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HP adds FIC to notebook ODM lineup

Taiwan notebook maker First International Computer (FIC) has started volume shipments of an ODM notebook to Hewlett-Packard (HP) for markets in Europe, according to company chairman Ming-Jeh Chien.

Read the complete story at [DigiTimes](#).

19:08 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]
SCO memo scandal: Is Microsoft behind it all?

A leaked memo from a consultant working with the SCO Group gives Linux conspiracy theorists ammunition for a long held belief: that Microsoft promotes SCO's legal battles involving Linux. The SCO Group concedes the authenticity of the memo, but said its author was mistaken in his conclusions.

Read the complete story [here](#).

19:07 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]
Microsoft gadget keeps record of your life

SenseCam, touted as a visual diary of sorts by Microsoft, is designed to be worn around the neck and take up to 2,000 images a 12-hour day automatically. The prototype responds to changes such as bright lights and sudden movements and might one day even respond to other stimuli such as heart rate or skin temperature -- to track medical problems as easily as to record a Hawaiian vacation.

Read the complete story [here](#).

14:59 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]
Gateway reduces prices on E-series systems

Gateway, which just this week said it plans to reduce its workforce by another 1,000 employees in 2004, reduced something else on Friday: the prices of its E-Series managed desktop PCs.

Read the complete story [here](#).

14:58 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]
CERN celebrates 50th birthday

Celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of CERN officially begin on 8 March, marking ten decades of European co-operation in the search for the nature of matter. The European Organization for Nuclear Research is best known for its fundamental probings into the very small, but CERN can also hold its head high in tech circles.

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Kingmax announces fast SD card

Kingmax has released its Platinum SD Card, the latest addition to Kingmax's line of SD cards which made were released last year. With an average speed of 9MB per second (60X), the manufacturer claims that the card offers the fastest data transmission speed available.

More information is available at the [manufacturer's website](#).

13:30 EST [[Tom's Networking](#)]

Vonage goes retail with Circuit City

Broadband phone company **Vonage** today announced **Circuit City** as the first national U.S. retailer to offer Vonage services for sale in all of its 600 stores and on its website.

Read the entire story on [TomsNetworking](#).

13:11 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]

Samsung joins IBM, Infineon in chip plan

South Korean technology company Samsung Electronics will join a computer chip development project at an IBM technology center in New York, IBM said in a statement on Friday. The companies will focus on building chips with features as small as 65 nanometers.

Read the complete story [here](#).

12:21 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]

Details leak on NV40 Ultra and non-Ultra

The Inquirer runs a story that Nvidia will have two versions of the NV40 chip. Nvidia will have one extremely expensive card that will cost about €/\$499. This card is expected to be faster clocked and it will have faster memory as well. The memory target sits close to the 600MHz, The Inquirer suggests.

Read the complete story [here](#).

12:18 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]

Operator and marketer of Bob Vila web site sued for spamming

An Internet service provider sued the operator and online marketer of the BobVila.com home improvement Web site on Thursday for allegedly violating a new federal anti-spam law. In a suit filed in federal court in San Francisco, Hypertouch, a small Internet service provider based in Foster City, Calif., accused BVWebTies and BlueStream Media of sending E-mail ads for Bob Vila's "Home Again Newsletter" to recipients who had specifically requested to be removed from that E-mail list.

Read the complete story [here](#).

12:09 EST [[Christiaan](#)]

Unreal Tournament 2004 goes gold

Atari and Epic Games have announced that development is complete on Unreal® Tournament 2004. The game is the third in the franchise and is expected to be available at retail on March 15.

Read the complete story [here](#).

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10:05 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]**CA blasts SCO, disputes Linux license claim**

Computer Associates blasted The SCO Group for harassing Linux users and misrepresenting the terms of a software licensing arrangement between the two companies that protected CA from a potential SCO lawsuit.

Read the complete story [here](#).

10:03 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]**Lindows slashes price for P2P buyers**

Lindows is offering a 50 percent discount to customers who download its commercial software using its new peer-to-peer system, the company has announced. LindowsOS is now available for \$25 over P2P, instead of the normal \$50, Lindows says.

Read the complete story [here](#).

10:01 EST [[Wolfgang](#)]**SCO refutes allegation that Microsoft is footing suit costs**

For months, some in the software industry have speculated that Microsoft is surreptitiously and indirectly funding the SCO Group Inc.'s copyright-infringement campaign against Linux users and distributors. That speculation finally proved too difficult to ignore for SCO Thursday, when the company refuted it.

Read the complete story [here](#).

00:51 EST [[Christiaan](#)]**Flash Memory Manufacturer says there will be no HD in Xbox Next**

M-Systems' CEO said in an interview with the Israeli news site, Globes Online, that there will be no hard drive in the next version of Microsoft's console due in 2005. The CEO, Dov Moran, is quoted as saying, "Microsoft has taken the hard disk out of its Xbox. The only thing left will be a CD; that's all." Last week Microsoft signed an agreement with M-Systems to provide flash memory for the Xbox Next.

Read the full interview [here](#).

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