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iChatAV has had the biggest impact on my family life.  I have elderly parents overseas and a 3 year old of whom they are besotted.  iChatAV brings untold joy to my family,  and helps preserve the environment by reducing the necessity to jump on a transatlantic jet every 6 months.  A mind-blowing technology that 70 year olds can use no problem at all.

I am the internet gatekeeper in my house, children should NOT be permitted to surf the net privately.  No computers in the bedroom in my house!

I am addicted to the iTunes music store,  I spend hours browsing,  the browsing part is as much fun as the owning part and that's the way it should be.  I have found so much music that I would never have found otherwise.  Did you know that the album version of Donna Summer 'I Feel Love' is a far more interesting production than the chart version? much more subtle and play-worthy.

Websites failing to follow web standards.  The legacy of Tim Burners-Lee (one of the 100 Greatest Britons) is an open standards
based internet.  It should be a capital offence to break this code.  Any Briton who treads on this notion should really be ashamed of themselves.

A digi box costs £49 today.  According to Moores Law that will make it £12.50 in 2010.  If there are people who can't afford £12.50 in 2010 then at least it will mean we are still here to worry about such trivialities and that's good enough for me.

No schools should concentrate on making sure kids can read a newspaper, after that it's up to the Sunday Times to make sure we are aware of the risks.

Don't buy a PC or anything running Windows. Any PC you buy today will NOT be able to run 'Longhorn' the next version of the Windows OS so will be obsolete and worthless in 2 years time. Avoid proprietary formats like Windows Media try and find open standards like Mpeg based codecs.  Mpeg2 is DVD,  Mpeg4 is the replacement.  Mp4 or AAC is the audio equivalent and is what the iPod uses.  Songs bought from iTunes are encoded with the Apple DRM but are still based on standards. Songs RIPPED by iTunes are just regular Mp4 files.

I take the view that the BBC website is setting the standards to which the private sector must aspire as opposed to the prevailing view that the BBC preventing the private sector from asserting its right to flood the market with dribble. The internet is still in its infancy.  It is too soon to make knee-jerk decisions with respect to how the BBC conducts itself on this new frontier.

No I don't use it.  I use the space that is provided by Apple as part of my .Mac account.  It is totally idiot proof and offers a whole range of facilities with almost zero configuration anyone can use it.  ISP solutions are just too complicated to admin.

I feel as though I am more in control than the people who purport to be in control. Every MP should be required to sit a basic IT test.  Followed by an IQ test before taking a seat.  The when they retire all should be required to undergo a pain threshold test,  which in the interests of fairness I would like to personally administer or at least observe.  Maybe we could sell tickets.