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"Gbuy" vs PayPal? 03/16/06 1700

Google began recruiting online retailers last year to test a GBuy payment service, The Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday, citing unidentified sources familiar with the matter. The report said GBuy operates independently from Google Base, a sort of classifieds service for individuals and businesses launched in November. [news.com.com](#)

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Get ready for the 1/2 billion dollar blitz... 03/16/06 1659

Microsoft is planning to spend \$500 million this year on the people-ready sales and marketing campaign, Ballmer said. Microsoft is using this week's National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament week to kick off the campaign. [www.microsoft-watch.com](#)

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Chuck Norris on Chuck Norris Facts. 03/16/06 0012

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Xbox 360 Security Hacked? 03/15/06 2139

Word is out on the street that a flaw in the Xbox 360 DVD firmware may allow a hacker to install his own custom firmware in there unchecked, and as such gain full control of what the DVD will or will not accept. In practice, this would mean that the drive could gain the capability to boot backups of original game DVD's by flashing a self-built firmware in there which ignores the mandatory disc signing. [www.xboxic.com](#)

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Just Because:Rhoomba Frogger 03/15/06 2138

On the other hand, I am hoping--as are 15 or so other people standing nearby--that one of the cars that keep rushing by will crush the tricked-out Roomba robot vacuum cleaner that Make Magazine associate editor Phillip Torrone and Eyebeam R&D fellow Limor Fried are sending back and forth across the street and through traffic. [news.com.com](#)

RFIDs to spread viruses? 03/15/06 1058

Here is where the trouble comes in. Up until now, everyone working on RFID technology has tacitly assumed that the mere act of scanning an RFID tag cannot modify back-end software, and certainly not in a malicious way.

Unfortunately, they are wrong. In our research, we have discovered that if certain vulnerabilities exist in the RFID software, an RFID tag can be (intentionally) infected with a virus and this virus can infect the backend database used by the RFID software. From there it can be easily spread to other RFID tags. No one thought this possible until now. Later in this website we provide all the details on how to do this and how to defend against it in order to warn the designers of RFID systems not to deploy vulnerable systems. www.rfidvirus.org

blanka gets XP on a MacTel iMac 03/15/06 0931
Proof is in the Park....

Top 10 LiveCD Linux Security Distros 03/15/06 0839

The newest contender on the block of course is BackTrack, which we have spoken about previously. An innovative merge between WHax and Auditor (WHax formerly WHoppix). www.darknet.org.uk

Amazon offering cheap developer online storage 03/15/06 0838

Amazon Web Service is launching a new web service tonight called S3 - which stands for "Simple Storage Service". It is a storage service backend for developers that offers "a highly scalable, reliable, and low-latency data storage infrastructure at very low costs". www.techcrunch.com

Windows firewalls tested for "leaks" 03/15/06 0836

The default WinXP firewall fails the test. www.firewallleaktester.com

CRITICAL: Macromedia Flash 03/15/06 0823

The vulnerabilities are caused due to unspecified errors and can be exploited to execute arbitrary code on a user's system when a malicious SWF file is loaded. MJW: All users of Flash need to upgrade. Mac/Windows users can download the update from Slug's Download Page, others need to visit <http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflash> secunia.com

Dells new ViiV PC 03/15/06 0819

CNET Senior Associate Editor Dan Ackerman reviews Dell's first Viiv system, a PC designed for home entertainment. news.com.com

Redhat 5 to push Xen 03/15/06 0813

Red Hat rolled out executives and industry partners on Tuesday morning to announce Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 5.0 will "tightly integrate" Xen by the end of the year, with migration and assessment services for customers planned this summer. Xen integration will be previewed in the Fedora Core 5.0 this month. www.theregister.co.uk

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