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The 100 Best Products of 2005

When you're buying hardware, software, and services, you want the top combination of power, features, reliability, and value. That's what you'll find in these World Class Award winners--starting with the Product of the Year.

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BEST PRODUCTS
of 2005

What makes a product great? For 22 years, we've answered that question in the form of our World Class Awards. The products, technologies, and categories keep changing. But in 2005, as in 1983, great products meld practical features with innovation. They help you rather than annoy you. And they do it at a fair price. This year we chose 100 tools--the most in years--for work, home, and everywhere in between. Then we ranked them from 1 to 100, scrutinizing each product's design, features, performance, innovation, and price. The resulting honor roll is as wide-ranging as today's world of personal technology. (And 23 of our 100 winners have the best price of all: They're free.)

In the following pages you'll find our top picks grouped by category (for example, Security on page 4 and Digital Photography on page 8), as well as in ranked order from 1 to 100 on page 12. Here, we begin with our Product of the Year.

Product of the Year



Mozilla Firefox

WEB BROWSER (Free) Let the browser wars begin anew: This open-source program is streamlined, customizable, and just plain better. No wonder it has attracted millions of users in just a few months. Is it merely a coincidence that Microsoft finally plans to give the aging Internet Explorer the major overhaul it has needed for years? [Review](#) | [Download](#)

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PCs and Peripherals



Alienware Aurora 5500

PERFORMANCE PC (\$3500) Powered by a very capable 2.6-GHz Athlon 64 FX-55 processor, the Aurora 5500 embodies what Alienware does best. Quick and well designed, it exudes a sophisticated cool that will appeal to many users. This is currently our speed-record-holding desktop system. Look no further if you want a blazingly fast PC. [Review](#)

Antec P160

DESKTOP CASE (\$169) It has top-notch fit and finish, noise-abating features like a 120mm chassis fan, and a cool swiveling front control panel. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

APC Back-UPS RS 800VA 120V

UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (\$150) A real savior in an outage, it also fixes over- and under-voltage without even engaging its battery. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Apple Mac Mini

SMALL PC (Starts at \$499) Tiny, elegant, quiet, and inexpensive, Apple's latest

inventive machine could turn you into a Mac user. [Review](#)

Asus A8N-SLI Deluxe

MOTHERBOARD (\$185) It comes with practically every port you could need, and uses speech synthesis to tell you what's wrong if the PC can't boot. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



Compaq Presario V2000

ALL-PURPOSE NOTEBOOK (Starts at \$780) The versatile V2000 offers a sleek profile, a great keyboard, a bright 14-inch wide screen, and superlong battery life. It would be at home on your desk or on the road. [Review](#)

Contour Design RollerMouse Pro

MOUSE (\$200) This one-of-a-kind input device, a mouse-in-a-tray, takes some getting used to. But it offers an innovative alternative if you find ordinary mousing awkward and painful. You move the RollerMouse pointer by shifting the rotating bar up and down, and side to side. It comes with a scroll wheel, as well as right-click, left-click, double-click, and changeable buttons. [Company Web Site](#)



Dell Inspiron 6000

DESKTOP REPLACEMENT NOTEBOOK (\$1369) A 15.4-inch wide screen, swift performance with a 2-GHz CPU, and a slew of ports make the 6000 a very capable alternative to a desktop machine. [Review](#)

IBM ThinkCentre A51p

ALL-PURPOSE PC (\$1627) Easy-access design and advanced security features distinguish this good-looking, all-business black tower. [Review](#)

IBM ThinkPad X41

ULTRAPORTABLE NOTEBOOK (\$2249) Offering arguably the best keyboard around, this lightweight notebook trumps the competition with a built-in fingerprint reader--for extra security--and a full-featured docking station. [Latest Prices](#)

Logitech Z-5500 Digital

PC SPEAKER SYSTEM (\$299) Booming bass, detailed surround sound, and a superb digital control center with equalization and surround processing make the Z-5500 an outstanding set of speakers. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



NVidia GeForce 6600 GT

GRAPHICS BOARD (\$180) The 6600 GT supplies most of the 3D graphics muscle of

the higher-end 6800 Ultra at less than half the price. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



Shuttle Computer XPC i8600b

SMALL PC (\$1611) Striking a terrific balance between compactness and expandability, the XPC packs many of the features of a full-size desktop computer. It will appeal to folks who want a PC that can grow with them without taking up much space. [Review](#)

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Office Software

2BrightSparks SyncBackSE

UTILITY (\$15) It backs up, restores, and synchronizes files--even when they're locked or open--to multiple locations such as networked drives. [Review](#) | [Download](#)



Apple Mac OS X Version 10.4 (Tiger)

OPERATING SYSTEM (\$129) Tiger's big new addition--to what was already a well-engineered Mac operating system--is Spotlight, a speedy, well-integrated tool for searching your hard drive. And it's the best-looking OS around. In other words, Mac

fans are already enjoying the cool features that Windows won't deliver until late 2006.

[Review](#)

Best Software Simply Accounting

ACCOUNTING AND PERSONAL FINANCE (\$50 for Basic, \$300 for Pro) Software offers headroom to satisfy businesses with complex requirements. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

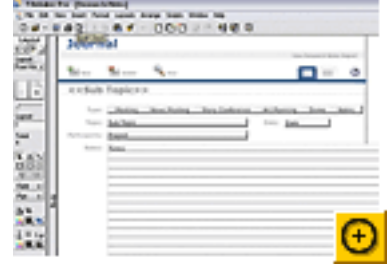
Copernic Desktop Search

DESKTOP SEARCH SOFTWARE (Free) Although this utility isn't quite as efficient as Google Desktop Search, search geeks may prefer it. Copernic can hunt for files by size

or by date and can store its index file in the location of your choice. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

FileMaker Pro 7

DATABASE (\$299) This version adds a relational capability that makes the app even more useful. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



Google Desktop Search

DESKTOP SEARCH TOOL (Free) It does a speedy job of retrieving the results you want, but it could use a better way of paring down your results. [Review](#) | [Download](#)



Ubuntu Linux 5.04

LINUX DISTRIBUTION (Free) With a bit of tinkering, you end up with the slickest Linux around. [Review](#)

Webroot Window Washer 5.5

UTILITY (\$30) It wipes out file histories, browser cookies, cache contents, and other remnants. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

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Security

Cloudmark Anti-Fraud Toolbar

BROWSER SECURITY PLUG-IN (Free) Use it to block sites and IP addresses that try to install malware or that host ads appearing in spam messages. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Cloudmark SafetyBar

SPAM FILTER (\$40 a year) This tool (formerly SpamNet) garnered one of the best antispam filter accuracy rates in our tests. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Moon Software Password Agent

PASSWORD MANAGER (Free for up to 25 log-ins, \$25 for unrestricted version) Keep track of your passwords with this frugal and utilitarian tool. [Company Web Site](#)



Sunbelt Software CounterSpy

ANTI-SPYWARE SOFTWARE (\$20) Adept at rooting out troublesome apps, it uses real-time monitoring to help prevent further spyware infestations. [Review](#)

Tor

PRIVACY SOFTWARE (Free) Its onion routing service strips away information from Internet data packets that might reveal your identity while you are browsing. Tor goes a step further than paid competitors, anonymizing your e-mail, IM, IRC chat, or any other TCP/IP network data. [Company Web Site](#)

Winternals Software ERD Commander

DATA RECOVERY SOFTWARE (\$149) It boots from CD to diagnose problems or to take data off a dead system (or to put data back on to help revive one). [Review](#) | [Download](#)



Zone Labs ZoneAlarm Antivirus

ANTIVIRUS AND FIREWALL SOFTWARE (\$25) Take the premier software firewall, pair it with Computer Associates' capable antivirus program, and you have a winning combination. [Company Web Site](#)

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Storage and Backup

Acronis True Image 8

BACKUP SOFTWARE (\$50) Sometimes, the easiest means of recovering from a hard-drive disaster may be to restore your system from an image--and True Image makes doing so a snap. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

CMS 80GB USB 2.0 ABSplus Notebook Backup System

PORTABLE HARD DRIVE (\$399) This supercompact portable hard drive is easy to tote around for backups on the go. Integrated backup software and a built-in USB 2.0 connector seal the deal. [Latest Prices](#)

**EMC Dantz Retrospect Professional 7**

BACKUP SOFTWARE (\$129) Cheaper backup options abound, but Retrospect gets our vote for its handy tools and inclusion of a network client. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

**Maxtor H01R300 Shared Storage Drive**

NETWORK HARD DRIVE (\$360) This slick-looking external drive adds 300GB of centralized storage to an existing home or office network. The device's Drag and Sort feature supports quick, general organization of your data. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

**Plextor PX-716UF**

REWRITABLE DVD DRIVE (\$239) Top speed, sleek design, and a useful software bundle propel this external DVD burner onto our list. It connects to a computer via USB 2.0 or FireWire. This model--and the internal

version, the \$139 PX-716A--rank among the fastest DVD drives in their class. [Review \(PX-716A\)](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Roxio Easy Media Creator 7.5

BURNING SOFTWARE (\$100) Roxio EMC's easy-to-navigate interface simplifies burning tasks. This update broadens the suite's scope by adding the full version of BackUp MyPC 6 Deluxe. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Seagate Barracuda 7200.8 SATA NCQ

INTERNAL HARD DRIVE (\$350) Seagate's Serial ATA drive gives you more than enough performance for desktop use. Its native command queuing adds to its smarts--and performance potential--in server applications. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Seagate USB 2.0 Pocket Drive

PORTABLE HARD DRIVE (\$140) Don't be put off by this drive's hockey-puck design. The device carries 5GB of data efficiently and safely, letting you carry loads of files on the go. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)












Seagate USB/FireWire Hard Drive


EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE (\$350) This 400GB hard drive is a breeze to install and use, and you can configure it in a multidrive stack. [Latest Prices](#)

Verbatim Store 'n' Go Pro

USB MEMORY KEY (\$190) This 2GB flash drive speeds its way through data transfers. It includes security and file-synchronization software, too. [Latest Prices](#)

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Web

A9.com

SEARCH ENGINE (Free) Amazon's clever A9 search engine and toolbar starts with Google results. But it does Google one better with features like auto-syncing bookmarks, a search history, and amazing photo-based Yellow Pages. [Download](#)

Belkin Wireless Pre-N Router and Notebook Network Card

WIRELESS NETWORKING (Router \$160, network card \$110) They offer dramatically faster speeds and better range than their 802.11g predecessors. [Review](#)



Cerulean Studios Trillian 3.1

INSTANT MESSENGER (Free) A universal client, Trillian works with AIM, MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, and other IM networks. Version 3 adds audio and video chat, plus links to the Wikipedia online encyclopedia. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Flickr.com

PHOTOGRAPHY SITE (Free) Post snapshots or rummage through other people's collections. [Review](#)



Google

SEARCH ENGINE (Free) The king of search continues to introduce important innovations--such as Google Maps, Google Answers, and Google Scholar--while maintaining a clean interface. [Review](#)



Google Gmail

WEB MAIL (Free) Fast, simple, and with 2GB of storage, it has the elements of a paid service, delivering messages sans pesky graphical ads. [Review](#)

Internet Archive (Archive.org)

WEB SITE (Free) Who says you can't fit the entire Web under one domain? Well, maybe not the whole Web, but enough of it to keep any browser busy for a couple of lifetimes. [Review](#)

Mozilla Thunderbird

E-MAIL PROGRAM (Free) This client gives you useful features such as fast search capability and an RSS reader. It's great at blocking spam, too. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Mysoft Technology Maxthon

BROWSER PLUG-IN (Free) Add oomph to Internet Explorer: Jump between pages in a tabbed interface, block ads, and pick from 300 skins. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Netgear 54 Mbps Cable/DSL Wireless Travel Router Model WGR101

TRAVEL ROUTER (\$80) Give yourself the freedom to wander about 30 feet from an ethernet jack and to create your own secure Wi-Fi network. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

The New York Times on the Web

WEB SITE (Free) NYTimes.com serves up great content, a clear layout, and interactive features. [Company Web Site](#)



OnlyMyEmail Pro

SPAM FILTER (\$3 a month) Service filters spam from up to three e-mail accounts. In our tests it caught more than 99 percent of unsolicited mail. [Review](#)

Opera 8

WEB BROWSER (Free) Find Firefox too austere? Opera is an attractive, feature-rich alternative. [Review](#)

Qnext

INSTANT MESSENGER (Free) Not only does Qnext bring all your IM services together, it puts file sharing, photo sharing, music streaming, and games into the same interface. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

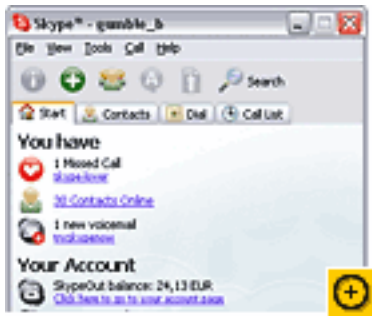
SightSpeed

VIDEO INSTANT MESSENGER (\$5 a month, \$50 a year) Its lip sync is unbeatable on one-to-one calls, and it's above average on multiparty calls. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Six Apart TypePad

BLOGGING TOOL (\$5 a month, \$50 a year) Though tools such as Blogger are free, bountiful features (including options for making blogs public or private), slick templates, and customization options make TypePad a smart investment.

[Company Web Site](#)



Skype

VOIP SERVICE (Free) PC-to-PC phone calls have never sounded so good--plus, it's easy to set up. [Review](#)

Vonage

VOIP SERVICE (Starts at \$15 per month) Vonage stands out for its dependable service and first-rate call quality. Plus, the company has plans to roll out enhanced 911 (E-911) soon.

[Review](#)

Wikipedia

ONLINE RESOURCE (Free) Constantly updated and self-policed, this collaborative online encyclopedia offers insight into almost everything. [Review](#)

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Monitors and TVs

Dell 3300MP

PROJECTOR (\$1599) It includes every connection you can imagine and produces great images, too. [Review](#)

Dell UltraSharp 1704FPV

17-INCH LCD (\$349) The 1704FPV puts all the parts together: a great screen, an adjustable stand, and USB 2.0 ports--at a bargain price. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



Dell UltraSharp 2405FPW

24-INCH WIDE-SCREEN LCD (\$1019) This big beauty is designed with entertainment inputs that let you hook it up to such devices as DVD players and digital video recorders. Not only is this monitor easy on the eyes, but its category-shaking price tag is easy on the wallet, too. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

LG Flatron L1981Q

19-INCH LCD (\$499) Pivoting this sleek LCD auto-corrects the image to display right side up. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



Mitsubishi LT-3050


30-INCH LCD TV (\$3800) This high-definition LCD TV stands out for its rich, lifelike colors and superior sound system--not to mention its built-in digital TV tuner for snagging over-the-air HDTV broadcasts. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Samsung HL-P5063W

REAR-PROJECTION TV (\$2500) This svelte 50-inch DLP HDTV set delivers sharp images and terrific sound quality. And it's stylishly designed, too. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



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Digital Photography

ACD Systems ACDSee 7

PHOTO ORGANIZER (\$50) Use this fast, feature-rich program to manage your photo inventory. [Latest Prices](#) | [Download](#)



Adobe Photoshop CS2

IMAGE EDITOR (\$599) New features, including Vanishing Point (which clones elements that automatically match the perspective of the surrounding image), keep Photoshop the once and future king of image editing. Artists will like the new photo tricks that further streamline their tasks. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Adobe Premiere Elements

VIDEO EDITOR (\$99) Premiere Elements combines a friendly interface with a wide selection of video templates, effects, and transitions. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Canon CanoScan 9950F

SCANNER (\$400) The 9950F offers fast, crisp, colorful scans; a built-in transparency adapter; and three film holders for scanning multiple photos. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Canon EOS Digital Rebel XT

DIGITAL SLR CAMERA (\$899) It's an impressive upgrade to the camera that brought single-lens reflex photography to the masses. This 8-megapixel model's lightweight design makes it a standout in the expanding field of SLRs. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Casio Exilim EX-Z750

DIGITAL CAMERA (\$400) The extremely compact, 7.2-megapixel Exilim EX-Z750 brings you sharp photos, a 2.5-inch LCD, long battery life, and an intuitively navigable on-screen menu. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Nikon Coolpix 7900

DIGITAL CAMERA (\$450) Point-and-shoot photography at its best: It weds simplicity and great imaging in a light, compact camera that features exposure and white-balance bracketing controls. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

**Olympus C-8080 Wide Zoom**

DIGITAL CAMERA (\$699) If you don't want to spring for a digital single-lens reflex camera, this sturdy model is a superb choice for serious shutterbugs. We like its 8-megapixel imaging, 5X optical zoom lens, and huge selection of manual exposure controls. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

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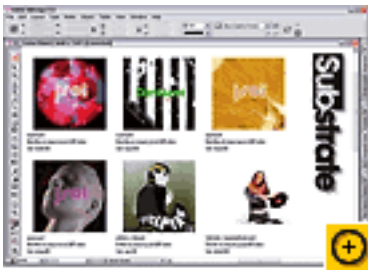
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Printing and Publishing**Adobe InDesign CS2**

DESKTOP PUBLISHER (\$699) Adobe gives QuarkXPress users some serious reasons to consider switching: finer controls for text and paragraph styles, enhanced tools for object manipulation, and as-you-type spelling check. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Brother HL-5140

MONOCHROME LASER PRINTER (\$200) With razor-sharp text and excellent print speeds, the HL-5140 beats the competition hands down. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Canon Pixma IP4000R

INKJET/PHOTO PRINTER (\$230) The IP4000R provides Wi-Fi, fast speeds, and great print quality. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Corel Painter IX

PAINT PROGRAM (\$399) From watercolors to pastels, the tools in this natural-media paint program seem so real that you can practically smell the turpentine. Its new features and speed tweaks prove you can teach an old app useful new tricks. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Dell 3000cn

COLOR LASER PRINTER (\$449) This workgroup printer delivers crisp text and solid graphics. [Review](#)



Epson PictureMate

PHOTO PRINTER (\$199) Portable printer produces high-quality prints at a reasonable price (23 cents each in our tests) and conveniently writes files from a media card to your external burner. [Review](#)

HP Officejet 7210 All-in-One

MULTIFUNCTION PRINTER (\$300) Great print quality, fast copying, and built-in networking make this multifunction printer an indispensable office workhorse. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



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Mobile Tools

BlackBerry 7100t

PDA PHONE (\$300) BlackBerry users finally get a real phone with the 7100t, as well as an innovative and highly effective predictive text-entry system that works with only a few more keys than a regular phone keypad uses. [Review](#)



Citrix Online GoToMyPC Personal

REMOTE ACCESS (\$20 a month) You can find cheaper ways to control a PC across the Web, but nobody has beaten this browser-based service's speed, reliability, and straightforward design. [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Dell Axim X30

PDA (\$199) A 312-MHz processor powers this versatile and very affordable PDA. Connectivity options include Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Garmin StreetPilot C330

GPS NAVIGATION DEVICE (\$964) With great 3D maps, clear visual and audio driving instructions, and easy operation, this is a welcome--but expensive--addition to any car dashboard. [Company Web Site](#)



Motorola Razr V3

CELL PHONE (\$400 stand-alone, \$200 with Cingular Wireless service plan) A svelte, innovative design; a large, vibrant screen; and a sturdy metal housing make the Razr one of the most attractive phones around. With support for international roaming, this slick GSM/GPRS phone works in many overseas destinations. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

PalmOne Treo 650

PDA PHONE (\$450 with service activation) A bright, high-resolution screen; a more-functional keyboard; and a removable, rechargeable battery are its key improvements over the previous model. Yes, it could use more memory and maybe Wi-Fi, too, but it's still the best PDA phone around. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)



PDAapps VeriChat Standard Edition

MOBILE INSTANT MESSAGING (\$25 first year, \$20 thereafter) It's a slick, functional universal IM client that runs on handhelds--PalmOne, Windows Mobile, BlackBerry, and Symbian. [Review](#)

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Apple iPod Photo

LARGE-CAPACITY MP3 PLAYER (\$349 for 30GB, \$449 for 60GB) A color screen, photo capability, and a TV-out option make this device the first truly useful digital audio and photo portable. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Apple iTunes

MEDIA PLAYER (Free) It's great at letting you legally share music with others on the same network. Oh, and did we mention it works with the most popular audio player on the planet? [Review](#) | [Download](#)

Apple iTunes Music Store

MUSIC DOWNLOADS (\$1 a song) One-click simplicity, a huge selection, exclusive tracks, and playlists from many artists give it universal appeal. But we'd like to see a higher bit rate for downloads, as well as a subscription service. [Review](#)

Delphi MyFi

SATELLITE RADIO (\$300) This device puts all the riches of XM satellite radio--from bluegrass to Major League Baseball--in the palm of your hand. VCR-like recording lets you save up to 5 hours' worth of audio for later listening. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

DirecTV HD DVR HR10-250

HD RECEIVER AND DVR (\$999) This combo allows you to record two HD shows at once and watch another, prerecorded show simultaneously. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

IRiver IFP-895

FLASH-BASED MP3 PLAYER (\$150) An FM tuner with scheduled recording, a voice recorder, and both line- and microphone-level inputs make this player more talented than the iPod Shuffle. [Company Web Site](#)

Klipsch ProMedia Ultra 2.0

PORTABLE SPEAKERS (\$100) The crisp-sounding speakers don't take batteries, but like 17-inch laptops they're just barely portable--and almost as good as what you'd

find on a desktop. [Review](#)

Microsoft Windows Media Player 10

MEDIA PLAYER (Free) Version 10 combines a compact interface with an innovative DRM technology for enabling music subscriptions that you can take with you on your MP3 player. [Review](#)

Orb

MEDIA STREAMING SERVICE (Free) This clever service streams music, video, and image files from your desktop to phones, PDAs, and notebooks. [Review](#)



Rio Carbon

MIDCAPACITY MP3 PLAYER (\$200 for 5GB, \$229 for 6GB) This sleek audio player fits comfortably in your hand or pocket. We like its simple interface, clear sound, and stellar battery life. A price drop on this great-quality player makes it even more attractive. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

Sonos Digital Music System

STREAMING MEDIA DEVICE (\$1199 for two players and one controller) If money were no object, there would be no

question about buying this set. This streaming-media box offers the slickest, simplest way to aggregate your digital music and play it back virtually anywhere. [Review](#)



Sony PlayStation Portable

HANDHELD GAMING DEVICE (\$250) The innovative PSP doubles as a personal video player. A beautiful screen, great graphics and sound, and a full lineup of games outweigh the drawbacks, such as slow loading times from Sony's Universal Media Disc and the high cost of Memory Stick Duo cards. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

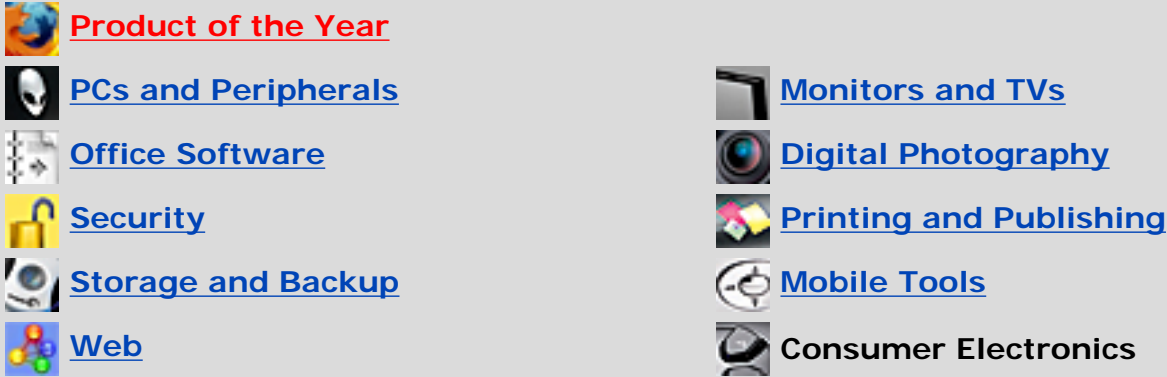
Toshiba RS-TX20 Digital Media Server


DVD RECORDER (\$500) A more capable alternative to TiVo, the RS-TX20 archives video to discs, and stores files in its 120GB hard drive as well. [Latest Prices](#)

Valve Half-Life 2

PC GAME (\$55) Half-Life 2 skillfully blends elements of sci-fi, horror, adventure, and puzzle-solving into a seductive productivity-killer. [Review](#) | [Latest Prices](#)

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All Products Listed by Ranking

1. [Mozilla Firefox](#) Web Browser
2. [Google Gmail](#) Web Mail
3. [Apple Mac OS X Version 10.4 \(Tiger\)](#) Operating System
4. [Belkin Wireless Pre-N Router and Notebook Network Card](#) Wireless Networking
5. [Dell Ultrasharp 2405FPW](#) 24-Inch Wide-Screen LCD
6. [Alienware Aurora 5500](#) Performance PC
7. [Seagate USB 2.0 Pocket Drive](#) Portable Hard Drive
8. [Skype](#) VoIP Service
9. [Canon EOS Digital Rebel XT](#) Digital SLR Camera
10. [PalmOne Treo 650](#) PDA Phone
11. [Zone Labs ZoneAlarm Antivirus](#) Antivirus and Firewall Software
12. [Mysoft Technology Maxthon](#) Browser Plug-In
13. [Rio Carbon](#) Midcapacity MP3 Player
14. [Webroot Window Washer 5.5](#) Utility
15. [Maxtor H01R300 Shared Storage Drive](#) Network Hard Drive
16. [Google](#) Search Engine
17. [Netgear 54 Mbps Cable/DSL Wireless Travel Router Model WGR101](#) Travel Router
18. [OnlyMyEmail Pro](#) Spam Filter
19. [Sony PlayStation Portable](#) Handheld Gaming Device
20. [NVIDIA GeForce 6600 GT](#) Graphics Board
21. [APC Back-UPS RS 800VA 120V](#) Uninterruptible Power Supply
22. [2BrightSparks SyncBackSE](#) Utility
23. [Moon Software Password Agent](#) Password Manager
24. [HP Officejet 7210 All-in-One](#) Multifunction Printer
25. [Winternals Software ERD Commander](#) Data Recovery Software
26. [Ubuntu Linux 5.04](#) Linux Distribution

27. [Epson PictureMate](#) Photo Printer
28. [Mozilla Thunderbird](#) E-Mail Program
29. [Cloudmark Anti-Fraud Toolbar](#) Browser Security Plug-In
30. [Vonage](#) VoIP Service
31. [Cloudmark SafetyBar](#) Spam Filter
32. [Adobe Photoshop CS2](#) Image Editor
33. [The New York Times on the Web](#) Web Site
34. [Apple iTunes](#) Media Player
35. [Seagate USB/FireWire Hard Drive](#) External Hard Drive
36. [Canon CanoScan 9950F](#) Scanner
37. [iRiver IFP-895](#) Flash-Based MP3 Player
38. [Valve Half-Life 2](#) PC Game
39. [Samsung HL-P5063W](#) Rear-Projection TV
40. [Tor](#) Privacy Software
41. [LG Flatron L1981Q](#) 19-Inch LCD
42. [Dell 3000cn](#) Color Laser Printer
43. [BlackBerry 7100t](#) PDA Phone
44. [Verbatim Store 'n' Go Pro](#) USB Memory Key
45. [Seagate Barracuda 7200.8 SATA NCQ](#) Internal Hard Drive
46. [Compaq Presario V2000](#) All-Purpose Notebook
47. [Microsoft Windows Media Player 10](#) Media Player
48. [Canon Pixma IP4000R](#) Inkjet/Photo Printer
49. [Best Software Simply Accounting](#) Accounting and Personal Finance
50. [Orb](#) Media Streaming Service
51. [Flickr.com](#) Photography Site
52. [Dell Inspiron 6000](#) Desktop Replacement Notebook
53. [DirecTV HD DVR HR10-250](#) HD Receiver and DVR
54. [ACD Systems ACDSee 7](#) Photo Organizer
55. [Dell UltraSharp 1704FPV](#) 17-Inch LCD
56. [Olympus C-8080 Wide Zoom](#) Digital Camera
57. [Qnext](#) Instant Messenger
58. [IBM ThinkCentre A51p](#) All-Purpose PC
59. [SightSpeed](#) Video Instant Messenger
60. [Wikipedia](#) Online Resource
61. [Cerulean Studios Trillian 3.1](#) Instant Messenger
62. [CMS 80GB USB 2.0 ABSplus Notebook Backup System](#) Portable Hard Drive
63. [Nikon Coolpix 7900](#) Digital Camera
64. [Contour Design RollerMouse Pro](#) Mouse
65. [Adobe InDesign CS2](#) Desktop Publisher
66. [Shuttle Computer XPC i8600b](#) Small PC
67. [IBM ThinkPad X41](#) Ultraportable Notebook

68. [Adobe Premiere Elements](#) Video Editor
69. [Dell Axim X30](#) PDA
70. [A9.com](#) Search Engine
71. [Toshiba RS-TX20 Digital Media Server](#) DVD Recorder
72. [Roxio Easy Media Creator 7.5](#) Burning Software
73. [Plextor PX-716UF](#) Rewritable DVD Drive
74. [Casio Exilim EX-Z750](#) Digital Camera
75. [Apple Mac Mini](#) Small PC
76. [Google Desktop Search](#) Desktop Search Tool
77. [Mitsubishi LT-3050](#) 30-Inch LCD TV
78. [Apple iPod Photo](#) Large-Capacity MP3 Player
79. [Dell 3300MP](#) Projector
80. [FileMaker Pro 7](#) Database
81. [Sunbelt Software CounterSpy](#) Anti-Spyware Software
82. [Six Apart TypePad](#) Blogging Tool
83. [Acronis True Image 8](#) Backup Software
84. [Asus A8N-SLI Deluxe](#) Motherboard
85. [Brother HL-5140](#) Monochrome Laser Printer
86. [Apple iTunes Music Store](#) Music Downloads
87. [Internet Archive \(Archive.org\)](#) Web Site
88. [Opera 8](#) Web Browser
89. [Copernic Desktop Search](#) Desktop Search Software
90. [Motorola Razr V3](#) Cell Phone
91. [Delphi MyFi](#) Satellite Radio
92. [PDAapps VeriChat Standard Edition](#) Mobile Instant Messaging
93. [Sonos Digital Music System](#) Streaming Media Device
94. [EMC Dantz Retrospect Professional 7](#) Backup Software
95. [Garmin StreetPilot C330](#) GPS Navigation Device
96. [Klipsch ProMedia Ultra 2.0](#) Portable Speakers
97. [Logitech Z-5500 Digital](#) PC Speaker System
98. [Antec P160](#) Desktop Case
99. [Corel Painter IX](#) Paint Program
100. [Citrix Online GoToMyPC Personal](#) Remote Access

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