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Fast read and write speeds, many easy storage and installation options make Kingston KC2500 SSD a winner By Robert Jones • 2020-10-24T13:10:46Z So I'm back from vacation to email zillion, not to mention projects that need to be launched and others that need to be completed. All this has overloaded my brain a bit. You would think I would have a lot of pithy comments because it's been such a busy few weeks. For example, we've seen a lot of people protesting the beta version of IE7 (Internet Explorer 7) floating on the web, such as Paul Thurrott's call to boycott IE7 and protest comments from Ryan Hoffman. Then Apple released a mouse with "gasp" multiple buttons, which set Mac loyalists to add a frenzy-- and this so soon after Apple announced the move to Intel. I suppose Apple's gradual slide into the dark side may be good fodder for the discussion, but I live only a few miles from Apple's main campus, and have not seen volcanic smoke rising from the Mount Doom Infinite Loop campus yet. It's also been busy on Ziff-Davis sites, as AMD comes out with a low-cost dual-core Athlon 64, which should put a hurt on Intel. Meanwhile, eWeek's been busy digging into the ins-and-outs of Microsoft Vista's beta version. But I went away, so I still digested all of this. I can tell you that riding a 1100-foot zipline on the canyon separating Whistler and Blackcomb is a real rush and that there are more restaurants on Robson Street in Vancouver, B.C., than in any street I can remember being on, ever. This isn't a column about Loyd's Fun Vacation, though. So I've cobbled together a few tech tips and tricks I've discovered over the last few weeks. I can't take personal credit for any of these, but I seem to have mis-booked some sources. I hope you find these useful. Continue... (Photo credit: IBM) IBM has revealed how it wants to take electronic computing out of the lab and to the public at CES 2019. Speaking at a speech this morning, IBM CEO Ginni Rometty revealed the company's next step in the development of IBM Q, an entirely new system that they hope can significantly increase access and use of quantum technology. The new IBM Q System One platform is the first and most advanced integrated universal quantum computing platform ever, meaning quantum technology is finally able to exit the lab to help more organizations than ever before. Electronic computing for masses IBM states that the world's first 20-qubit system is designed to support commercial and scientific organizations to harness the power of quantum computing, highlighting examples such as financial data models or optimizing global logistics operations. But along with bringing new computing power, new releases of IBM also represent a striking transformation in the interface of quantum computing. The hardware is contained in a specially designed 9x9 foot glass case built by Gopion, a manufacturer of the glass display case museum is best known for protecting the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum. This case was built with the purpose to eliminate external interference and extend the life of the information units of the computer called qubits so that they survive long enough to perform useful calculations without interference from external sounds, vibrations or temperature fluctuations. There is no news on the cost of the system, but companies and research organizations will be able to pay to use it through IBM's cloud, with Exxon Mobile and CERN among those registered. IBM Q System One is a major step forward in the commercialization of quantum computing, said Arvind Krishna, senior vice president of hybrid cloud and IBM research director. This new system is crucial in expanding the computing of the matter beyond the walls of research laboratories as we work to develop practically available applications for business and science. Check out all TechRadar's CES 2019 coverage. We live in Las Vegas to bring you all the breaking technology news and launches, plus practice reviews of everything from 8K TVs and foldable screens to new phones, laptops and smart home gadgets. Keep up with the latest daily buzz with the daily BuzzFeed newsletter! Advertising Advertising A Xerox researcher has a problem he wants to discuss with a colleague, so he walks through the hall into her office. When the two of them brainstormed on a whiteboard, a third colleague noticed their activity and decided to drop by. He left the meeting after a few minutes, then got an idea he thought might help. He jots it down on a post-it note and leaves it on one of their desks. Interactions like this happen all day at work around the world. What makes these specific interactions different is that three colleagues are thousands of miles apart. They work in virtual offices, walk down virtual halls, write on a virtual whiteboard. The Post-it note? You guessed it: virtual. The Xerox researchers are working at Jupiter, the most exotic and advanced of a collection of community-based systems being developed at the Palo Alto Research Center of the Company (PARC). There is no confusion at Jupiter for traditional computer technology. It is not about e-mail, relation databases, or other information systems that help people organize and access events. Jupiter is a social system - a network place designed to allow colleagues, regardless of physical location, to share and create ideas. Jupiter is virtual social reality, said John Seely Brown, PARC director and Xerox's chief scientist. It's a system to support the organizational mind. Jupiter is the work of a handful of PARC researchers led by Pavel Curtis, a 35-year-old computer scientist. He has long hair and a beard and works out of a crowded, cubbyhole-like office - just what you would expect at PARC. In fact, Curtis is something of a cult figure in computer world, hacker's most famous for his groundbreaking work on (Multi-User Dungeons) and MOCs (MUDs, Object-Oriented), two of the Internet's most novel and dynamic technologies. MUDs were created in the late 1970s to support interactive adventure games. Participants build their own electronic world, through new identity, treasure search, or war combat. As MUD became more complex, players used them to write software to make their game more enjoyable. MUDs have become a programming tool. MOCs are a cousin of MUDs. They use object-oriented programming to make coding easier and environments stronger. Curtis himself is best known as the author of LambdaMOO, which he announced in January 1991. LambdaMOO is a virtual world inhabited primarily by college students. Participants play games, discuss homework, and interact in ways that students everywhere interact with. LambdaMOO is a growing community, although built on hundreds of thousands of lines of computer code, most written by its members. MOCs are extremely attractive, says Curtis, whom LambdaMOO identifies as Archwizard Haakon. They attract people in a very positive way. He said it wasn't all the big leaps from college students discussing homework to engineers exchanging ideas about new products. So was born Jupiter. On the computer screen in front of me is found windows evoking memories of Hollywood Squares or the open credits of The Brady Bunch. However, occupying these squares are ordinary people in the office who look normal doing what people do: sitting at their desks, talking on the phone, touching their computer keyboards. They are Xerox researchers and engineers in the midst of their daily activities. They are the people who work in Jupiter. What distinguishes Jupiter from traditional computer systems is its foundation in the physical world. Jupiter's different rooms provide clues about what kind of proper behavior there is. The discussions were in person in a more formal private office than, say, group discussions at one of Jupiter's virtual laboratories. Each video square has an icon that shows how a person wants to interrupt. An open door means colleagues should feel free to double-click and type. A locked door is an electronic sign that does not disturb. People want boundaries, John Seely Brown said. They want to know what is expected of them. So different social protocols are combined with different places. It gives you the feeling of being 'positioned' and ready to interact in natural ways. Equally important as these social protocols are the tools Jupiter combines to enable effective collaboration and focused conversation. Virtual whiteboards, fax machines, recorder and Jupiter's messaging provides all the functions of physical tools - but without their limits. I watched Jupiter from the outside - now it's time to step inside and become a player. I'm late for a meeting with on the other side of the building. I clicked on his square and watched him on the phone. So I typed a note to let him know I was on my way. I dragged the note into my window and clicked. The words, You pass note to Mike appear on the screen - the story created by the system's all-minded Greek chorus, the event-driven program provides a running commentary on the action. Mike, still on the phone, gives a wave and gestures for me to come across. Fewer than 60 people currently use Jupiter, mostly researchers at PARC and its sister laboratory in Grenoble, France, as well as Xerox engineers in Rochester, New York. But for this core team, the system has become an essential part of their daily work experience. A team of engineers reported that Jupiter played an important role in how they prototyped a new product, an Internet payment and credit authorization system. Most people use it for regular activities such as tracking hard-to-reach colleagues. And people look forward to brainstorming the serendipity Jupiter allows, like bumping into a friend resting in the lounge - a friend happens to be on the other side of the country. Jupiter is still an experiment, not quite ready for the main time. But its technical headaches are becoming less painful every day. Meanwhile, demand for being part of Jupiter continues to grow. We've never tried to get users, Curtis said. Instead, we had 'catastrophic success' problems - people kept coming up to us and saying they really wanted to use it. So Curtis and his colleagues are working on deployment strategies. This fall, PARC plans to release a version of Jupiter designed to run on personal computers - opening it up to a much larger population inside Xerox. Curtis is looking forward to it: That's when we'll find out what these systems are really good for. Debra Feinstein (debra@loop.com) writes about technology and innovation from Topanga Canyon, California.

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