlands	1.7	-1.6	90	20.8
New Zealand	0.9	5.2	111	20.6
Britain	-1.1	3.5	178	29.6
United States (Case-Shiller's city index)	-1.2	-4.5	95	3.0
United States (FHFA)	-1.3	-4.3	70	10.2
Italy	-1.6	-4.1	93	8.7
Spain	-3.5	-6.3	157	43.7
Japan	-3.6	-4.0	-38	-35.2
United States (Case-Shiller national index)	-4.1	-2.4	56	-7.7
Ireland	-10.8	-18.5	118	19.9

*to most recent available figure †Against long-run average of price-to-rents ratio
Sources: ARSA; ESR; Hypoport; Japan Real Estate Institute; Nat Wesder; Nomisma; NVM; FHFA; Quotable Value; Stadim; Swiss National Bank; Standard & Poor's; Thomson Reuters; government offices; The Economist

[Global house prices: Hong Kong phew-wheel | The Economist](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 18, 2011

OMFG! Splashdown: Shallow diver breaks world record with 36ft leap into paddling pool containing just 12 inches of water.



[Professor](#)

[Splash' shallow diver breaks world record: 36ft jump into paddling pool | Mail Online](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
Motto of great IT companies

Mar 18, 2011

IBM: Think
Google: Don't be evil
Micro \$ soft: Where do you want to go today? or whatever? I know where I'm going. Thank you!
Intel: Leap ahead
Dell: Easy as Dell
Ubuntu: Linux for Human Beings

...

Apple: erhhhhh, hmmm ... Eat my shorts (Sorry, can't find it. Have to borrow it from Bart Simpson). Or Do more evil, which make tribute to Apple's closeness vs. Google's openness ...

Dean Budd - Apple : Think Different... Like every other Fanboi Mar 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - @DB - Any new converts to IntelliJ today? Mar 18, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL! 2 new converts (sick to death of clunky Eclipse) last Friday... Kieran's boss has had the foresight to buy copies of IntelliJ for his workers. Mar 18, 2011

Dean Budd - IntelliJ : It's just better <lol> Mar 18, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 18, 2011

Spec Comparison: iPad 2 vs. Motorola Xoom vs. LG Optimus Pad vs. Samsung Galaxy Tab 10 vs. HP TouchPad vs. BlackBerry PlayBook



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 17, 2011

Motorola Xoom WiFi Now Available For Preorder, \$US 599.00. It should ship to you by March 27th, which is the official release date for the tablet.

Although I was against 10" tablet for mobility, but for e-book reading, presentation, and occasionally work as a computer desktop replacement, Xoom is good enough to carry on the jobs!

My broker has called me earlier this morning. The order is BUY, BUY, BUY!



[Amazon.com:](#)

[MOTOROLA XOOM Android Tablet \(Wi-Fi\): Computer & Accessories](#)

Mike Nguyen - Yup.. This is probably the most serious contender to the iPad juggernaut. Mar 17, 2011

Terrence Miao - Xoom WiFi not only matches 32GB iPad 2 on price, but as far as technology, Xoom trumps iPad 2.

The most important, Android on Xoom represents future of the technology. That is not NPD (Narcissistic Personality Disorder) people, like Steve Jobs and some "Super" Apple fans can understand ... Mar 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - It's not about the tech. It's not even thaaat much about price. For greater acceptance it's all about the experience. That's what would pull Android out of the strict geek pool and into higher visibility. Mar 18,

2011

Kieran Simpson - Having played with Android on multiple devices, and watched friends who are complete tech noobs navigate their phone with ease I would be interested how the Android experience pales to the ^mighty iPhone^. Mar 18, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Well, I think the advantage is in the possible enjoyment to be had, the quality of the experience, not the capability of the device or the OS. I don't really have a personal preference. I do think that IOS offers a more polished UE, and the average "tech n00b" the compromises one makes in adopting it are likely to be insignificant, by comparison. Mar 18, 2011

Terrence Miao - An Amazon customer's review on iPad 2 vs. Xoom

First of all I want to say that I own both Apple and Google/Android devices. I own iPod Touch and have played with iPad of family member who own the device. I also played with iPad 2 quite a bit at the store as well as from a friend who got it on launch day. I currently own original Motorola Droid and looking to upgrade to newer Android phone this summer. It is difficult not to compare Xoom to its competitor aka iPad 2. Therefore, this review will entail Xoom features (Wifi version) along with comparison to iPad 2.

Operating System - An iPad is more akin to a smartphone where as a Xoom is more akin to a laptop. Honeycomb feels more like a tablet. It's not just a row of apps and wasted space like iOS. Plus, you have room for customization (widget, live wallpaper, theme etc). There is also little detail that tech savvy will appreciate (outline grid, advanced settings, google labs etc) Honeycomb is still a bit buggy but not to the point that it becomes annoying. I only have several force closes for 5 hours straight use. Obviously iOS which is a proven OS and was out almost 4 years ago is more stable than the Honeycomb, a brand new OS (optimized for tablet use) that was out a month ago along with its SDK. Google know Honeycomb still needs improvement, I know Honeycomb is unfinished and I don't mind waiting for even better experience.

Winner: To each his own but I like Honeycomb better.

Design/Appearance/Screen - Xoom is heavier but that is due to a solid build quality which I love. It is also thicker and has wider screen (more appropriate for movies than iPad 2). Although Xoom has higher screen resolution, iPad 2 still has brighter screen and more vivid look.

Winner: iPad 2 by little bit

User Interface - Some people say Honeycomb is too complicated to use. Well maybe to those who has been using only iPad. For someone who use both, I have to say it is pretty simple to use. iOS is more intuitive and foolproof but there is much more detail on Xoom that many people may appreciate.

Winner: Tie

Multitasking - One button and it takes you to 5 most recent apps for easy switching on Xoom. iPad 2 sort of have multitasking but not a true multitasking experience.

Winner: Xoom

Browser - If you use Chrome browser before, it is pretty much like that on Xoom. I prefer tabbed browsing over having to press button to open various windows on Safari. You can type search directly on address bar like Chrome. You can sync bookmarks through your Google account. And yes I know there are other browser apps in the market. But for a stock browser app, Xoom has a better experience.

Winner: Xoom

Apps - iPad is way ahead in term of apps and it is because original iPad had at least 1 year head start vs Xoom. Not to mention Honeycomb is unfinished and SDK was recently released. However, the tablet apps that are available on Android market (about 50 apps), they all work great and look awesome. Give it time.

Winner: iPad 2

Customization - This is my favorite part about Android. You have open customization from themes, widgets to customized home screen and live wallpapers. iOS has none of that unless you jailbreak the device.

Winner: Xoom

Notification - If you have iPhone and iPad, you know how notification can be quite painful. Xoom has better notification system that show up briefly in bottom right corner. You can press it to view all notifications. There is also LED notification on top right of the device.

Winner: Xoom

Performance - A5 vs Tegra 2 is still up for debate. Xoom seems to be as powerful as iPad 2 with exception of GPU (can be seen with gaming and screen brightness). iPad 2 has 512MB RAM vs 1 GB RAM on Xoom.

Winner: ???

Camera/Video/Audio - Better camera and video on Xoom thanks to its higher spec vs VGA front and lower MP back camera on iPad 2. Camera app gets a little bit of time to get used to on Xoom. Speaker on Xoom is pretty good but I wish the volume rocker is more visible on the side. It feels like the button can become stuck into the device.

Winner: Xoom

Flash - Yes, Flash is still in beta but it works great so far with a little bit of lagging but barely noticeable. I tested it on sites that use Flash like Engadget (video), Honda (car animation), Vice Versa restaurant in NYC (heavy flash site), Myspace and bandcamp (with music player on artist page). iOS has no Flash AT ALL as we all know.

Winner: Xoom by a mile (until HTML5 is fully functional)

Battery Life - Xoom gets about 8 - 9 hours for heavy multitasking usage. Will have to test standby time but I expect it to be less than iPad 2. iPad 2 gets at least 10 hours of heavy usage.

Winner: iPad 2

GPS - Just want to mention that GPS and full Google maps navigation is available on Xoom wifi. While on iPad 2, it is only available if you get 3G+wifi version. And if you use Google maps app before on Android you know that it is more extensive than map on iOS (turn-by-turn voice navigation, layers etc). Since this is a Wifi version, THERE IS cache settings on Google Maps where you can prefetch map tiles by panning over the city/region while on Wifi (up to ?? MB. Need to verify the cap). Then you can navigate to desired destination just like normal with voice navigation. You cannot change the destination midway obviously since there is no 3G connection. The other alternative will be to tether the device with 3G/4G smartphone.

Winner - Xoom

Nitpick - SD card slot on Xoom is still not enabled at this moment. Also, I wish Xoom can be charged through micro USB but I believe it may be because micro USB doesn't supply enough current to charge a tablet.

In the end, you may prefer one device over the other and it is to each his own. However, based on the overall factors I mentioned above, I prefer Xoom. Mar 27, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I'm in the market for some tablet foo. I'm looking at an iPad2 for Zoe, since her laptop has kinda died, and I hadn't decided if I'd put the money down for one for myself.

The fact that there's no iPad2 stock anywhere to be found means we wait. In the meantime, if Xoom, or something else Android, puts up a convincing performance, I'll be looking at that for myself.

That said, reviews I'm seeing point to Honeycomb (and Xoom) being a WIP, and the Xoom's screen and case quality to be sub-iPad2, so I'm holding my breath for Samsung to pull a fast one... Mar 27, 2011



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Mar 15, 2011

The impression you get from Android history, since version 1.5 - Cupcake, 1.6 - Donut, 2.0 / 2.1 Éclair (an elongated pastry), 2.2 - Froyo (a frozen yoghurt), 2.3 - Gingerbread, 3.0 - Honeycomb and future release - Ice cream is not the progress of a mobile operating system, but the evolution on Google Engineers' food chain ...

Dean Budd - LOL! Mar 15, 2011

Dean Budd - I really dislike code names for release versions... you have to make a *Mental Mapping* to figure out what's what!

I like IntelliJ's version naming scheme... Version 9 is followed by (lo and behold!) **Version 10!**

Eclipse's Ganymede is followed by... Helios! How obvious! <haha> Mar 15, 2011

Kieran Simpson - Actually it is. H comes after G. Mar 15, 2011

naedyr null - I prefer version numbers too. Whenever discussing android versions with friends, we use the version numbers :) Mar 15, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - That's the thing. The version **numbers** are still there for those of such disposition. Even for Eclipse, Dean.

However, you can't go wrong with names such as "ice cream", or "karmic koala" (Ubuntu was there first, after all ;)). It's just too much fun to see what they come up with next. It puts a bit of a smirk on the whole process.

(although I'll concede that Eclipse's names indicate they might take themselves a bit too seriously in that regard...) Mar 15, 2011

naedyr null - But eclipse's version numbers aren't really there! On my installation of eclipse I can't actually find the version number anywhere Mar 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - naedyr - you should see the version number if you go into about & click on the 'Installation Details' button to list out all the installed components & their version. Mar 15, 2011

naedyr null - you can see the installed component version yes, but not the eclipse version. I'm sure it's discoverable, but the point is, I'd rather see the version number "3.6" than "Helios" Mar 15, 2011

Dean Budd - So the next Eclipse will be *Io*? Then *Jupiter*? Then what? *Krypton*? <haha> Mar 15, 2011

Dean Budd - Are the code names there just to take peoples minds off the fact that there is no new fundamental functionality in each Eclipse release? Just a whole bunch of useless bloated plugins! <haha> Mar 15, 2011

Dean Budd - In other unrelated news, we've just had *another* four developers abandon Eclipse for IntelliJ, and that's the crappy Community Edition! <waits for it> Mar 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - naedyr - Depends on which side of the fence you sit on. But since Eclipse is very much a tailor made development kit - it does not make sense to call it a specific version. Especially the sub version. So Helios will your latest version & it's entirely up to you to update parts that you want rather than having to reinstall (or update) the whole suite. aka JDeveloper. Mar 15, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Dean - I see that you're still getting kickbacks! Mar 15, 2011

Dean Budd - That's easy! *Mango Salad* Mar 16, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 15, 2011

When Twitter is down, you just couldn't find out what people you follow have for lunch today; when Facebook is down, you just couldn't click "like" button when your friend's status is in shower; when Google is down ...



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 15, 2011

Anything make you additive is bad to you. Cigarette, alcohol, drug, caffeine, chocolate, sex and Ruby on Rails!

Dean Budd - LOL! Mar 15, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 15, 2011

The phenomenon of dogs resembling their owners has puzzled scientists for years. So what will you consider if a lady has a puppy that is half pitbull and half poodle - "It wasn't much good as a guard dog, but it was a vicious gossip."

[An event perfect for dogged types](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 13, 2011

iPad 2 Wi-Fi Teardown

<http://www.ifixit.com/Teardown/iPad-2-Wi-Fi-Teardown/5071/1>

Mike Nguyen - It's a very elegant gadget Mar 14, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 11, 2011

"Boob" is the perfect word.

The **B** looks like an aerial view of them, the **2 o's** look like a front view, and the **b** look like a side view.

-- Peter Griffin



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 11, 2011

In Nov 1997, if you bought a new Apple PowerBook G3 250, with 5GB hard disk, that sleek bitch would cost you \$5700. And you can buy her today on eBay for less than \$50.

Au contraire, if you would had refused the seduction and had bought \$5700 Apple share at same time in 1997, today your stock is worth \$330,563!

Here is a long and complete Apple's products money waste list.

This is the lesson called money management.

[Kyle Conroy's Personal Blog and Portfolio - Should I have bought that Apple Product?](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 10, 2011

BackType helps brands and agencies understand the business impact of social media in order to make more intelligent marketing decisions. The company has already amassed 30 terabytes of social data (Tweets, Facebook comments and likes, blog comments, etc.) and assists companies with their social media analytics.

BackType uses a high tech stream processing system called ElephantDB, which is akin to Hadoop but for realtime data processing.



[BackType Technology - Home](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 10, 2011

Microsoft has sold more than 10 million Kinect sensor systems since launch on 4 November, outstrip those of both Apple's iPhone and iPad when launched, and according to Guinness World Records - is the fastest-selling consumer electronics device on record.

At an average rate of 133,333 a day between 4 November 2010 last year and 3 January 2011.



[record's](#)

[BBC News - Microsoft Kinect 'fastest-selling device on](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public
My dailyWTF

Mar 9, 2011

An over-enthusiastic colleague checked in jrubby with tons of libraries other day, for the benefit to run the Cucumber test. And that cause the CVS sync meltdown. It takes age to sync and timeout happens again and again.

Try to remove jrubby from CVS repository tree. However, it's not simple job.

The official and correct way to do that is delete all the files under all the directories, then commit them, then let CVS will remove empty directories.

But there are 14,440 files need to be deleted!!!

CVS protocol does not allow to remove directories. You have to go the server console and remove them from the real physical repository. That will cause losing history.

The design fault in CVS that let you never being able to get rid of a directory without losing history; and difficulty renaming files and directories without losing history.

Lesson learned today is careful every time you check in binary file into source codes repository.

Tread your IT path man!

Kieran Simpson - The lesson is when using CVS tread carefully. Mar 9, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - The lesson is to be careful about who you give access to your VC. Mar 9, 2011

Dean Budd - The lesson is... PAIR PROGRAMMING! ;) Mar 9, 2011

Martin Paulo - You know Martin Fowler told Dean and I in person just last week that there were only three version control systems that were usable in this day and age: SVN, Git & Mercurial . I.e: Martin would encourage you to upgrade your version control system to one of these three :) Mar 9, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - Sounds a lot like "Jesus told me to pick up the shotgun, your Honour"... ;) Mar 9, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL @MP

It's true! Mar 9, 2011

naedyr null - people still use CVS? wow Mar 9, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 9, 2011

Bunny hopping mad: The daredevil MOUNTAIN biker who truly lives life on the edge



[Now that's what you call mountain biking: Amazing pictures of daredevil cyclist performing death-defying stunts on Table Mountain | Mail Online](#)

Babar Ali - Oh boy there is no saddle on that one :) Mar 9, 2011

Angelos Alexander Megremis - THAT's what got your attention, Babar?!?

:)) Mar 9, 2011

Babar Ali - O.K now read that as an idiom. Mar 9, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 8, 2011

OMDFG, real time traffic info on Google Maps Navigation!



[Google Maps Navigation for Android gets real-time traffic smarts | The](#)

[Download Blog - Download.com](#)

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I would imagine they tap into the data feed that VicRoads uses to provide traffic updates.

(no idea what that is... sensors in asphalt at traffic lights, or smth?) Mar 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - That's the "WOW" effect when Google releases something you are amazed then start wondering how they do it ... Mar 8, 2011

Dean Budd - Google use crowd-sourcing... I'll find the article. They don't subscribe to any data feeds.

googleblog.blogspot.com/2009/08/bright-side-of-sitting-in-traffic.html Mar 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - How about the feedback from Google Navigation client. If people use this app on the road, the location and speed info showing on the screen can be collected and sent back to Google cloud. The Google can broadcast updated traffic info live if quick enough. Saving tons of money install these sensors and camera, or gantry in TU definition. Mar 8, 2011

Dean Budd - Can't wait for a Google version of Tom Tom... Mar 8, 2011

naedyr null - Google has had turn by turn navigation on android for a while :) Mar 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 7, 2011

Economic models explained with cows

After the recent tethering-on-the-edge-of-total-economic-and-financial-meltdown it seems economic systems and their workings have pushed their way into the need-to-know-category. Well, thanks to a friend from rural Ireland we can now simplify this all down to what makes sense and explain 21 economic models with cows. It is remarkable how much sense it all makes from this real world perspective.

SOCIALISM

You have 2 cows.

You give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and gives you some milk.

FASCISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and sells you some milk.

NAZISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both and shoots you.

BUREAUCRATISM

You have 2 cows.

The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other, and then throws the milk away...

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM

You have two cows.

You sell one and buy a bull.

Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows.

You sell them and retire on the income.

SURREALISM

You have two giraffes.

The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows.

Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow has dropped dead.

ENRON VENTURE CAPITALISM

You have two cows.

You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. You sell one cow to buy a new president of the United States, leaving you with nine cows. No balance sheet provided with the release. The public then buys your bull.

A FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You go on strike, organise a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

A JAPANESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. You then create a clever cow cartoon image called 'Cowkimon' and market it worldwide.

A GERMAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month, and milk themselves.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows, but you don't know where they are.

You decide to have lunch.

A RUSSIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You count them and learn you have five cows.

You count them again and learn you have 42 cows.

You count them again and learn you have 2 cows.

You stop counting cows and open another bottle of vodka.

A SWISS CORPORATION

You have 5000 cows. None of them belong to you.

You charge the owners for storing them.

A CHINESE CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You have 300 people milking them.

You claim that you have full employment, and high bovine productivity.

You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

You worship them.

A BRITISH CORPORATION

You have two cows.

Both are mad.

AN IRAQI CORPORATION

Everyone thinks you have lots of cows.

You tell them that you have none.

No-one believes you, so they bomb the shit out of you and invade your country.

You still have no cows, but at least now you are part of a Democracy...

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows.

Business seems pretty good.

You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate.

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION

You have two cows.

The one on the left looks very attractive ...

Terrence Miao - [Dean Budd](#)

Deano, could you please explain why in a Kiwi company which has two cows, the left one always looks very attractive?
Thanks! Mar 7, 2011

Dean Budd - I've got no idea what they're talking about! Mar 7, 2011

Dean Budd - Now, I'm going to make this clear... it's high time we put a lid on this... we don't find ANY animals attractive OK!!! Mar 7, 2011

Kieran Simpson - @Terry - It's not cows they're after. Mar 7, 2011

Dean Budd - hahaha So easy to bait... Mar 8, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 7, 2011

朋友拿了一份报纸要我作个实验，我同意了。

问题一：如果你知道一个女人怀孕了，她已经生了8个小孩子了，其中有3个耳朵聋，2个眼睛瞎，一个智能不足，而这个女人自己又有梅毒，请问，你会建议她堕胎吗？

我刚要回答，朋友制止了我，又问我第二个问题。

问题二：现在要选举一名领袖，而你这一票很关键，下面是关于3个候选人的一些事实：

候选人A：跟一些不诚实的政客有往来，而且会星象占卜学。他有婚外情，是一个老烟枪，每天喝8到10杯的马丁尼。

候选人B：他过去有过2次被解雇的纪录，睡觉睡到中午才起来，大学时吸过鸦片，而且每天傍晚会喝一大跨特威士忌。

候选人C：他是一位受勋的战争英雄，素食主义者，不抽烟，不喝酒。从来没有发生婚外情。

请问你会在这些候选人中选择谁？

我把答案写在纸上，然后朋友告诉我：候选人A是富兰克林罗斯福，候选人B是温斯顿丘吉尔，候选人C是亚道夫希特勒。

我听了答案张大了嘴巴。朋友问我你是不是为人们选择了希特勒？那你会建议那个妇女去堕胎吗？

我说：这个问题不用考虑，我们受优生优育教育多年了，都生那么多歪瓜劣枣了，就别在添乱了。我建议她去堕胎。

朋友告诉我：你杀了贝多芬，她是贝多芬的母亲。

我又一次长大了嘴巴。朋友说：吓一跳吧？本来以为你认为很好的答案，结果却扼杀了贝多芬，创造了希特勒！

在人的一生中，我们常常要面临着作出一个个的决定，而我们又往往会被表面的现象和既定的价值观所迷惑，最终做出了错误的决定。所以不要被表面的现象所迷惑，也不要既定的价值观来思考事情，要慎重选择，别轻率作决定，不然你会扼杀贝多芬，创造希特勒的。

Angelos Alexander Megremis - I fully agree with your points and would like to subscribe to your newsletter. Mar 7, 2011

Terrence Miao - Hmmm, Ummm, your Chinese language level seems improved a lot. Maybe Google Translate does a very good job <muahaha /> Mar 8, 2011

Terrence Miao - Google translated version of the buzz - not bad ...

Friends took me to a newspaper for an experiment, I agreed.

Question one: If you know a woman pregnant, she has had eight children, and including 3 deaf, two blind, one mentally retarded, and this woman and I had syphilis, would you recommend her abortion?

I just want to answer, a friend stopped me and asked my second question.

Second problem: the election of a leader now, and you are critical of the vote, the following are some of the candidates on

three facts:

Candidate A: with some of the politicians are dishonest dealings, and will astrological divination. He was having an affair, a Lao Yangyang day, drink 8 to 10 cups of martini.

Candidate B: He had been fired had 2 record only up to sleep until noon, college smoked opium, and every evening will drink a large cross-special whiskey.

Candidate C: He is an honors war hero, vegetarian, no smoking, no drinking. Never having an affair.

Will these candidates would you choose?

I put the answer down on paper, and then a friend told me: Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt, candidate B is Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler candidate C is a sub.

My mouth fell open in listening to the answer. Friend asked me that you are not for people to choose Hitler? Do you recommend that women go to abortion?

I said: do not consider this issue, we have many years of education by the prenatal and postnatal care, gave birth to so many bad dates twisted melon, and on the other in the chaos of the. I advised her to an abortion.

Friends told me: you kill Beethoven, Beethoven's mother she is.

Once again, I grew up mouth. Friend said: surprised, right? You would have thought that a good answer, only to kill the Beethoven, to create a Hitler!

In life, we are often faced with the decision made by one, and we tend to be surface phenomena and confused by the established values, and ultimately made the wrong decision. So do not be fooled by the phenomenon of the surface, do not use the values given to think things should be carefully chosen, do not make decisions lightly, or you will kill Beethoven and create Hitler. Mar 8, 2011



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Mar 7, 2011

Real Agile, Half-Arsed Agile, Dogmatic "Doggy Style" Agile, Hard-Core Agile ...

Yes I think to myself ... What a wonderful world.

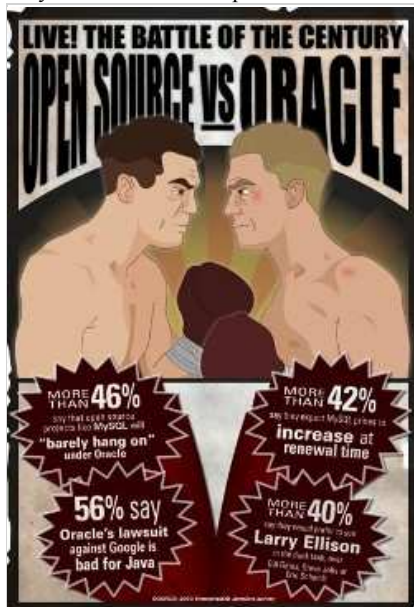


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Mar 7, 2011

Living in the IT Jungle - Survive, Adapt, Thrive!

Larry Ellison is on the top of the most hated IT figures ...



[Survey Reveals Oracle is Bad for Java and MySQL](#)

Kieran Simpson - No surprise there Larry! Mar 7, 2011



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For @Deano

Mar 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 2, 2011

A developer's experience on Google apps and Apple apps.

If you play Google apps and Apple apps for a period of time, from a developer's point of view, you can feel and have the impression that how smart and clever things Google guys have done for you; and how much time and energy Apple apps developers spend in UX.

The result, at the end of day, if you were still awake, you maybe feel that Apple apps is only Beauty-Is-Only-Skin-Deep thing.

From the experience I have in Android and iOS apps testing and support, I have this stronger and stronger **bias** that Android is over iOS.

Development language Java against Object "Obscure" C.

You can do hacking in Android development. Do almost everything you want to fast your development. But on iOS, you can't install same app to target different environment because license slot limitation, you can't install and run a ssh client to do ssh tunnel, you can't connect iPhone to your PC by USB cable so you can browse the iOS file system ... These is a long long list.

Bloody hell!

Steve Jobs, if consumers spent a lot their hard earning money, bought an Apple's product, they should have the full right and control of it. They should not be two arms tightly tied behind by you, one leg is lifted required by those silly lawyers, and try to use the other standing leg to kick your arse!

I have this long suspicious that Apple is moronising people, who are easily fooled; and developers, which are extremely smart in coding, but extremely stupid in having business vision and good money management.

With iPad2 is coming today, which surely not exciting as the first one, we will soon see how many people suck Steve Jobs' BIG balls from time to time ...

Terrence Miao - Not big of iPad 2 debut, but something Steve Jobs says in the presentation impress me much.

He says "it's in Apple's DNA that technology alone is not enough. That it's technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us with the results."

He says a lot of competitors are looking at tablets like PCs, just emphasizing parts and speeds. Steve Jobs says these are post-PCs, and they have to be seamless and user friendly.

Wow! DNA of technology, arts and humanities. I wish I should had learned these in the first lesson of computer science study ... Mar 3, 2011

Dean Budd - LOL! @JG! Mar 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - With an all new A5 dual core CPU, a nine times more powerful GPU as well as front and rear facing cameras, iPad 2 fart apps will be 15% more silent, 20% more deadly. Mar 3, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Mar 2, 2011

How can I express the joyful and blissful experience I had during last 3 days working on a small requirement to make the Yellowpages Mobile application switch several back-end services (SOAP & JSON, Apache CXF for SOAP client) between Real to Mocked ones?

Based on Spring Bean's Auto-wiring and DI (Dependency Injection) mechanism, it's so easier to update properties and endpoint URLs in the beans. Plus utilise a colleague's Runtime Configuration Editor, a generic app give you a web interface to change, revert individual and every property you want to update in the beans.

Spring, Apache Click, Velocity, no JSP, no Struts, no heavy MVC2. Now I can switch flip those services on the fly.

New services can be in action in less than one second. I don't need to modify environment.properties file, restart Tomcat server anymore, which usually takes about three minutes every time to switch services.

This is a clean design, domain driven concept, and clean codes about.

Happy, happy, happier ...



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Mar 2, 2011

When I worked in NAB, I prototyped and developed NAB Online Banking for Android platform.

But this very **quiet** release from NAB doesn't seem like based on my codes at all, and not developed from Online Banking team in retail branch.

The UX and behaviour are copied and mimicked from NAB Online Banking app for iPhone. Internet Banking is just an URL redirect to mobile site.

It's a quite buggy, on my Android 2.2 Samsung Galaxy Tablet.

Foreign Exchange Rates only show the conversion rate, but can't calculate if you input a certain amount money. Click on "Find an ATM and Branch" crashes the whole application. And I couldn't find tech support for this app.

It seems NAB won't take this its baby too seriously. That's the frustration when you see how bank treats its IT and IT staff.



[NAB - Mobile Banking - Android](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 27, 2011

My elephant gun has been reloaded, and my trigger finger is itchy. Where is my next target?



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 27, 2011

The computer is more like us - it sees, it listens, it speaks, it understands, it even seeks to do things on our behalf.

Microsoft still has the mojo to counter punch the ferocious attack from Google in research.



[BBC News - Inside Microsoft: Innovation still on the menu](#)

Dean Budd - LOL! @JG Feb 28, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 27, 2011

Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery, Continuous Improvement and Continuous Management are called the alternative to the last stage chaos.

Dean Budd - Or in layman's terms... *Mitigate risk as early as possible ;)* Feb 27, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 23, 2011

The CEO of Suncorp is **Patty Snowball**. How can you assign a guy as insurance chief surname is **Snowball** when a string of horror run of floods, earthquakes, heavy storms and cyclones hit this year?! Even the deed of God can't excuse on that!

Dean Budd - I thought it said **Patsy** Snowball for a second! <haha> Feb 27, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 20, 2011

There are 10 tell-tale signs that a bubble is being blown:

1. The arrival of a "New Thing" that cannot be valued in the old way. Dumb-money companies start paying over the odds for New Thing acquisitions.
2. Smart people identify the start of a bubble; New Thing apostles make ever more glowing claims.
3. Startups with founders deemed to have "pedigree" (for example, former employees of New Thing companies) get funded at eye-watering valuations for next to no reason.
4. There is a flurry of new investment funds catering for startups.
5. Companies start getting funded "off the slide deck" (that is, purely on the basis of their PowerPoint presentations) without actually having a product.
6. MBAs leave banks to start up firms.
7. The "big flotation" happens.
8. Banks make a market in the New Thing, investing pension money.
9. Taxi drivers start giving you advice on what stock to buy.
10. A New Thing darling buys an old-world company for stupid money. The end is nigh.



[Is this the start of the second dotcom bubble? | Business | The Observer](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 19, 2011

Tech Super Dinner



[Valley "Tech Supper" – Who Sat Where? Why Was He There?](#)

[Obama's Silicon](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 18, 2011

How to be an intelligent investor

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.

There's no such thing as easy money. There's no free lunch. In fact, the consequences can be devastating.



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Feb 15, 2011

An Outsider's View of Microsoft Products 2010 by Dave Thomas.

- * Windows 7 and Office 2010 – Iron Discipline Turns the Ship and once again The Dollars Roll In
- * SharePoint Runs Away with Departmental Content
- * Languages and Tools – Innovation and Retrenchment
- * SilverLight and / or HTML5?
- * Can You see Azure on a Clear Day?
- * Windows Phone 7 – Oh No!, Oh Surprise!

[Dave Thomas](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 15, 2011

Internet Explorer 9 Mobile, Multi-tasking, SkyDrive integration, Xbox/Kinect support. Windows Phone 7 is getting sexier and sexier!

[Technology Preview: Windows Phone and Kinect for Xbox 360](#) [Technology Preview: Windows Phone and Kinect for Xbox 360](#) [Steve Ballmer keynote at MWC: IE9 Mobile, more coming for Windows Phone | LiveSide.net](#)



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Feb 14, 2011

Quad-core, speed up to 2.5 GHz, 150% faster, 65 percent lower power, as well as integrated with GPU, this is just the latest Snapdragon CPU for future smartphone and tablet. Equipped with so powerful weapon, why do you still need to keep your PC for?



[Qualcomm's Announces Krait CPU: The Successor to Scorpion -](#)

[AnandTech :: Your Source for Hardware Analysis and News](#)

Dean Budd - *OMG!* Feb 14, 2011

Dean Budd - The day where you simply drop your "phone" in front of a dumb wireless terminal with monitor and keyboard and have your entire "PC" experience right there, with all your major on the Cloud doesn't seem far away.

I can't wait to be able to play my fave PC games at the airport! <haha> Feb 14, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 11, 2011

Two turkeys don't make an eagle - When Nokia marries Microsoft Windows Phone 7.



Kieran Simpson - I wonder what that will mean for the Qt platform. Feb 11, 2011

Dean Budd - Two turkeys make a great sandwich though!

hmmmmmm.... turkey sandwich... Feb 12, 2011

Kieran Simpson - <http://www.engadget.com/2011/02/11/nokia-notifies-developers-that-qt-is-out-for-windows-phone-devel/> On the Qt issue Feb 13, 2011



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Feb 9, 2011

Like A Boss (ft. Seth Rogen) - Uncensored Version

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Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 8, 2011

Being lonely is just the precursor to being right.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 6, 2011

Homer: You don't like your job, you don't go strike. You go in every day and do it really half-assed. That's the American way.



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 6, 2011

Reciprocation, Scarcity, Credibility, Acceptance, Influence, Commitment.

☐ [Six Quick Ways to be Swindled Out of Your Money](#)

Dean Budd - I suppose I'm quite lucky... I got swindled out of my money the other day and all they used was a Gun Feb 6, 2011

Kieran Simpson - At least robbers with guns are more upfront with their intentions. You also don't have to worry about brushing your hair :D Feb 6, 2011



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Feb 3, 2011

To be a more thoughtful developer, not to be a dog poo cleaning enthusiast.



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Feb 3, 2011

Bad programmers worry about code. Good programmers worry about Data Structures and their relationships. So that's why bad programmers code faster than good programmers, because they don't think.



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Feb 3, 2011

Why 99.999% programmers don't design and build houses? Because if builders made buildings like the way programmers wrote program, then the first woodpecker to come along would destroy civilisation.

Dean Budd - HAHAHA Feb 3, 2011

Greg Soertsz - And if software engineers built software the way builders built houses, you'd need software insurance. Feb 3, 2011

Mike Nguyen - Well software engineers are already leaving for another company the same way builders have to run to another state to avoid the mess they left behind (as shown on TT & AC). :D Feb 3, 2011

Terrence Miao - Very cunning hit back Mr. G! Feb 3, 2011

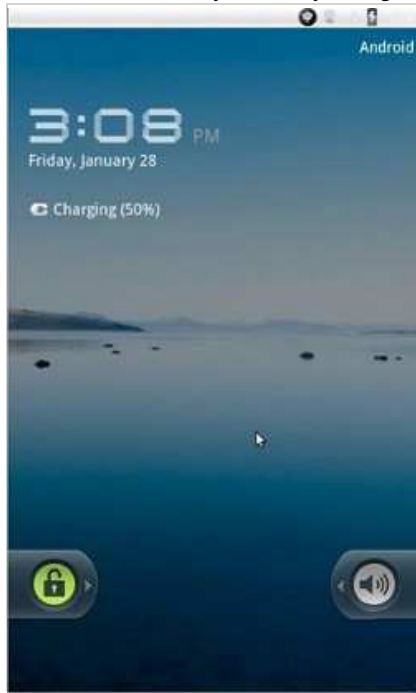
Dean Budd - ooooooooooooooooooooooooooh! Feb 3, 2011



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Jan 31, 2011

Run Android 3.0 Honeycomb on your high-end smartphone. Fantastic!



[Android 3.0 Honeycomb emulator has traces of smartphone support --](#)

[Engadget](#)



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Jan 28, 2011

Unbelievable beer machine ... Sadly it's quite shitty beer.

[Unbelievable beer machine.flv](#) [Unbelievable beer machine.flv](#)



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Jan 26, 2011

Check your professional relationship juggle map ...

☐ [LinkedIn Labs | InMaps - Visualize your LinkedIn network](#)



Terrence Miao - Buzz - Public

Jan 26, 2011

The most popular programming language in use by developers is Profane language.

Dean Budd - That's f\$%^en bulls#*t! Jan 26, 2011

naedyr null - it is the best measure of quality : <http://davidlongstreet.wordpress.com/2009/04/29/new-software-metric-wtfs-per-minute/> Jan 26, 2011



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Jan 26, 2011

爱有多大世界就有多大.