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Stand while you work

Studies say sitting all day is bad for your body, but how practical would it really be to ditch your desk chair? One writer shares his experience switching to a standing workstation.

Review: Strata Design 3D CX 6.1

While most 3D programs on the market play nicely with Adobe's industry standard apps, none have thus far created an integrated system that removes the guesswork for its users. That's the strength of Strata Design 3D CX 6.1.

TaskPaper for iPhone

This free-form task-management app inherits many features of its Mac counterpart, along with a few iPhone tweaks. While it doesn't provide the kind of advanced scheduling and task-management features you'll find in some other apps, for many types of lists, as well as for creating outlines and taking notes, there's a lot to like.

Review: 3M MPro120 pico projector

The 3M MPro120 pico projector delivers bright, high-quality images.

FBI: Cyberfraud losses doubled in 2009

According to the FBI, cyberfraud victims reported total losses of \$559.7 million in 2009, more than double the 2008 tally.

Apple to replace iPad batteries with a new iPad

If you're concerned about the use of your iPad in 2013, fret not; for \$99, Apple will replace the whole unit if the battery no longer holds a charge.

GDC: Mac gaming talk of town, among winners at award shows

On Saturday, the Game Developers Conference wraps up at San Francisco's Moscone Center. By all accounts, it's been a very exciting week for Mac gaming.

GDC: Aspyr reveals new plans for The Secret of Monkey Island

LucasArts unveiled its plans for The Secret of Monkey Island: Special Edition.

Review: Pocket Chef for iPhone

Developed by Gameloft, Pocket Chef is a cooking simulation game for the iPhone designed for the cooking-impaired.

Steve Jobs finally wins approval to tear down house... possibly

A judge has given approval for Apple's CEO to tear down a mansion on his Woodside, Calif., property, signalling a possible end to the long-running real estate saga.

Opinion: Pre-ordering the iPad is a fool's game

InfoWorld's Galen Gruman wonders why anyone would spend \$500 or more on a product that hasn't even shipped yet.

Review: Motorola Devour smartphone

There's a lot to like about the Devour smartphone, especially its social networking features, intuitive user interface, and sturdy design, but it also has some shortcomings.

The Macalope Weekly: A sad state of affairs

It's a large helping of the Macalope this week, as he takes on non-sensical iPad analysis, Apple doomsaying, and other crimes of punditry.

Video: Sony, Panasonic cameras combine small size with SLR features

Panasonic and Sony have shown new cameras that mix compact size with interchangeable lenses.

Mac news briefs: 3D and animation

News roundup of three new 3D and animation software upgrades.

GDC: Electric Bat Interactive previews free browser-based games

Electric Bat Interactive unveiled two new games, WarLords and Weblings.

Apple COO Tim Cook awarded \$22 million bonus

The Wall Street Journal reports that Apple's Chief Operating Officer, Tim Cook, received a bonus worth \$22 million for his work filling in for Steve Jobs' during the CEO's 2009 medical leave.

Review: Power Cam for iPhone

Power Cam is one of many apps trying to make your picture-taking a bit easier, and while the \$1 offering does add some interesting features, it doesn't measure up to similar photography apps.

Latest details make iPad a more promising e-reader

Can the iPad compete as an e-book reader? Apple's latest details about iBooks make that more probable than ever.

Promising prospect: Quiet Read

Quiet Read lets you quickly store, and quickly access, URLs you want to save for later viewing.

FujiFilm's latest camera aims at dogs, cats

FujiFilm's Finepix Z700 features recognizes canine and feline faces, and can snap a picture automatically when they look towards the camera.

iPad Camera Connection Kit MIA from pre-order

Among the accessories available for pre-order along with the iPad, one was conspicuously absent: the iPad Camera Connection Kit.

Smartphones spread slowly in China, despite 3G and iPhone

China now has the iPhone and more big-name smartphones are due in the country, but high prices mean few Chinese buyers overall are choosing smartphones.

Barnes & Noble to provide e-reader app for iPad

Bookseller Barnes & Noble announced it will have an iPad version of its B&N eReader app ready on April 3.

Review: Are You Alright? for iPhone

Are You Alright? is a medical-themed time-management game. Unfortunately, bugs and long load times distract from an otherwise enjoyable experience.

Seven Firefox add-ons that improve online privacy

Worried about preserving your privacy in an online world where privacy is disappearing? Here are seven Firefox add-ons that will help.

Portable hard drives

Roman Loyola takes a look at portable hard drives from LaCie, MXI Security, Western Digital, and Buffalo.

GDC: Gameloft unveils new iPhone games

Gameloft, one of the leading developers for the iPhone and iPod touch, unveiled three new games to the assembled press on Thursday.

Bugs & Fixes: A folder-opening mystery

Ted Landau has a small problem with a folder that won't open. The fix is minor. The real mystery is what's causing it in the first place.

Intel wins top spots in SSD storage drive ranking

Intel won first place in two categories of a ranking of flash memory-based SSDs by DRAMeXchange, which pilloried the industry over quality issues.

Review: Aliph Jawbone Icon

Jawbone's Icon Bluetooth headset look great, provides a comfortable fit, and includes unique downloadable apps. Unfortunately, the call quality isn't as impressive.

Apple dishes new iPad details on 3G, iBooks, more

Apple didn't just put the iPad up for pre-order this morning, it also added some new information on a handful of iPad features, such as 3G plans, iBooks, and more.

An iPhoneographer's six favorite apps

There are 2,897 photography apps available in the App Store. Glyn Evans sorts through every new release --each faux-film-filter, cropping, and tilt-shift tool -- so you don't have to.

Study: iPhone app use peaks on nights, weekends

New research conducted by app-tracking firm Localytics over the past two months shows that Apple iPhone users mainly use their apps at night and on weekends.

Review: Shazam Encore for iPhone

This paid version of the music-identification app delivers a number of features -- chiefly unlimited tagging of songs. It's a solid app, but unless you find yourself using it a lot or find the other features particularly appealing, the free version of Shazam will probably meet your needs.

iPad now available for pre-order

All iPad models are now available for pre-order from the online Apple Store.

AT&T CEO's pay jumps 35 percent to \$20.3 million in 2009

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson's stock awards fell 8 percent in 2009, but he earned a cash bonus of \$5.85 million that helped increase his total compensation by 35 percent.

Review: Ion Audio Tape 2 PC

Although Ion's Tape 2 PC is a relatively simple way to convert the audio on your cassette tapes to digital files for use on your computer, the process for editing those imported files can be either complicated or time consuming, depending on which provided Mac application you use.

Review: Intuit TurboTax and H&R Block At Home tax software

There are still some of the same differences between the two major desktop tax preparation programs, Intuit TurboTax and H&R Block At Home (formerly TaxCut. But TurboTax has improved.

Review: H&R Block At Home Deluxe online

People who are willing to take care of data entry but who like the ability to consult with a tax pro as needed might find H&R Block's Best of Both a good compromise between going to an H&R Block office and doing their taxes entirely by themselves online.

Review: TurboTax Deluxe Online

TurboTax is worth its price premium for anyone who can benefit from TurboTax's superior data import capability, or its superlative context-sensitive help and navigation features.

Review: Online tax preparation services

Sign of the times: Most people who use software to prepare and electronically file their income tax returns now opt for Web services.

Review: 2nd Story TaxAct Deluxe Federal Edition online tax software

TaxAct's tax help is adequate for many situations, and it's a terrific deal, especially if you don't stand to benefit from the data-import options available in TurboTax and H&R Block at Home,

iPad available for pre-order at 5:30 Pacific

Apple starts taking orders for the iPad at 5:30 a.m. Pacific/8:30 a.m. Eastern on Friday, March 12.

GDC: Firemint wins four Pocket Gamer Awards

Firemint was honored with four awards from handheld gaming Website Pocket Gamer at a ceremony held at the annual Game Developers Conference.

Apple releases Safari 4.0.5 update

Apple on Thursday released Safari 4.0.5 to address several performance and stability issues with the browser.

Razer, GPG pledge Mac support; DICE investigating

Following the announcement of Steam on Mac OS X, Razer and Gas Powered Games have pledged to support the Mac, while EA DICE is currently investigating the possibility.

Review: Tripod Camera for iPhone

This app add some nice options to the iPhone's camera -- most notably an anti-tilt feature that keeps your shot level no matter what -- and makes a nice addition to any shutterbug's tool-set.

Easily type accented characters

There's an easier way to type characters with diacriticals than remembering obscure key combinations or opening Keyboard Viewer.

Opera's Mini 5 browser comes to Android

Opera has released a beta version of its Mini 5 web browser for Android based smartphones, the company said on Thursday.



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