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Interview With Lead Engineer on Linux Flash Player	<p>An anonymous reader writes "Ryan Stewart of ZDNet has an interview up with Mike Melanson, the lead engineer behind Adobe's upcoming Flash Player 9 for Linux. It covers what the plans are for the player, what kinds of things won't be in the Linux player that are in the other players, and ways to give Adobe input on the Linux player."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=HkT0I9"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=HkT0I9" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17632742" /&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	because-everyone-loves-flash
AT&T Breached, Exposes 19,000 Identities	<p>mytrip writes to tell us News.com is reporting that a recent attack on AT&amp;T's systems saw thousands of customer's personal data compromised. About 19,000 customers of AT&amp;T's online store who purchased equipment for a DSL connection were effected. From the article: "AT&amp;T is offering to pay for credit monitoring services for customers whose accounts have been impacted because they could be at risk of identity fraud. The company also has made available a toll-free number to affected customers to call for more information."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=VsZhhx"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=VsZhhx" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17608067" /&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	somewhat-worse-than-a-laptop

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Indian State Encourages Microsoft Removal	<p>cultrhetor writes "The New York Times reports that the communist government in the Indian state of Kerala is trying to remove Microsoft from its public institutions, as part of a campaign against monopolistic corporations. From the article: 'schools and public offices across the state are being encouraged to install free software systems instead of purchasing Microsoft's Windows programs. "It is well-known that Microsoft wants to have a monopoly in the field of computer technology. Naturally, being a democratic and progressive government, we want to encourage the spread of free software," M. A. Baby, the state's education minister, said by telephone.' The government is not banning Microsoft, but it is actively encouraging all 12,500 public schools in the state to install Linux."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashedot/slashdot?a=OWc2WC"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashedot/slashdot?i=OWc2WC" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~r/Slashedot/slashdot/~4/17586716"/&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	another-12,500-bites-the-dust
First Quantum Cryptographic Data Network	<p>jdubs writes to tell us ScienceDaily is reporting that scientists at Northwestern University and BBN Technologies have demonstrated the first truly quantum cryptographic data network. From the article: "Kumar's research team recently demonstrated a new way of encrypting data that relies on both traditional algorithms and on physical principles. This QDE method, called AlphaEta, makes use of the inherent and irreducible quantum noise in laser light to enhance the security of the</p>	ScuttleMonkey	networks-with-friggin-lasers

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A Working Economy Without DRM?	<p>system and makes eavesdropping much more difficult. Unlike most other physical encryption methods, AlphaEta maintains performance on par with traditional optical communications links and is compatible with standard fiber optical networks."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=dMMJUA"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=dMMJUA" border="0" src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17567193"/&gt;</p> <p>Tilted Equilibrium asks: "In a few weeks, our school will be hosting a panel on DRM with several respected individuals. In advance of the panel, I have been doing some research on the topic and thinking about it in my free time. In economics, we learn that the price of a product is determined essentially by supply and demand. Without a DRM in place, we are capable of making as many copies of a piece of content as we want and seeding it onto the net. How do you create a market for a product, and make money of a product that has a huge initial creative investment, but then no manufacturing cost, and is in infinite supply?"</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=vFE3iB"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=vFE3iB" border="0" src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17543458"/&gt;</p>	Cliff	what-would-alfred-marshall-do
YouTube Used for Whistleblowing	<p>fightmaster writes "A Lockheed Martin engineer with concerns about the safety and security flaws in a fleet of refurbished Coast Guard patrol boats turned to YouTube in order to</p>	ScuttleMonkey	when-they-don't-listen-find-a-bigger-megaphone

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	publicize concerns he felt were being ignored by his employer and the government. From the article: "The 41-year-old Lockheed Martin engineer had complained to his bosses. He had told his story to government investigators. He had called congressmen. But when no one seemed to be stepping up to correct what he saw as critical security flaws in a fleet of refurbished Coast Guard patrol boats, De Kort did just about the only thing left he could think of to get action: He made a video and posted it on YouTube.com."		
How Much Virtual Memory is Enough?	<p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?ai=xPkr3"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=xPkr3" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17512965"/&gt;</p> <p>whitroth asks: "Ten years ago, Received Wisdom said that virtual memory should be, on the average, two to two-and-a-half times real memory. In these days, where 2G RAM is not unusual, and many times is not that uncommon, is this unreasonable? What's the sense of the community as to what is a reasonable size for swap these days?"</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?ai=kswRZb"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=kswRZb" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17517974"/&gt;</p>	Cliff	how-large-is-your-swap-partition
The Future of Human-Computer Interaction	ChelleChelle writes "Starting with the Xerox Alto and the Star, ACM Queue briefly covers the history of human-computer interaction from past to present. It doesn't stop there, however. Using a hypothetical	ScuttleMonkey	idle-musings

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	<p>situation involving context-awareness in cellphones, the author lays out his thoughts on the future of HCI, offering opinions, advice, and examples."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=WUuIjf"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=WUuIjf" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17484395" /&gt;</p>		
Laser Shortage to Stall High-Def Disc War?	<p>An anonymous reader writes "DigiTimes reports that several major vendors, including Sony and Matsushita, have suspended shipments of the blue laser diodes that drive both high-def disc formats. The rumored laser shortage could result in shipment delays for new models of Blu-ray and HD DVD players and drives past the upcoming holiday season, cooling the next-gen DVD format war until 2007."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=WnJ67r"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=WnJ67r" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17468062" /&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	supply-and-demand
AOL Music Now Relaunches Music Service	<p>Planetruudy writes "Reuters reports that AOL has launched a new version of its Music Now subscription service. It's web-based, slick, performs well (fast page loads and downloads), and contains over 2.5M songs and 'thousands of videos.' This launch seems to be in line with AOL's 'tearing down the wall around the garden' strategy."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=sD7ISX"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashedot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=sD7ISX" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="</p>	ScuttleMonkey	lifetime-of-sins-to-make-up-for

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The Light Bulb That Can Change the World	<p>"http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17453593" /&gt;</p> <p>An anonymous reader writes to tell us FastCompany is reporting on the latest and greatest version of the compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). While CFLs of the past may have been efficient, they certainly were not effective. However, according to the article, CFLs have come as far as cell phones have since the mid 80s while still maintaining that high efficiency. From the article: "if every one of 110 million American households bought just one [CFL], took it home, and screwed it in the place of an ordinary 60-watt bulb, the energy saved would be enough to power a city of 1.5 million people. One bulb swapped out, enough electricity saved to power all the homes in Delaware and Rhode Island. In terms of oil not burned, or greenhouse gases not exhausted into the atmosphere, one bulb is equivalent to taking 1.3 million cars off the roads."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?ai=iPsZui"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=iPsZui" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17438031"/&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	little-lightbulb-that-could
Heinlein's Last Novel Coming in September	<p>Frightened_Turtle writes "Robert Heinlein's last novel, Variable Star , will be released in September. Completed by Spider Robinson at the behest of Heinlein's estate, the novel is based on the notes and outline created by Heinlein for the novel over 50 years ago. It was set aside and forgotten when Heinlein went to work on other projects. The story follows the life of Joel Johnston who</p>	ScuttleMonkey	pages-out-of-time

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	<p>&amp;mdash; after having a fallout with his girlfriend and going on a bender &amp;mdash; wakes up on a starship bound for the stars. Spider Robinson has done an excellent job maintaining Heinlein's style and flow throughout the novel. Want to check out the story for yourself? You can download the first eight chapters online from the 'Excerpts' link on the site as they are released over the next few weeks."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=1qMlbB"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=1qMlbB" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17429448"/&gt;</p>		
Target Advertising Used to Censor NY Times Article	<p>avtchillsboro writes to tell us The New York Times has adapted technology usually used for targeted advertising to censor a recent article from British viewers in an attempt to comply with local publishing rules. The New York Times explained that this move "arises from the requirement in British law that prohibits publication of prejudicial information about the defendants prior to trial."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=y2ErZB"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=y2ErZB" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17416756"/&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	half-measures-and-wasted-effort
Classes vs. Skills in MMOGs	<p>An anonymous reader writes "The buzz in the MMO blogosphere is yet another resurrection of the Class system vs. Skill system debate. A number of prominent online gaming bloggers have chimed in with their opinions on the subject, including: Scott Jennings, Raph Koster, Ryan</p>	Zonk	masterdebaters-all

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	<p>Shwayder, Steve Danuser, Damion Schubert, and a host of others you can find linked on those blogs. The conclusion? Most of the devs favor class systems because of their simplicity and ease of communicating character roles, while a few devs and many players favor skill-based systems because of the freedom they provide for user customization."</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=kCLwBr"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=kCLwBr" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17453594"/&gt;</p>		
HP Launches Ink Patent Violation Manhunt	<p>BlueCup writes to tell us that Hewlett-Packard has deployed a large team consisting of many scientists and many more lawyers looking for possible ink patent infringement. With more than 4,000 patents on their ink formulations and cartridge design and a market share of more than 50 percent in the US HP depends heavily on the sale of ink to make profit after sometimes selling their printers at a loss in order to lock in the ink resale.</p> <p>&lt;p&gt;&lt;a href="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?a=r3kzwJ"&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~a/Slashdot/slashdot?i=r3kzwJ" border="0"&gt;&lt;/img&gt;&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;&lt;img src="http://rss.slashdot.org/~r/Slashdot/slashdot/~4/17406091"/&gt;</p>	ScuttleMonkey	ink-turf-wars