

# Mobile Computing Short Subjects: What's New and Updated Tips and Tricks

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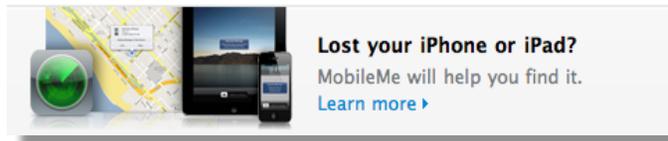
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## Some Wireless Security Tips for Mobile Devices

- Because you never know when your laptop or device will be lost or stolen:
  - Take full advantage of any hardware or software encryption that is available for your laptop or device.
  - If your hardware does not have hardware encryption, there are software offerings that will encrypt your hard drive.
  - If your laptop has power-on password and or hardware locking capability use it.
- Look for devices that have remote wipe capability. Or devices like the iPhone that will erase all personal information after 10 unsuccessful attempt to log in.



- Locate it on a map
- Display a message or play a sound to help you find it
- Set a pass code to lock remotely
- Initiate a remote wipe of all data and set the device back to it default factory setting

The screenshot shows the MobileMe Account Settings interface for 'Geoff Smith (gksmithmac)'. The main content area is titled 'Find My iPhone and Remote Wipe'. It features a map of Seattle, Washington, with a blue circle indicating the estimated location of 'Geoffrey Smith's iPhone 3GS' as of 11:30 AM on March 18, 2010. The device is shown as 'Online'. Below the map, there are several options: 'Display a Message or Play a Sound', 'Remote Passcode Lock', and 'Remote Wipe'. A blue callout box with white text is overlaid on the page, reading: 'Important Message: Please help return my lost iPad. If found, call 408-555-0198.'

- If you use Bluetooth:
  - Always use a nontrivial key for pairing
  - Turn discovery off once you've paired the device

## Need an office suite and you don't want to spend a lot of money?

You have a couple of choices.

**Open Office** which includes:

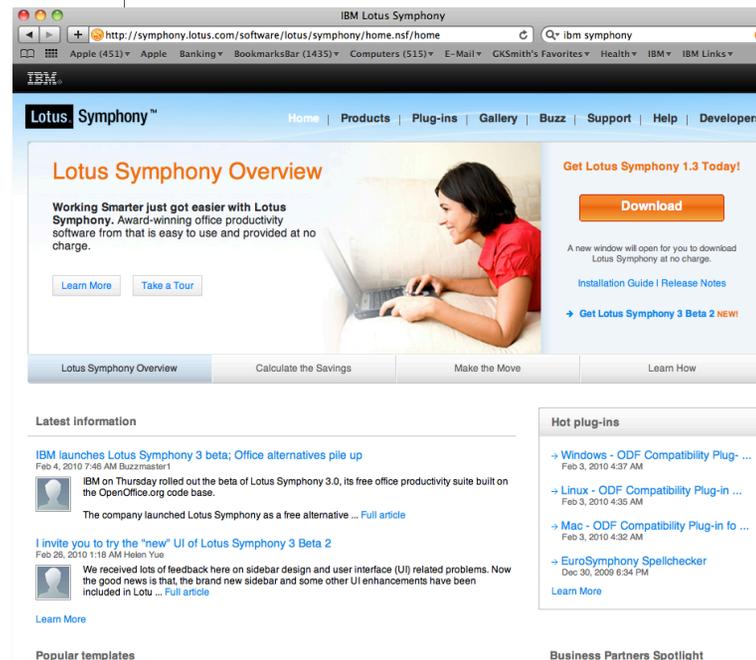
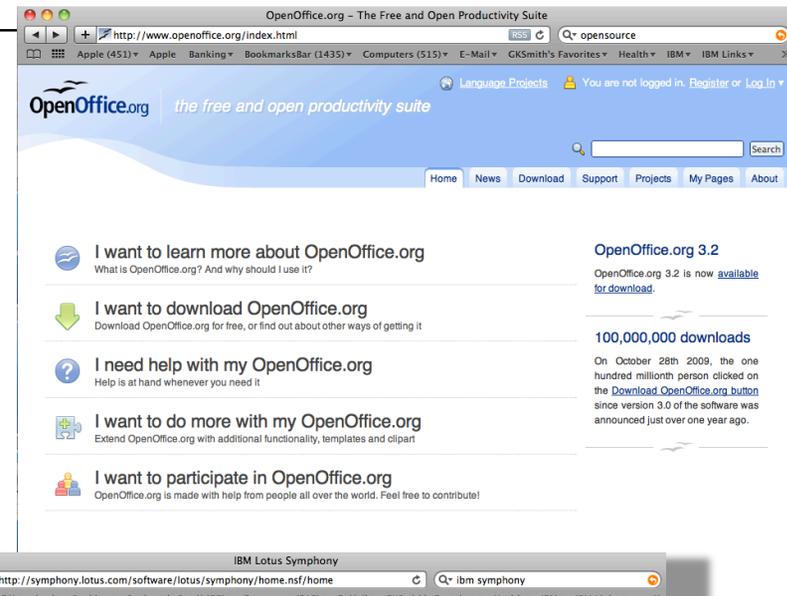
- A Word Processor
- Presentation software
- Spreadsheet
- Drawing
- Database

IBM offers:

**IBM's Lotus Symphony**

Both office suites are offered on multiple platforms:

Windows  
Mac OS  
Linux



# On the road and you need an application fast? Check out what's available in open source applications

## Web Browsing



### Mozilla Firefox

The premier free, open-source browser. Tabs, pop-up blocking, themes, and extensions. Considered by many to be the world's best browser.

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## Video Player, BitTorrent, Podcasting



### Miro

Beautiful interface. Plays any video type (much more than windows media player). Subscribe to video RSS, download, and watch all in one. Torrent support. Search and download from YouTube and others.

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## IM - Instant Messaging



### Pidgin

Connect to multiple IM accounts simultaneously in a single app, including: AOL IM, MSN, and Jabber.

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## Download helpers



### SkipScreen

A Firefox extension that skips unnecessary clicks and wait times on Rapidshare, Megaupload, Mediafire, zShare, and more.

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## E-mail



### Mozilla Thunderbird

Powerful spam filtering, solid interface, and all the features you need.

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## RSS



### RSSOwl

Solid cross-platform RSS client.

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## Peer-to-Peer Filesharing



### Cabos

A simple, easy to use filesharing program. Gnutella network.

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### Gnucleus

A very good Gnutella search and download filesharing program.

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## Video Playback



### Miro

Beautiful interface. Plays any video type (much more than windows media player). Subscribe to video RSS, download, and watch all in one. Torrent support. Search and download from YouTube and others.

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### VLC

Plays more video files than most players: Quicktime, AVI, DIVX, OGG, and more. Pretty good interface.

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### MPlayer

Similar to VLC-- plays loads of video formats.

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### Media Player Classic

Compact, but powerful media player. Plays anything under the sun. No install necessary.

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## More open source...

You'll be surprised at how many quality applications are available

Most are now available on MAC and Unix well as the ever popular Windows OS. To learn more just Google "open source" or see sites such as

<http://www.opensourcewindows.org/>

### FTP / SFTP



**Filezilla**  
Excellent FTP program.  
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### IRC



**X-Chat 2**  
IRC client.  
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### Archiving



**PeaZip**  
Fantastic archiving utility to extract and pack archives of an extensive amount of formats. PeaZip also features password protecting archives, keyfile support, system integration, a lovely interface, and much more.  
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### Word Processing / Office Suites



**OpenOffice.org**  
Big, full featured suite of tools for word processing and spreadsheets. Compatible with and a free replacement for Microsoft Word documents. Also supports OpenDocument Format.  
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**AbiWord**  
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### Podcasting



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### DVD Ripping



**Handbrake**  
DVD to MPEG-4 ripper/convertor.  
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### Sound Recording



**Audacity**  
Simple sound recording tool.  
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### Graphics / Photo Editing



**GIMP**  
Photo editing application that rivals Photoshop in features.  
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**Paint.NET**  
Graphics editor with a very nice interface.  
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**Inkscape**  
Vector graphics application.  
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## Speaking of free, anybody have an old laptop they want to bring back to life?



is a great choice.

Revitalize that old laptop for the kids.

They get to learn UNIX too

- It has a very friendly and sophisticated interface. The latest version rivals MAC OSX and Windows 7 in neat visual effects
- It's free and easy to install.
- You can try it out just by running it from the DVD no installation necessary
- It has modest memory and hard drive requirements
- Should you decide you like it, it will cohabitate nicely with your exiting windows installation
- A special "netbook edition" is also available

A screenshot of the Ubuntu 9.10 website. The page features a navigation bar with links for Ubuntu, Server, Cloud, Support, Community, Partners, and News. The main headline reads "Ubuntu 9.10 is here" and "Free operating system for your desktop or laptop". Below this, there are three bullet points highlighting features: "Faster, smoother, more beautiful...", "Developing at speed...", and "...and introducing your personal cloud". Two orange buttons, "Download Ubuntu" and "Take the tour", are positioned below the text. To the right, there is a screenshot of the Ubuntu desktop environment. Further down, the page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "For your netbook. Ubuntu 9.10 Netbook Remix" and lists features like a newer interface, ease of installation, and small screen optimization. The right column is titled "For your server. Ubuntu 9.10 Server Edition" and lists features like EC2-based private cloud and open source cloud. At the bottom, there are two sections: "What is Ubuntu?" which describes the operating system and its developers, and "The Ubuntu promise" which lists commitments to being free, providing commercial support, and being open source. The page concludes with "Discover Ubuntu" and "Embrace the Ubuntu Philosophy" links.

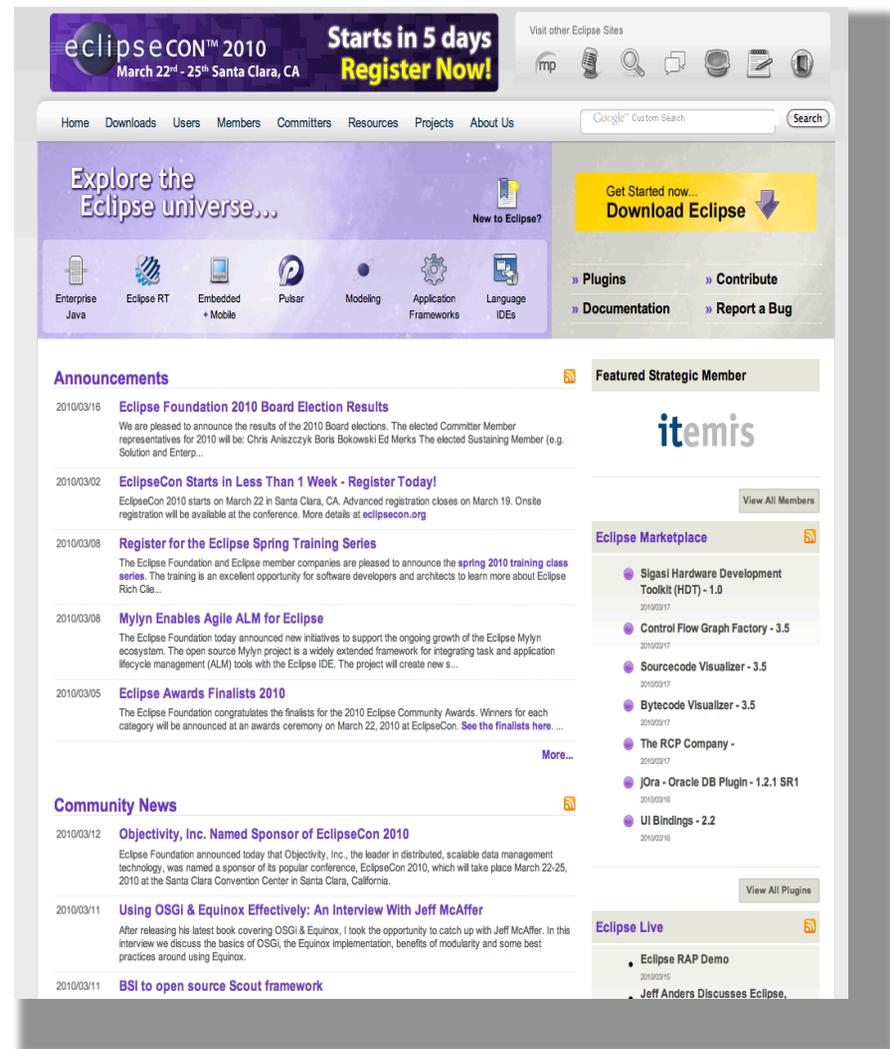
## Want to do a little programming hobbyist programming, but you down want to pay big bucks for an IDE?

Check out Eclipse.

Eclipse is an open source community whose projects are focused on building an extensible development platform, runtimes and application frameworks for building, deploying and managing software across the entire software lifecycle.

Eclipse open source community has over 60 open source projects. These projects can be conceptually organized into seven different "pillars" or categories:

- 1 Enterprise Development
- 2 Embedded and Device Development
- 3 Rich Client Platform
- 4 Rich Internet Applications
- 5 Application Framework
- 6 sApplication Lifecycle Management (ALM) Service
- 7 Oriented Architecture (SOA)



## Are you a programmer with some spare time on your hands?

- Consider developing an App!
- It could help pay the kid's tuition.
- It might help you retire early.

A screenshot showing two web browser windows. The top window is the Apple Developer page for 'Start Developing iPad Apps', featuring a navigation bar with 'Technologies', 'Resources', 'Programs', 'Support', and 'Member Center'. The main content includes the title 'Start Developing iPad Apps' and a sub-headline 'Create innovative applications for iPad with iOS SDK 4 and a range of technical resources and information.' Below this is a section for 'iOS SDK 4' with a small icon and a link to 'Download the iOS SDK from the iPhone Dev Center'. The bottom window is the Android Developers page for 'Download the Android SDK', with a navigation bar including 'Home', 'SDK', 'Dev Guide', 'Reference', 'Resources', 'Videos', and 'Blog'. The main content includes the title 'Download the Android SDK' and a table of SDK packages for different platforms.

Platform	Package	Size	MD5 Checksum
Windows	<a href="#">android-sdk_r06-windows.zip</a>	23293160 bytes	7c7fcec3c6b5c7c3df6ae654b27effb5
Mac OS X (intel)	<a href="#">android-sdk_r06-mac_86.zip</a>	19108077 bytes	c92abf66a82c7a3f2b8493ebe025dd22
Linux (i386)	<a href="#">android-sdk_r06-linux_86.tar.gz</a>	16971139 bytes	848371e4bf068dbb582b709f4e66d903

### [Doodle Jump iPhone game hits the 3 million downloads mark : Tech ...](#)

Mar 9, 2010 ... [doodle jump.jpg](#) The App Store is awash with so many downloads these ... of \$2.9 million dollars in **revenue** since it launched in March 2009. ... [www.techdigest.tv/2010/03/doodle\\_jump\\_iph.html](http://www.techdigest.tv/2010/03/doodle_jump_iph.html) - [Cached](#)

## Some cool things about the Mac

- It could be just my experience, but my Mac doesn't suffer gradual performance slowdowns as other my other OS did -- forcing me to rebuilt it every 6 months or so.
- When I bought my second Mac, it was very easy to migrate all my data and applications to the new machine. I just ran the migration assistant, connected my new computer to my old computer using a fire wire cable, then powered on my old Mac while holding down the "T" key (for transfer). In an hour, everything was there. No reinstalling apps.
- Macs have a built in back up application called "time machine" which runs automatically and lets you recover important files and applications, simply by going back in time.
- Mobile me lets Mac users sync things like address books, calendars, contacts across their machines, bookmarks, mail and it gives me access to my personal information photos documents, whatever from any web browser
- The light-up keyboard is great for working at night or low light conditions

- The track pad and gestures make navigation easier and offer more flexibility.
- The light-up keyboard is great for working at night or low light conditions
- When things hang, it's easier to shutdown the thread and move on.
- Although there is no blue screen of death. Macs do have a grey veil of death, but it seems to happen less often...could be my imagination.
- I especially like the virtual machine software that lets me run multiple operating systems.
- It runs Windows just great!



## Cool features in Windows 7

A sample of the new, improved, or downright cool

- .Windows Touch to turn your fingers into a mouse.
- Play To for streaming music or video around the house.
- Remote Media Streaming to access your home media library via the Internet.
- HomeGroup for headache-free sharing on a home network.
- Windows Search to instantly find virtually anything.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Windows website's 'Windows 7 features' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Discover Windows, Products, Shop, Downloads, and Help & How-to. Below this, the main heading is 'Windows 7 features', followed by a sub-heading 'Engineered by us. Inspired by you.' and a short introductory paragraph. The page is organized into a grid of feature tiles, each with a small image and a brief description. The features highlighted are HomeGroup, Jump Lists, Snap, Windows Live Essentials, Windows Search, and Windows Taskbar. The bottom of the page has a decorative blue and green wave graphic.

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Windows 7 home What is Windows 7 Compare Features Videos

### Windows 7 features

> Browse A to Z  
> Browse categories

Engineered by us. Inspired by you.

A few years ago we started asking PC owners what they wanted from Windows 7. The result?

#### Windows 7 simplifies everyday tasks



**HomeGroup**  
Takes the headache out of sharing files and printers on a home network.



**Jump Lists**  
Speedy access to your favorite pictures, songs, websites, and documents.



**Snap**  
A quick (and fun!) new way to resize and compare windows on your desktop.



**Windows Live Essentials**  
7 great programs, 1 free download. Mail, Movie Maker, Photo Gallery, and more.



**Windows Search**  
Find virtually anything on your PC, instantly.



**Windows Taskbar**  
Better thumbnail previews, easier-to-see icons, and more ways to customize.

## Redundancy isn't just for mainframes anymore.

Be prepared. Here are some options:



- 1 **Boot Managers** let you install more than one OS on your laptop hard drive. If one system image fails, gets corrupted or worse still infected, you usually can boot the other. Often you can use one image to fix or disinfect the broken one.
- 2 **Virtualization software** to install multiple operating systems on one machine. Developers have used this many years to help test their code in multiple environments. If you use a MAC, running virtualization software lets you run nearly every OS that runs on the Intel platform
- 3 **Carry a spare** on a flash or SD Card. Many operating systems can be installed on removable media such as a memory stick an SD card or even a CD. Again this can be useful to repair or disinfect your laptop if it becomes corrupted or infected.



## Taxonomy of mobile devices

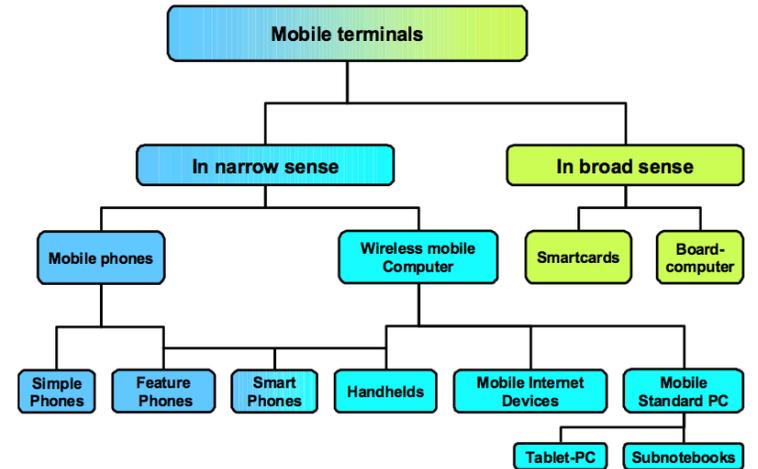
The evolution of mobile computing is ongoing. As technology changes new permutations are appearing every day

Examples: Laptops, palmtops, mobile phones, Smart phones, PDAs tablets, hardened laptops, Netbooks, Smartbooks embedded computers

Wearable examples: calculator watch, virtual retinal display, head mounted heads-up display

To learn more:

- Wikipedia has an excellent summary and history of portable computing
- See also Springer Journal on <http://www.springerlink.com/content/106503/>



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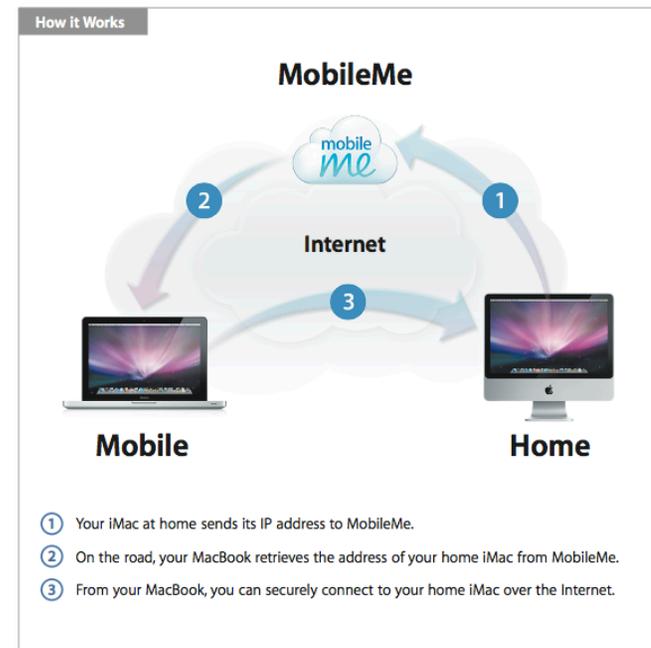
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## Computing from a distance

Using technologies like Remote desktop and Back to my Mac have a number of advantages:

- It lets you keep your system physically secure
- Provides access to high-speed company networks which can be helpful if when your job requires moving large files around.
- Last but not least, it gives you access to another processor without impacting your laptop. Virtual machines are great, but they still a good deal consume CPU and memory
- Lets multiple people share a workstation that may have specialized applications or hardware
- There are many Smartphone apps that make it easy to connect to the desktop or laptop back at the office as if you were sitting in front of it.



## Cool Tools: Hiren's Boot CD

- Free utility to windows users that:
- Lets user reset passwords
- Boot with a windows XP desktop to enable troubleshooting
- And more...
- <http://www.hiren.info/pages/bootcd>

The screenshot shows the website for Hiren's BootCD 10.2. The header features the site name 'Hiren & Pankaj's Home' and navigation tabs for Home, Downloads, Wallpapers, FunStuff, Indian Stuff, and Other. The main content area is titled 'Hiren's BootCD 10.2' and 'All in One Bootable CD which has all these utilities'. It lists various tools under two categories: Antivirus Tools and Backup Tools. Each tool entry includes its name, version, and a brief description.

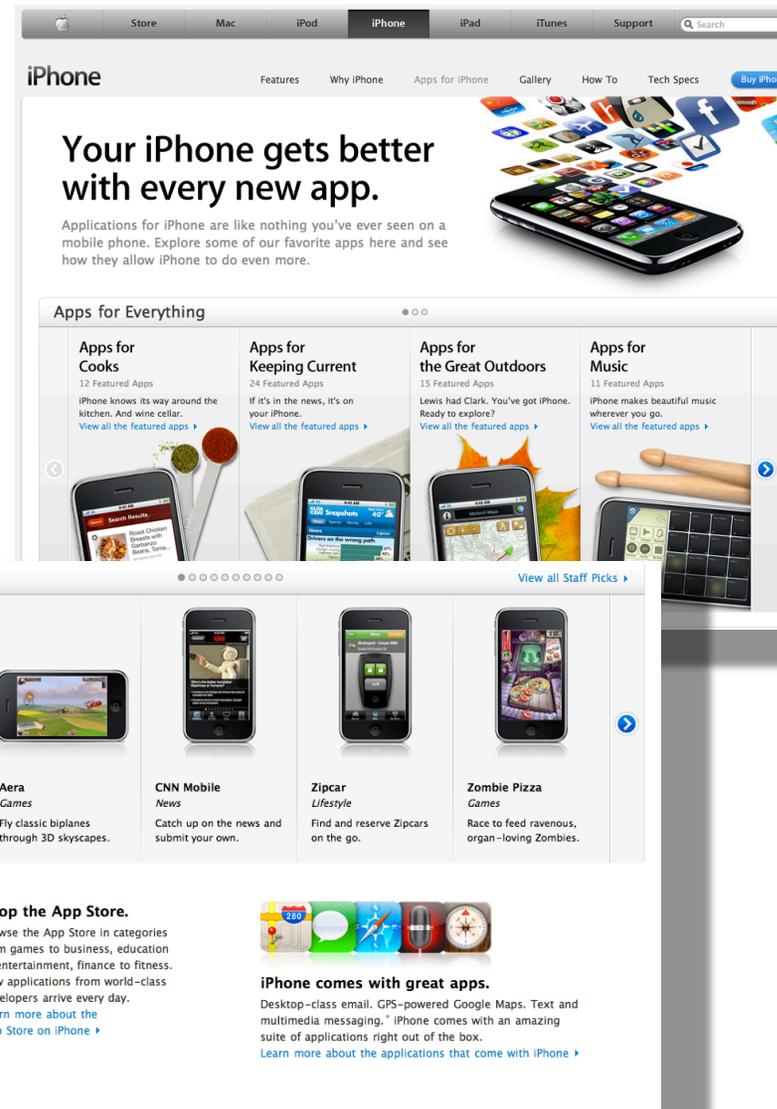
Antivirus Tools	
<b>Dr.Web CureIt! Antivirus (2302)</b>	Freeware
a free standalone anti-virus and anti-spyware on-demand scanner	
<b>Spybot - Search &amp; Destroy 1.6.2 (2302)</b>	Freeware
Application to scan for spyware, adware, hijackers and other malicious software.	
<b>SuperAntispyware 4.34 (2302)</b>	Freeware
Remove Malware, Rootkits, Spyware, Adware, Worms, Parasites (a must have tool)	
<b>Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware 1.44 (2302)</b>	Freeware
anti-malware application that can thoroughly remove even the most advanced malware.	
<b>SpywareBlaster 4.2 (2302)</b>	Freeware
Prevent the installation of spyware and other potentially unwanted software.	
<b>SmitFraudFix 2.424</b>	Freeware
This removes Some of the popular Desktop Hijack malware	
<b>ComboFix (2302)</b>	Freeware
Designed to cleanup malware infections and restore settings modified by malware	
<b>CWSredder 2.19</b>	Freeware
Popular CoolWebSearch Trojan Remover tool	
<b>RootkitRevealer 1.7.1</b>	Freeware
Rootkit Revealer is an advanced patent-pending root kit detection utility.	
Backup Tools	
<b>DriveImageXML 2.13</b>	Freeware
backup any drive/partition to an image file, even if the drive is currently in use	
<b>GImageX 2.0.17</b>	Freeware



## Some Popular iPhone Apps

Web apps that run in a browser

Apps that run native on the iPhone

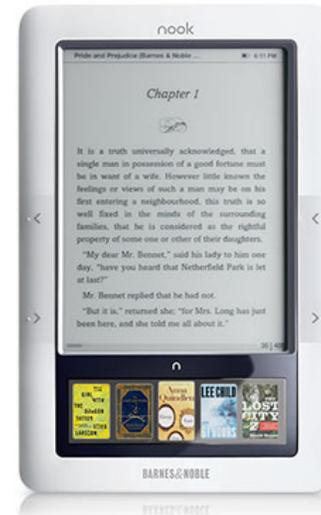


# No Bookshelf Boundaries

- The publishing industry has changed...
  - Kindle DX, Kindle Wi-Fi, Kindle 3G
  - Nook Wi-Fi, Nook 3G
  - Sony Reader G3
  - iPad Wi-Fi, 3G

Take your library with you wherever you go...

Have a favorite book in PDF format, just email it to your Kindle address or copy it to an SD card and pop it into your SONY Reader or Nook



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## iPad Fun

### Cool Stuff ...

Touch screen, take any place, lightweight nearly always connected, runs a long long time on one charge, almost a replacement for my laptop, plays movies great, looks cool, has tons of cool apps, geographically aware, great for e-mail, reading books, reading newspapers, listening to streaming music, MP3s, audio books, viewing my photos, learning new things, talking to other people, Bluetooth keyboard capable.

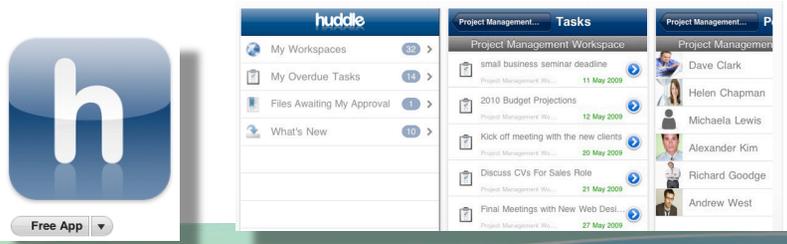
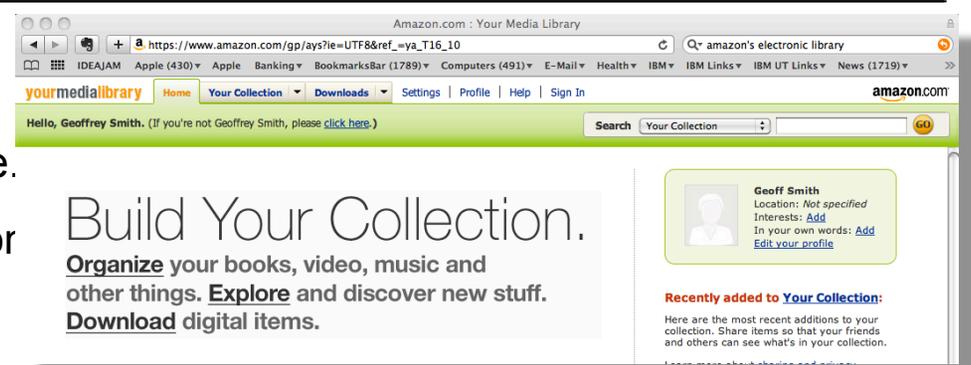


### My wish list ...

Multitasking, a built in camera (like all other Apple products save the iTouch), USB port for all sorts of things...easier transfer of files, printing the stuff you create with iWorks, and an SD of any size slot for easy expansion.

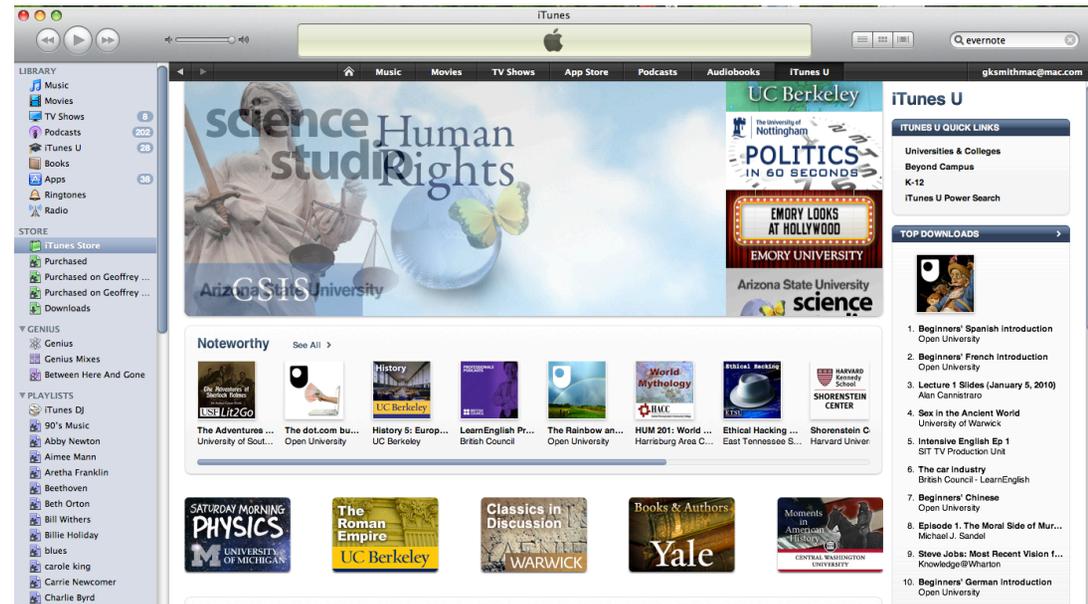
# Have your own Cloud...

- Clouds aren't just for corporations any more.
- Amazon provides you with your own electronic library where you can archive books, music movies and more...
- Apple has Mobile Me which provides you with virtual disk space, the ability to synchronize mail, contacts, calendars, photos and more... across multiple devices.
- Evernote support a number of devices and lets you keep notes, pictures, web clips
- Microsoft's new PC ... the "Personal Cloud"
- Huddle App – network of secure workspaces where you can share files, manage projects, organize virtual meetings



## College Courses to Go...on iTunes U

- Take a refresher on Physics
- Learn a new language
- iPods, aren't just for music anymore...
- With the ubiquitous nature of portable devices and the adoption of POD and VOD casts have made take a course as easy as a click away.
- These courses are real college classes on a wide variety of subjects by a wide variety of universities ... most if not all FREE.
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**DESCRIPTION**

Introduction to Chemical Engineering (E20) is an introductory course offered by the Stanford University Engineering Department. It provides a basic overview of the chemical engineering field today and delves into the applications of chemical engineering.

## Stellar Cellular

- Most cellular phone companies now offer devices that act as mini-cell towers. It uses an existing internet connection such as cable or DSL. These help deal with the all too common situation of weak cell signals inside or in remote areas. They are commonly called “Femtocell” devices.
- Some common brand names are
  - T- Mobile Mobile Hotspots
  - Sprint Airave
  - Verizon Wireless Network Extender
  - AT&T MicroCell



- There are also devices that use cellular data networks to create instant Wi-Fi networks that multiple devices can share

- Verizon MiFi 2200



- Sprint now offers the Overdrive G4 mobile hotspot

- Some cell phones offer MiFi

- Others offer tethering

- With tethering you use either a cable or Bluetooth connection to provide your laptop with internet connectivity via a cellular data network

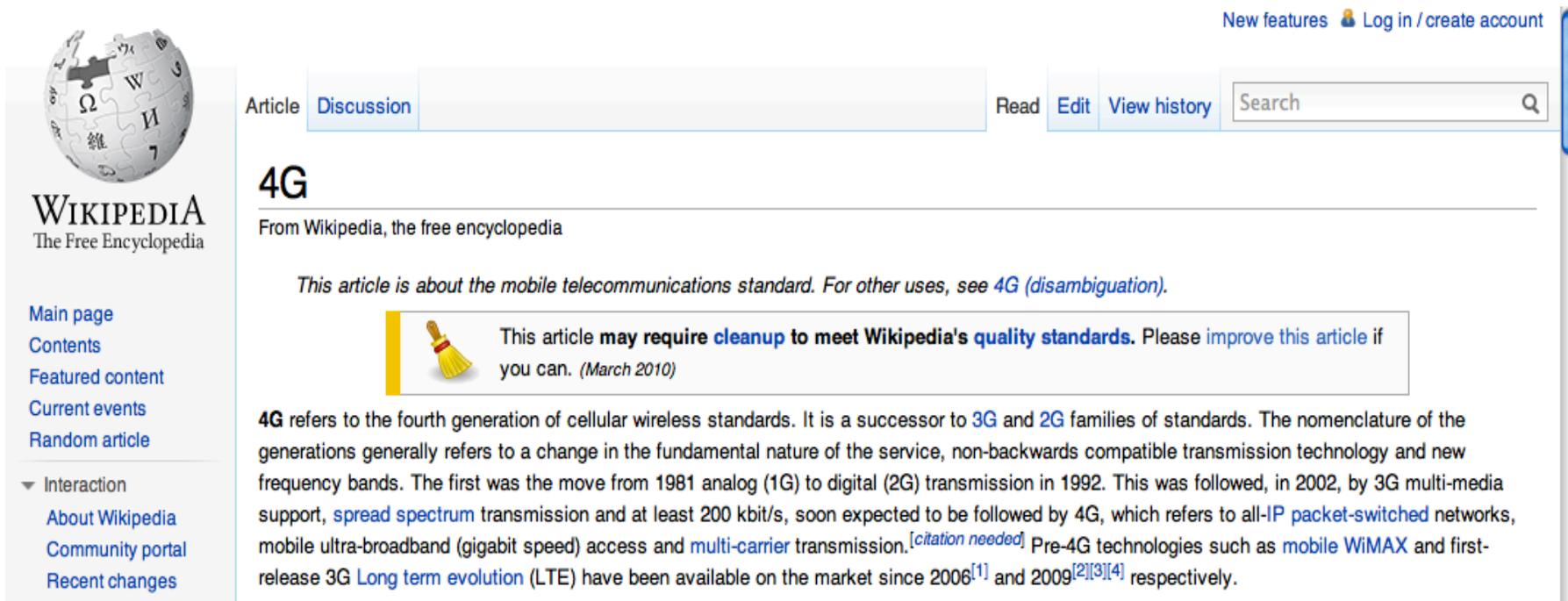


- Many laptop and netbook computers have built-in cellular modems, so tethering is not needed
- AT&T now offers tethering a plan for iPhone tethering

## G-Wiz

So you finally bought your new 3G phone and you thought you were all set for awhile.

Not so fast! 4G is here, and you are going to want it.



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "4G". At the top right, there are links for "New features", "Log in / create account", and a search box. Below the search box are tabs for "Article", "Discussion", "Read", "Edit", and "View history". The article title "4G" is prominently displayed, followed by the text "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". A notice box with a broom icon states: "This article may require cleanup to meet Wikipedia's quality standards. Please improve this article if you can. (March 2010)". The main text of the article begins with "4G refers to the fourth generation of cellular wireless standards. It is a successor to 3G and 2G families of standards. The nomenclature of the generations generally refers to a change in the fundamental nature of the service, non-backwards compatible transmission technology and new frequency bands. The first was the move from 1981 analog (1G) to digital (2G) transmission in 1992. This was followed, in 2002, by 3G multi-media support, spread spectrum transmission and at least 200 kbit/s, soon expected to be followed by 4G, which refers to all-IP packet-switched networks, mobile ultra-broadband (gigabit speed) access and multi-carrier transmission. [citation needed] Pre-4G technologies such as mobile WiMAX and first-release 3G Long term evolution (LTE) have been available on the market since 2006<sup>[1]</sup> and 2009<sup>[2][3][4]</sup> respectively."

## But wait! There's more...

- I neglected to mention a couple of other tips in the original presentation, so I'm adding them before I upload them to the SHARE site.
- 1. Skype, it's not just for laptops anymore. Skype has an app for iPhone and probably other cell phones, so if your phone has wireless capability and are some place where wireless is available, use Skype to make the call instead of using your minutes.
- 2. Are you tired of slow PC performance? Consider replacing your old laptop drive with a solid state one. That's right, it's like having 30GB or more of memory in your laptop, but it when you power off your laptop, the content doesn't go away. When you look for them, just Google "laptop ssd"
- SSD Advantages:
  - Wicked Fast! You'll be amazed at how fast things boot! They are getting to be affordable.
  - Less susceptible to damage from shock
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solid-state\\_drive](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solid-state_drive)



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Thank You and Happy Computing!

