



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY AN IPHONE

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BROWSER WARS HOW WILL YOU VIEW THE WEB?

The first week of September saw the release of a new web browser from Google – Chrome. Whilst it is still in development, it allows users another choice in their preferred web browser. Other browsers on offer include Mozilla Firefox 3, Apple Safari 3 and the beta of Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 (IE8). So which one shall you use – as you just want to use the internet; right?

Google Chrome 1 is a completely new web browser designed from the ground up, taking the minimalistic approach by doing away with file menus and tool-bars; in its place, providing very easy to use address bar and bookmarks folder.

Chrome has one of the most advanced tab browsing systems on offer. While other browsers offer a way to drag and drop tabs within a single window, Chrome takes this capability a step further by letting users drag tabs onto the desktop, to create a new window, or

onto other windows allowing users to move them around easily.

The stripped down interface is all very nice, however very quickly users can start wondering where the oft utilised tools are, and where and how they can get more.

Firefox 3, the Mozilla offering, bases itself around add-ons. If users require some new functionality out of their web browser, just download a new add-on and off they go. Some of the more popular add-ons include pop-up blockers, RSS readers, download managers and themes. Firefox has a very loyal following among the non-Microsoft lovers, but does have one added benefit over the other browsers, and that is no matter if Windows, Mac or Linux is used, the browser is the same.

Apple has now made their Safari 3 browser available for Windows. The Safari browser is simply the Mac browser brought over to the

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PC NEEDS AC

Have you heard the urban myth about the person who rings support because their computer will not turn on in the middle of a black out? Well, it's no longer a myth - we've finally had one.

A user rang for assistance with their computer the other day. After troubleshooting for a while, the user mentioned multiple other devices in the office were not working as well, so with a double check that no power was actually being supplied to the equipment, we politely recommended that an electrician was called.

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SIX WORD STORY

Failed SAT. Lost scholarship. Invented rocket.

- William Shatner

BROWSER WARS

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PC world. But does it work?

Well, straight away fundamentalist Windows users won't like it as it is just too "Maccy", however the Mac users of the world that are forced to use a PC will love it as it gives them a familiar environment to work with. It has most of the features of the other browsers including tabs, however many features are a tad hard to find.

Internet Explorer 8 (IE8) is still in development at the Beta 2 testing stage. It can be downloaded, but there are no guarantees about how well it will work until it

is officially released.

IE8 improves on the previous version with advances in the day-to-day usage "experience", trustworthy computing and safety and developer features. The new Smart Address Bar presents an organised drop-down list that changes as the user types, providing quick access to relevant browser history, favourites and subscribed RSS feeds. Tabs are more intelligent and useful in IE 8, as it will automatically collect related tabs into groups, each of which have their own colour scheme. However the newest feature is InPrivate Browsing,

where browser history, temporary Internet files, forms data, cookies and any usernames and/or passwords are not stored by the browser after it is closed.

So which one to use? Unless you need something specific out of your browser, it would be prudent to stay with the one you are used to. However, now with 4 strong players in the arena, there is definitely more choice with each providing you your browsing needs. For the sake of providing a result – and note that this is purely our point of view – it's a split decision between IE8 and Firefox.

ASP TESTS - APPLE IPHONE

With any technology, there are advantages and disadvantages. Regardless of which way the scale tips, you need to know what they are before you buy. With all the hype over the Apple iPhone3G, we'd like to remind everybody that it's not all tea and bickies.

The best new feature the iPhone3G has from our perspective has to be the Exchange compatibility. The new units will synchronise with Exchange email servers, and without any extra software costs. This is useful if you require the collaborative tools of Exchange on the go. Some will be somewhat hamstrung by a tiny keyboard on the touch-screen, and all will loathe a lack of cut/copy/paste functionality.

While the battery life is not too bad, the battery is welded

I want it - how can I get it?

The iPhone is available now from most telcos, on a plan or as an outright purchase. An information pack on EXO Business is available by contacting [asp](#).

into the case, and can only be changed by a qualified Apple engineer, so it's a no to a spare battery.

The iPhone3G has GPS inbuilt, letting you know where you are, and showing you where you want to go, but isn't so good at actually guiding you there, as it has no turn-by-turn navigation.

The decision is up to the end user, but the hype has made it difficult to be objective.

[asp](#) has been aiding clients in integrating their iPhone3Gs and will go to "best effort" in supporting them, though have been very hesitant to recommend them as, when push comes to shove, they are not designed for the corporate environment - they are more of a plaything. If you require a corporate tool, get a Windows Mobile or BlackBerry.

September in Tech History

5th September 1977, Voyager 1 left Earth, 16 days after Voyager 2, however it reached Jupiter 4 months ahead, and was 9 months ahead by the time it reached Saturn. Voyager 1 is now the furthest man-made object from Earth, currently 15.7Billion km from the Sun, however it is still in daily contact with NASA.

September 7th. 1927, Philo Farnsworth created the first electronic television image. The image was made up of a series of "dots of light" like the crop rows that gave him the idea, which we now know as pixels.

September 4th, 1951 was the first day of the conference that formalised peace between the US & Japan after WWII, and Harry Truman's opening address was the first live television broadcast to cross the country.

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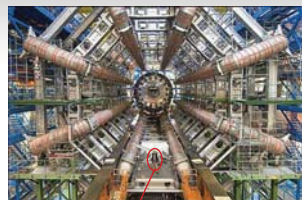
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VAGUELY INTERESTING THE WORLD DIDN'T END

The Large Hadron Collider project, built beneath the border of Switzerland and France, failed to bring about the end of the world, as some feared it would, when it was turned on for the first time at 4:30pm ACST on September 10th. The LHC is a particle accelerator, designed to beam particles in both directions around its circular 27.3km track and crash them into one another. Scientists will perform multiple

experiments, including looking for particles that are theorised to exist but have never been seen, and attempting to recreate, on a smaller scale, the “quark-gluon plasma” that is believed to have been created shortly after the big bang.

Many believed that the project would cause the end of the world, with many theories as to how, with the most popular be-



person inside LHC during construction

ing a black hole that would suck the world into oblivion. Stephen Hawking and countless other scientists have agreed that there is no danger, however they cannot agree on what they think will be found when the testing begins.

ASP BYTES: PORTUGUESE CHOCOLATE TARTS

The Casing:

150gr piece puff pastry
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons caster sugar
A pinch of allspice & a couple of pinches cinnamon
The zest of 1 orange
Preheated 200° C oven

The filling:

160ml double cream (heavy cream)
2 level tablespoons caster sugar
A tiny weensy pinch of salt
120gr butter, softened
300gr bestest-quality cooking chocolate, broken up
50ml milk
Cocoa powder, for dusting

Making the Casing:

Dust a surface with flour & roll out the pastry sheet to about 20cm by 30cm. Brush with the egg yolk & scatter the rest of the ingredients over the sheet, being understated with the allspice & cinnamon. Roll the pastry up tightly like a Swiss roll to make a 20cm long sausage shape. Using

a sharp knife; cut the sausage into 8 x 2.5cm pieces. Place pieces aside & rest for a tick. Turn all the pastry pieces swirl-side up & flatten slightly. Dust the surface of the pastry with flour; then roll each piece out into a thin circle of about 10cm. Lightly grease & flour dust the outsides (bottoms) of 8 glass tumblers. Then, place a circle of the pastry on top of each tumbler, pleating, pinching & forming the pastry around them.

Place the tumblers on a baking tray & put in the preheated oven until crisp & golden - about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven & while still hot, take a tea towel & pat the slightly puffed tops of the pastry back down on to the flat bottom of the tumbler giving a flat base again. Allow to cool then carefully remove the pastry cases from the tumblers.

Making the Filling:

Place the double cream, sugar, & bit of salt in a pan & bring

to a “soft” boil. As soon as the mixture has boiled, remove from heat & add the butter & chocolate. Stir until they have completely melted. Allow the mixture to cool slightly, stirring in the cold milk until smooth & shiny. Sometimes this mixture may look like it has split. Allow the mixture to cool down a bit more, & whisk in a little extra cold milk until smooth.

Scrape all the mixture into the cooked pastry shells. Shake to even it out & allow them to cool for around 1.5 hours, until they are at room temperature, then dust with the cocoa powder. Ultimately the pastry should be short & crisp with the filling being smooth & cutting like butter.

Yield: 8 pastry cases
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Waiting To Eat Time: 2 hours
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Difficulty: Medium