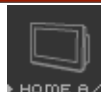
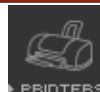
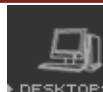


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CNETAsia's hot list of cool toys out there

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Oral B Brush-Up

19/11/2004

We're having a few chuckles over this, but suspect we won't be having the last laugh. For those who just aren't comfortable not brushing their teeth post-makan, Oral B's textured teeth wipes provide a quick and easy solution--teeth cleaning, without toothbrush or water. The wipe slips onto a finger like a glove and works just like a toothbrush, leaving a clean mouth and minty breath. Which should be heavensent after a garlic-ky meal of Chicken Rice.

Price: N.A.

Availability: [Oral B](#)

Device: Toothbrush

Basic specs: Textured cleaning surface, mint flavor, slip-on design, individually packaged



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MX 1000 Laser Cordless Mouse

18/11/2004

Logitech's latest mechanical rodent appears to be a veritable Speedy Gonzalas. As the world's first laser-guided mouse, this input device claims to be 20x more accurate than the LED-based optical sensors which is good news for gamers and hardware enthusiasts. Laser technology enables the mouse to see more microscopic detail, and hence greater responsiveness. It's also the first mouse with a four-level integrated battery indicator. We like that it juices up in its dock within 10 minutes for a full day's use, or 21 days on a 3-4-hour charge. One small step for mice, one giant leap for mousekind?



Click here for a closeup of the [MX 1000](#)

Price: S\$139 (US\$84.46)

Availability: Singapore

Device: Mouse

Basic specs: Application switch, cordless, Cruise Control buttons, Internet Forward/Back, laser technology, MX Optical Engine, Mac/ PC/ PS/2 compatible, rechargeable, right-handed comfort grip, tilt wheel plus zoom, USB

Xmultiple USB FlashPoint

17/11/2004

Now this is nifty, which has us wondering why we're still using conventional USB flash drives in Singapore. Xmultiple's USB FlashPoint completely does away with the PC or laptop, and mates with another FlashPoint to transfer files in secs. A tiny integrated battery powers the transfer while a female connector on the backside lets you plug in another device which it'll recognize. The catch: It'll copy only files stored in the Share directory, and won't sync data between drives. To recharge the batt, simply plug into a standard USB computer port.



Click to see the female connector in use: [image 1](#) | [image 2](#)

Price: US\$95.99

Availability: US

Device: USB Thumbdrive

Basic specs: 512MB for now, Mac and Win compatible

Motoman's Robobar

16/11/2004

The next time you pour your sorrows across the counter to the bartender, it may just wink a few cheeky lights and whirl on its axle. **Motorman's RoboBar** is no lovable Sam Malone at Cheers (where everyone knows your name), but a robotic arm capable of whipping up draft beer, mixed drinks, soda and juices. Forget the loose change since this robotic barman uses a magnetic card scanner and touch screen to authorize a drink service, passed via an automatic turntable located at the side. Still, this makes for one cool party addition even if no bar-top dancing is allowed.



Price: Available for purchase or lease but doesn't say how much

Availability: US

Device: Robot barman

Basic specs: N.A.

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Talking Street

15/11/2004

One more good reason to get a triband phone. [Talking Street](#) isn't so much a product as a service you purchase over your cell phone. If you're solo and a stranger to New York or Boston, Talking Street works like an audio walking tour--only it's over your handset. And you determine your pace and destination by calling a number, picking a stop and listening in to the relevant audio segment. How cool is that?



Price: US\$5.95 per audio tour, valid for a week

Availability: Talking Street

Device: Cell phone walking tour

Basic specs: Free previews, celebs narrate the audio segments with Sigourney Weaver on the Lower Manhattan & World Trade Center Site, Jerry Stiller on New York's Lower East Side, and Steve Tyler on Boston

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