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Which single technology has most helped change my life?

As a retired person my life has been tremendously enhanced by email and the Internet. My main fear when leaving work was that I would lose contact with people and be without access to books, periodicals and libraries. These were things that as a lecturer I took for granted and it was difficult to imagine life without them. However, through the Internet I literally have a world library at my fingertips and I can interact with it at any time of day or night. Daily news summaries arrive every morning. I can peruse the daily papers and keep abreast of news and political debate. I can pursue my hobbies and interests and make the best use of the leisure time I now have available. Email gives me cheap and instant communication and I use it to maintain old friendships and develop new ones. These technologies have meant that I have lost little since leaving work and in that sense have greatly changed the life I might otherwise have had.