



FIRST CONNECTED E-BOOK NOW ALSO WIRELESS

Amazon's Kindle, the first e-book reader with connectivity publishing, will also have mobile connectivity. The model follows other vertical concepts such as iPod/iTunes and BlackBerry, in this case with Amazon as the service, content, and device provider.

AT&T and BT bet on telepresence

TelephonyOnline reports that AT&T will launch a managed telepresence service, teaming with Cisco Systems. Telepresence is high-end videoconferencing that makes video meetings much more realistic. Cisco has been selling its telepresence

equipment for more than a year, mostly to larger enterprises that connect their sites over dedicated links. BT has also signed up, announcing it will launch global inter-company services based on Cisco's platform from September 2008.

IBM launches mobile web initiative

IBM has launched an initiative, especially aimed at emerging markets, to develop new mobile services for consumers who are using mobile devices as a substitute for PCs. The company says it is already working on a series of projects. These include voice-enabled mobile commerce and internet, instant mobile translation, mobile social networking, and mobile healthcare services. IBM's India Research Lab is leading the initiative.



GAMING WITH YOUR HEAD

Using the infrared camera in the Wii remote and a head-mounted sensor bar (two IR LEDs), you can accurately track the location of your head and render view-dependent images on the screen. This turns a screen into a portal to a virtual environment. It properly reacts to head and body movement as if it were a real window, creating a realistic illusion of depth and space. Combined with a non-accelerometer but camera-based motion detection method, this camera could be used to make realistic 3-D games for cell phones.