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## Old news for August 2006

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### Google Desktop 4.2 Released



2006.08.31

Improved indexing; When you move files, Google Desktop now updates your index more quickly and accurately. You can also manually re-index your computer by clicking the Google Desktop icon in the taskbar and selecting "Re-Index." Easily add content to your web clips gadget; This improved gadget now allows you to stay up to date on subjects you're interested in by easily searching and adding web clips. Removing deleted files from search results - Some users like the fact that Google Desktop saves cached versions of deleted files in case they need to retrieve them. But we know this isn't for everyone. Don't want to see deleted files in your search results? Just enable the "remove deleted items" option in your Desktop preferences.

<http://www.desktop.google.com/>

### Vista pricing and release date



2006.08.30

Microsoft Corp. is selling its new Windows Vista operating system for \$100 to \$399 and will make the program available on Jan. 30, according to Amazon.com Inc.'s Web site.

#### Vista Home Basic

Home Basic: \$199.00

Home Basic Upgrade: \$99.95

Home Basic Upgrade (Additional License Only): \$89.95

#### Vista Home Premium

Home Premium: \$239.00

Home Premium Upgrade: \$159.00

Home Premium Upgrade (Additional License Only): \$143.00

#### Vista Business

Business: \$299.00

Business Upgrade: \$199.00

Business Upgrade (Additional License Only): \$179.00

#### Vista Ultimate

Ultimate: \$399.00

Ultimate Upgrade: \$259.00

Ultimate Upgrade (Additional License Only): \$233.00

### Google and EBay Form Advertising Alliance



2006.08.29

Under the partnership, Google would become the exclusive provider of text advertising on eBay outside the United States. In May, eBay announced a deal with the No. 2 Internet search engine, Yahoo Inc., to serve all its domestic advertising. The second component of the alliance calls for the two Silicon Valley companies to work together on developing a service that lets Web surfers place telephone calls through their computers or handheld devices when they click on a link in an Internet ad.

### Microsoft rival



2006.08.28

SEATTLE Stepping up its efforts to unseat Apple Computers' iPod as king of the hill, Microsoft has chosen Toshiba to manufacture its Zune digital music player. Toshiba, which sells music and video players that use Microsoft's Windows software, filed with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission for approval of the Zune device last week. A Microsoft spokeswoman, Denise Gocke, confirmed the filing and Toshiba's role in the project.

### Internet Explorer 7 Release Candidate 1 Available



2006.08.25

Internet Explorer 7 Release Candidate 1 is now available to download. This version is much more stable than the last beta 3. If you have other version of IE7 installed, you will have to uninstall it before installing this version. You can download it from [here](#).

### AOL Reportedly Fires Tech Chief After Data 'Screw-Up'



2006.08.23

AOL has fired its chief technology officer and two other employees following the inadvertent release this month of search records of more than 650,000 of the internet company's members, a move AOL itself called a "screw-up" that has stoked a heated debate about internet privacy. Maureen Govern, who became technology chief last September, has left the company and her position has been temporarily taken by John McKinley, her predecessor. The researcher who released the data – that was aimed at academics researching search patterns but was widely copied across the web – and the researcher's supervisor have also been fired, according to people familiar with the matter.

### Google Launches Writely (BETA)



2006.08.22

Five months after being bought by Google, the Writely online word-processing application is now open for anyone who wants to sign up and use it. Writely has been closed to all but its existing members since its acquisition by search giant Google back in March. But last Thursday, Google allowed anyone to join up and make use of

the hosted word-processing application.

<http://www.writely.com/>

### Microsoft Releases Patches for Vista OS



2006.08.19

Microsoft has released two patches for its Vista operating system, saying that it too is affected by flaws that were disclosed during the company's Aug. 8 security updates. The patches, which were released earlier this week, fix critical flaws described in Microsoft Security Bulletin MS06-042 and MS06-051.

### Google Talk Updated With New Features



2006.08.18

Google Talk Now includes:  
File transfer, Voicemail and Music status sharing.

<http://www.google.com/talk/>

### Blogger Beta Limited Launch



2006.08.16

With this new beta you can:  
Categorize your posts with labels  
Control who can read your blog  
Change the appearance and content of your blog with your mouse instead of HTML  
You can take a tour here:

<http://www.blogger.com/beta-tour.g>

### Can I Google?



2006.08.15

Search engine giant Google, known for its mantra "don't be evil", has fired off a series of legal letters to media organisations, warning them against using its name as a verb. In June, Google won a place in the Oxford English Dictionary, while "to google", with a lower case "g", was included last month in Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, America's leading reference book.

### Microsoft allows anyone to create Xbox games



2006.08.14

A new game development platform from Microsoft allows anyone to create games for its Xbox 360 console, the company said on Monday.

Typically, console games are designed by large studios that must pay high prices to buy development kits in order to write games for consoles. Microsoft's XNA Game Studio Express is a new development kit, to be released in beta form in August, that will be available for free to anyone using a Windows XP PC. The kit is designed for game developer novices as well as studios, Microsoft said.

### University of California Joins Google Book Scan Push



2006.08.10

The University of California has joined Google Inc.'s bid to scan the book collections of the world's great libraries, the organisations said on Tuesday, marking renewed momentum for a project nearly derailed by stiff resistance from publishers.

The top Web search company said it will fund the scanning of "several million" of the 34 million titles in the University of California's libraries, as part of a year-and-a-half old project to make major library collections searchable online.

### Flash 10th Anniversary - prepares to integrate with Photoshop



2006.08.09

Flash, the premiere platform for presenting audio and video on the web, turns 10 years old today. Over the last decade, the technology has grown from a simple sketch tool to a near-ubiquitous rich media application used by sites like MySpace, YouTube and Google Video to stream millions of video and audio files a day.

### Google Picked to be a Partner with MySpace



2006.08.08

Google has been chosen by News Corp's MySpace to provide search listings for the social-networking site in a four-year deal that will give Fox Web sites at least \$900 million in payments, the companies said Monday.

The agreement, announced after the market closed, also calls for Google to provide search-advertising services for the majority of Fox Interactive Media Web sites, which are owned by News Corp.

In winning the agreement, Google will replace Yahoo Inc. as the search provider now being used by MySpace, one of the Internet's most popular sites.

### Google Will Identify Malware Sites In Search Results



2006.08.07

Google has started warning people when search results could potentially lead them to malicious code. The search giant is using data from the Stop Badware Coalition to flag sites that are potentially host to malicious software. (...) People who attempt to go to a Web site that has been identified as risky by the coalition are taken to a warning page.

### Google Sitemaps Renamed: Google Webmaster Central



2006.08.06

In a key piece of "rebranding" Google has renamed their Sitemaps assistance website. It's now called Google Webmaster Tools at Google Webmaster Central.

You can see the changes and other tools here:

<http://www.google.com/webmasters/>

### Microsoft Vista Gets Good Reception At Black Hat

2006.08.05

Microsoft's presentations on Windows Vista are not the typical



Black Hat talks, but attendees are welcoming the look behind the scenes at the software giant. The annual Black Hat Briefings security confab here traditionally focuses on hunting for bugs and attacking computers. But this year, for the first time in the event's 10-year history, several sessions are focused on the security--rather than the insecurity--of a single vendor's product. Microsoft, a platinum sponsor, is giving presentations on Vista.

### **Its About Time: AOL Goes Free**



2006.08.03

After much speculation, AOL announced today that it would finally bite the bullet, and become a free portal, complete with free AOL email addresses for anyone who wants one. The company says it now wants to exploit the "explosive rise in broadband usage and online advertising", though, of course, it's already missed out on much of the explosion.

### **Microsoft ships "Vista Industrial Design Toolkit"**



2006.08.01

The toolkit, which is delivered free of charge, contains a whole host of suggestions about how to build a PC that will fit with the look and style of Windows Vista. From color palettes to suggestions about how the power and reset buttons should appear, the kit basically describes Microsoft's vision of what a "Vista PC" should look like.

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