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iHand
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Weak signal in your iPhone 4? Let Apple give you a hand. Now you can put iPhone to your ear without the harmful effects of epidermal contact. When staying connected is important, iHand is just the right touch.

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**It all began with an iPhone...
March was when our son celebrated his 17th birthday, and we got him an iPhone. He just loved it.**

Who wouldn't?

I celebrated my birthday in July, and my wife made me very happy when she bought me an iPad.

Our daughter's birthday was in August so we got her an iPod Touch.

My wife celebrated her birthday in September so I got her an iRon.

It was around then that the fight started..

What my wife failed to recognize is that the iRon can be integrated into the home network

with the iWash, iCook and iClean.

This inevitably activates the iNag reminder service.

I should be out of the hospital next week!!

iHurt

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Compare the difference between the 3G and 4 screen resolution:





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For those trying to get a handle on what will become of Apple in the post-Steve Jobs era, a great place to start is the company's likely product rollout schedule.

Below, we've compiled a list of Apple's product rollouts for the last few years and sketched out some estimates of what we think is coming over the next couple of years.

The biggest assumptions are:

iPad 3 in March 2012

iPhone 5 in June 2012

Full-fledged Apple TV set, "iTV," in September 2012. (Based on recent comments from Steve Jobs in Isaacson's bio, a report from analyst Gene Munster that Apple is already building TV prototypes, and common sense, we think it is highly likely that Apple will eventually get into this business. Our only questions are how and when.)

iPad 4, iPhone 5S, and iTV 2 in 2013

Read more: http://articles.businessinsider.com/2011-10-24/tech/30315458_1_3gs-cheap-iphone-mobileme#ixzz1kU5wVoBn

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Warning to Smartphone Users

Security software company Symantec has sent out a warning about what it believes to be the largest-ever malware campaign launched against Android smartphone owners.

Called "Android.Counterclank," the malware was discovered hidden within 13 different apps (smartphone applications) released by three different publishers.

Of the enticing titles, "Sexy Girls Puzzle" and "Counter Strike Ground Force" were among the most prolific in duping from one to five million people into downloading the infected software through Google's legitimate app marketplace. (Source: computerworld.com)

Valid Apps Repackaged with Malware

Kevin Haley, a director with Symantec's security response team, believes the android-oriented malware relies on a common tactic of scammers. For example, the app was at one point a valid program, but it was then repackaged to include attack code, then placed back onto online store shelves in hopes that people will accept it as the legitimate version.

Once installed onto a smartphone, doctored software such as Android.Counterclank is able to collect a wide range of personal information. Symantec believes Android.Counterclank to be a variation of an older Android Trojan horse called Android.Tonclank, which was first discovered back in June, 2011.

If you're wondering whether or not your smartphone is affected, it's worth noting that this form of malware frequently changes an Internet browser's homepage. If a switch like that has occurred, you might be in for some trouble.

"User Apathy" Part of the Problem

Symantec is blaming user apathy for part of the problem with this malware attack.

That's because the infected apps request an unusual number of privileges, which the user must first approve before any real damage can be done. This protective device has not stopped the flood of malware simply because very few people bother reading the lengthy request for permissions before giving new software their okay to proceed.

Interestingly enough, some of the 13 apps that Symantec identified as infected have been on the Android Market for almost a month, according to the revision dates posted. Nevertheless, Symantec uncovered the issue only this past week. (Source: gizmodo.com)

Perhaps if more users had taken the time to read the fine print, they would have questioned why an app would ask permission to modify their browser. This request could have raised a few red flags earlier, before the infection rates approached the 1 million mark.

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iPhones, iPods & iPads Class

This class meets in the CC ANNEX instead of the Cybercenter

Classroom. Please bring your iPhones with you to class.

Four, two-hour sessions

Fee: \$20.00

Description: The iPhone is the latest generation of 'smart' mobile phones operating as a small, hand-held and entirely portable computer. The iPhone comes with twenty standard 'apps', including e-mail, maps, internet, calendar, contacts and much more. This course will introduce you to the functions of these apps and basic operations, such as navigating the device, folders, cut and paste, bookmarks and camera functions.

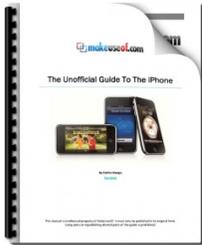
The examples used in the class are based on the iPhone 4, but approximately 90% of the content is germane to the iPad and 80% to the iPod Touch. If you have an iPhone, iPad, or an iPod, you will learn a lot in this class.

Objectives & Course Summary: Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Use the standard components of the phone.
- Understand the basic operations of the phone: touch scrolling, call answer and call dialing/return, apps location and function.
- Understand how to customize your phone in the settings menu.
- Understand the necessary requirements for installing apps.

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Apps I have found:

7 Little Words iShop

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Time for questions, observations and special apps from the audience

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The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Now!

