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Basics: Digital Music to Please Even the Snobs

Serious music lovers probably fancy digital music servers — a jukebox for digital music files, a hard drive to store the files and software to pump it through an existing stereo system.

Game Theory: In 1 Box, 3 New Games Filled With Puzzles and Fights

Orange Box actually consists of three separate new games developed by Valve Software, and it also comes with a couple of old games for good measure.

Off the Couch, Potato: The Programs You Crave, Relayed From Home to Your Handy Traveling Laptop

Slingbox Solo connects only to a single audio/video source, but with the current crop of digital HD/DVR set-top boxes, thatâ€™s all most consumers need.

To Point the Naked Eye, or Certain Telescopes, a Guide to the Stars

The Meade mySKY device gives you guided tours of the night sky, leading you to specific celestial objects and presenting facts and folklore about them.

Grab Those Free HDTV Signals and Feed Them to Your PC

The PCTV HD Ultimate Stick, which sells for \$130, includes a telescoping antenna for broadcast television.

A Walkman With Flashy Features to Compete With Those â€˜iâ€™™ Devices

Sony Ericsson W580i Walkman has many similar features for those who want a phone that offers music, the Internet, pictures, organizer functions and, oh yes, calls.

Copy Video From Your PC, and Then Watch It on Your TV

SanDisk's Sansa TakeTV is aimed at people who want to take digital video from their computers and watch it on their TVs, without getting too high-tech about it.

State of the Art: Apple Offers New Goodies in Leopard System

Apple's new version of Leopard lists 300 new features, including a Braille font and a Danish spelling checker.

Q & A: Getting Prognosis on Battery Life

Rechargeable batteries are given a certain number of "charge cycles" before they wear out, but what exactly is a charge cycle and how can I find out how long my battery will last?

Q & A: Face Detection Can Be Plural

Does the face-detection software on digital cameras work if there are a lot of people in the picture?

Q & A: Tip of the Week: Satellite Images

The latest version of the Google Earth features historic maps, information from National Geographic and Discovery Networks on geographical and historical sites around the world

Economic View: In Search of Wireless Wiggle Room

Will the F.C.C. open new doors to spectrum access?

Ping: When the Military Needs It Yesterday

Soldiers increasingly want their civilian technology partners to deliver solutions quickly, even if the devices are far from perfect.

Basics: Navigating With Feedback From Fellow Drivers

The Dash Express not only receives location data from the satellites of the Global Positioning System, but it also broadcasts information about its travels back to the Dash network.

Basics: PCs to Be Seen, Not Heard

Computer users who want silent offices and living rooms are starting to ask for quiet computers. Manufacturers are taking notice.

Basics: The Next Leap for Linux

Until recently, major PC makers shied away from Linux. Now the industry is watching as Dell is selling two Linux-equipped desktop models and a notebook PC.

Basics: What's the Setting for a Snowy Beach at Dusk?

The computing power inside even the cheapest digital cameras allows a photographer to get even better pictures " if they can decipher the myriad shooting modes built into the devices.

Basics: The Hunt for Gotta-Have-It Gadgets

First adopters willing to pay a premium for the exotic notebook computers, cellphones and tech toys can turn to businesses that specialize in finding objects that are not sold in the United States.



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