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## Microsoft Wins Round in Eolas-UC Patent Decision



Jay Lyman 03/09/04 10:59 AM PT

After a rough start to the year, with serious security problems and European antitrust regulators aiming to separate Windows from the company's media player, Microsoft got a win this week as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected the patent claims of Eolas and the University of California. The news also is good for Microsoft independent software vendors (ISVs) and even competitors that rely on plug-ins to provide everything from media player functionality to rich-media advertising on the Internet.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW:

## Technology and Religion: An Interview with the Episcopal Church's Tom Ferguson



Kirk L. Kroeker 03/09/04 10:04 AM PT

In his role in the office of interfaith relations at the Episcopal Church, Tom Ferguson has access to demographic details about what he characterizes as a new kind of digital divide. In an exclusive interview with TechNewsWorld, Ferguson talked about the future of religion and technology -- and what he views as their joint role in the survival of humanity. [\[More...\]](#)

## First CAN-SPAM Lawsuit Could Open Floodgates



John P. Mello Jr. 03/09/04 8:06 AM PT

BobVila.com has long been recognized as a magnet for homeowners starting home improvement projects, but it also may become a milestone for attorneys searching for ways to crank up their cash flow. Last Friday, the first lawsuit filed under the federal CAN-SPAM law targeted the home-improvement Web post. It's a lawsuit that could be a blasting cap that ignites litigation under the new law that took effect in January. [\[More...\]](#)

TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL REPORT:

## MyDoom: A Wrap-Up on the World's Most Vicious Worm



Jack. M. Germain 03/09/04 6:30 AM PT

The family of MyDoom e-mail worms remains an active threat from compromised computer systems and unprotected personal computers even though the virus was programmed to shut down last month. As a result of the prevalent infections, the MyDoom creators still can mobilize a vast network of computers at any time. [\[More...\]](#)

## EU Moves To Sever Microsoft's Media Player from Windows



Jay Lyman 03/08/04 2:02 PM PT

In an accusation reminiscent of Microsoft's U.S. antitrust case -- which dealt with the company's bundling of the Internet Explorer Web browser with the Windows operating

system -- the European Commission has signaled it might penalize Microsoft or force it to separate its Windows Media Player from its operating system for antitrust violations. [\[More...\]](#)

## Internet Regulator OKs Wait-Listing Service



David McGuire 03/08/04 1:04 PM PT

The Internet's main oversight body on Saturday approved the creation of a controversial service to let people bid on domain names that are about to expire. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) gave its blessing to VeriSign Inc.'s "wait-listing service" at its semiannual meeting in Rome. [\[More...\]](#)

## CA Blasts SCO for Linux License Claim



Jay Lyman 03/08/04 10:32 AM PT

Software giant Computer Associates is refuting reports that it is among a handful of companies that have agreed to buy a license to run Linux from SCO Group, which has sued companies that have refused the license on the basis of its claims to owning certain source code used in Linux. [\[More...\]](#)

## How Telcos Can Fight the Cable Invasion



Olga Kharif 03/08/04 10:12 AM PT

You know those sign-waving doomsayers who stand on street corners and warn that the end is near? Well, many seem to have moved recently to new spots outside the headquarters of telecom outfits. Listen to their dire warnings and you'll hear a skeptic chorus predicting that telcos will shrivel and die as cable operators ramp up their phone services. [\[More...\]](#)

## Big Blue Turns Guns on MS with ISV Strategy



Sara Driscoll 03/08/04 9:40 AM PT

Sweeping into Las Vegas for its PartnerWorld summit last week, IBM's high rollers raised the stakes against Microsoft by pledging \$1 billion to help support Big Blue's ISV community. The cash injection is part of a larger initiative for ISVs IBM is calling PartnerWorld Industry Networks (PWIN). [\[More...\]](#)

VIEWPOINT:

## Apple's Competitive Advantage



Rob Enderle 03/08/04 8:29 AM PT

I sit on a lot of PC company advisory boards, and, while this may surprise you, I actually point out Apple's competitive advantages on a regular basis. The problem for me is Apple's market share, which is at a tiny and stable 2.6 percent of the PC marketplace. If it weren't for the powerful advantages Apple brings to the table, the company would be gone by now. Let's revisit some of those advantages. [\[More...\]](#)



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