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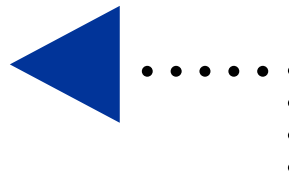
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## Headlines

### **Samsung puts 100 MB/s SSDs into mass production**

*(<http://www.tgdaily.com/content/view/36084/135/>)*

Seoul (Korea) – Samsung said it has begun mass producing 64 GB solid state disk drives (SSDs) with a 3 Gb/s SATA II interface.

According to the manufacturer, the new drives are about 60% faster than the SATA I generation and reach data read speeds of up to 100 MB/s and 80 GB/s in write processes. Power consumption remains at a level of 1.45 watts, which compares to about 2 watts of 1.8" hard drives.

"While there will always be a market for HDDs, we see growing demand for our new SSDs, especially now that they are available with the SATA II interface," said Jim Elliott, director, flash marketing, Samsung Semiconductor. "SSD technology is especially viable for the business and high-end consumer notebook markets because of its outstanding performance, as well as the added value gained from virtually no downtime and faster operating speeds."

The SATA II drive is shipping now and will be commercially available soon in "select Dell and Alienware notebooks," Samsung said.

### **Yahoo shareholders sue over Microsoft buyout rejection**

*(<http://www.tgdaily.com/content/view/36077/118/>)*

Lansing (MI) - Several Yahoo shareholders have jointly filed a lawsuit against the online giant after it failed to agree to a nearly \$45 billion acquisition offer from Microsoft.

Last week, Microsoft announced it was looking to buy Yahoo for \$44.6 billion but Yahoo ultimately decline, saying it was worth more than the presented offer. Michigan's Wayne County Employees' Retirement System, which owns over 13,000 shares of Yahoo, argue that Yahoo failed to enter substantial negotiations with Microsoft.

As a result, they filed a lawsuit saying that Yahoo executives "are entrenching themselves in office and protecting and advancing their own interests at the expenses of Yahoo and its stockholders while Yahoo's stock price languishes."

"The board of directors is continually evaluating all of its strategic options. Our board believes the Microsoft proposal substantially undervalues Yahoo," Yahoo spokesperson Diana Wong told Bloomberg News.

### **Valentine's Day demand slows card sites**

*([http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080214/ap\\_on\\_hi\\_te/online\\_greeting\\_cards](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080214/ap_on_hi_te/online_greeting_cards))*

NEW YORK - Some greeting-card Web sites had trouble meeting demand on Valentine's Day, although one apparently prepared for the rush and did better than usual Thursday, a performance-measurement company said.

Keynote Systems Inc., whose automated probes in 10 U.S. cities check sites every 15 minutes, said that at times, only 30 percent of the attempts to reach those sites succeeded, with visitors unable to access the electronic cards they received or reach a site's home page the rest of the time.

Keynote said sites that usually load in two or three seconds were taking an average of 12 seconds or longer.

Problems with Web sites not only frustrate customers but also deprive sites of advertising revenue, especially if a visitor doesn't come back to view or send a card.

The Web site for Hallmark Cards Inc. was inaccessible or slow starting about 6 a.m. EST, according to Keynote. It was back to normal by late morning but got slow again around noon — just as people on the West Coast got to work and opened cards that had arrived in their inboxes, said Shawn White, Keynote's director of external operations.

Keynote said it also spotted problems with 123Greetings.com, and The Associated Press found in a test Thursday afternoon that many pages took several seconds to load. But officials at 123Greetings insisted that less than 1 percent of its visitors experienced slowdowns.

"123Greetings.com experienced record traffic today, one of the highest in its history," the company said in a statement. "Problems at other greeting cards sites caused record volumes of users to come over to our site, and we were happy to welcome them all."

Hallmark officials did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

Despite the troubles at some site, Keynote said egreetings.com got faster Thursday.

"Every year, things are generally getting better," White said. "It indicates people are learning ... and building sites to handle these peak loads. At the same time, we see even some sites are not meeting the expectations (of) their visitors."

### **UK man arrested at gunpoint after police mistake his MP3 player for a gun**

*([http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?n\\_article\\_id=513875&in\\_page\\_id=1770](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?n_article_id=513875&in_page_id=1770))*

Armed police held an innocent mechanic at gunpoint when they mistook his MP3 player for a pistol.

Darren Nixon, 28, was arrested and put in police cell for simply listening to music on his way home from work.

The shocked garage worker was then swabbed for a DNA sample, had his mugshot taken and was fingerprinted.

The armed officers swooped on Mr Nixon when a woman thought she saw him carrying a handgun and called the police.

Mr Nixon, from Stoke-on-Trent, has now received an apology from Staffordshire Police but said the mistake was still a "stain on his character".

He had finished work at midday on Saturday (Jan 26), turned on his black 4GB Phillips MP3 player and started walking to get the bus home.

Mr Nixon, a mechanic for Olympus Engineering, who has no previous convictions, said: "I walked to the bus station.

"Obviously I didn't know this at the time but someone saw my MP3 player in my pocket and mistook it for a gun.

## Ian's Eco App - Green Printing



"Listen, my children, to today's fairy tale.

Once upon a time, computer manufacturers promised to lift the paper scourge. Ye shalt maintain documents in thy computer, they said. The mounds of paper shall be banished from thy kingdom.

Alas, it did not happen. Paper-spitting printers came to rest upon our desks. And we printed everything, for that made us comfortable.

OK. Enough of that. We're never going to get rid of paper, printers or ink. At this moment, I count 19 pieces of paper on my desk. And that doesn't include the note stuck to my monitor. At best, we can only hope to reduce waste.

When I print something from the Web, I often get a last page with one line. I think that is required by a rule in computer science. Anyway, that page is a waste. It's just a little boilerplate. It really irritates me.

That brings me to GreenPrint. This program will eliminate wasted pages before printing."  
(<http://www.komando.com/toolbox.aspx?mode=print&id=4494>)

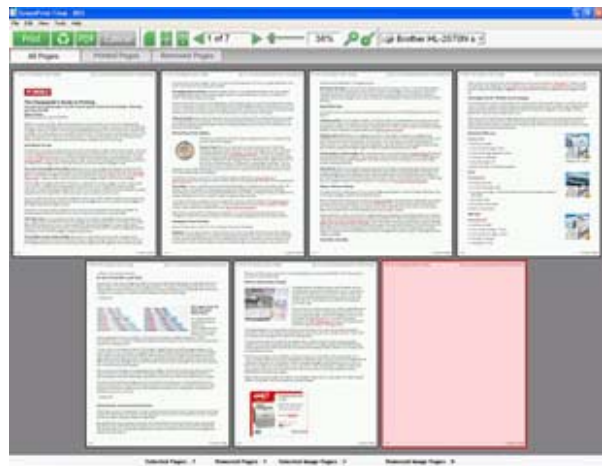
From the GreenPrint website  
(<http://www.printgreener.com/index.html>):

"GreenPrint eliminates wasteful pages in any printout automatically, saving you time and money, and maybe more importantly, saving trees, reducing greenhouse gasses, and decreasing waste. GreenPrint analyzes the content of each print job for pages that have wasteful characteristics. These are the pages with just a banner ad, URL footnote etc. It also allows you to very quickly add and remove pages from your print job, without having to return to the original application.

GreenPrint also incorporates an easy to use PDF writer, a fantastic print preview called GreenView, and a reporting feature which keeps track of the number of pages and the amount of money you have saved.

After installation you will notice that you have a new printer called GreenPrint, this will automatically become the default printer. To use GreenPrint simply print the document as usual using GreenPrint as your printer. If for any reason you want to bypass the GreenPrint filter, and print directly to the printer, you can simply select your desired printer in the application from which you are printing.

Once you click print GreenPrint will analyze the document, and display it as it will be printed. If GreenPrint detects any unnecessary pages, it will highlight them in red and they will not be printed. If you want to print a page that has been detected as unnecessary, simply double click on the red page and it will be included in the document. If you wish to remove a page that is currently included in the document, you can double click on it, and it will be turned red and not printed. (Alternatively you can right click on the page to include or remove it.)



By default GreenPrint will display all your pages on screen at once, allowing you to rapidly see any wasteful pages in the document. You can change the view by clicking the view buttons in the toolbar.

If you want to remove the images from a page to save ink, you can simply right click on the page and select Remove Images. You can remove all images from a document by using the Tools > Remove All Images command.

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Our product line includes two options for home users: Greenprint World, our free version of the software, and GreenPrint Home Premium. For companies of any size, GreenPrint's Enterprise Edition provides insight into waste reduction through a company wide printing overview, as well as tracking the number of trees saved and the CO2 reduction. It also provides an easy way to reuse paper that has already been printed on one side before recycling it."

Some statistics on the potential impact of using this software from GreenPrint's site:

*"- If all US households with a computer used GreenPrint over \$6 billion a year would be saved.*

*- If all new computers used GreenPrint greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by over 117 million tons. That's the equivalent of removing 23 million cars from the road for an entire year.*

*"-If all new computers sold in 2006 used green print over 36 million trees would be saved every year"*

To download GreenPrint for free, or for more information please visit: <http://www.printgreener.com/> - END

## Headlines - cont.

"The police found me on CCTV and followed me. I got on the bus and the police followed. I was listening to my music so I didn't really notice all the cars behind the bus.

"I got off and started walking home. I saw this cop gesture at me and at first I couldn't hear what he was saying. I turned the music off and they were telling me to put my hands up in the air.

"As I got closer I could see that two of the cops had guns. There were two police dogs there as well. I was searched at the scene then hauled off to the station and interviewed.

"I was really shocked when I saw the guns. They were pointing them right at me. It was a pretty scary experience. I had no idea what was going on.

"I wasn't happy at all about it. I didn't even really get a proper apology from the police.

"They just dropped me off at home and said a quick 'sorry for any inconvenience', and that was all I got from them, which I thought was pretty out of order.

"It happened really near to where I live, so anyone

could have seen me getting arrested - it's a stain on my character.

"It was unreal - I had a completely clean record before this and have always been a law-abiding citizen."

A spokesperson for Staffordshire Police said: "We received a report from a member of the public who had seen a male in the area who had appeared to pull a hand gun from a jacket pocket, grip it with both hands and aim it towards something.

"An operation was put in place and a man matching the description was detained.

"No weapon was found on him at the time but he was taken into custody on suspicion while the surrounding area where he had been was searched.

"These searches proved negative, so the man was released and taken home, as no further action was required.

"The description was extremely good and if that's the report we get we have to act quickly."

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## Shutdown - Pebpac

I was at a client site, which happens to be a park district pool. I was there to finish a computer survey, and was asked, "Since you're here, can you fix the printer in the poolside office?" I went in there, and was told by the supervisor that an employee who thought he was "a computer demigod" tried to fix it but might have made it worse.

Understatement of the year.

The "demigod" opened the case and tried to yank out the toner cartridge without releasing the clips that hold it down. He ripped the top off the toner cartridge, which I had just replaced two weeks ago.

When he ripped it off, there was a cloud of toner that went all

over the place, both inside the printer and outside, all over the walls, windows, desk, keyboard, computer, mouse...everything. To try to cover it up he got a wet beach towel and tried to wipe it all up, leaving nice black smears all over the places that wouldn't clean off. The toner shorted out the main circuit board in the printer and fried the keyboard, which he had rinsed off in the sink and plugged back into the computer. In addition, toner spilled into the wall mounted air conditioner and shorted out the electronics in there as well. So, in addition to making a huge mess, he failed to fix the printer's original problem. What was the printer's original problem? It was out of paper.

([http://www.rinkworks.com/stupid/cs\\_printers.shtml](http://www.rinkworks.com/stupid/cs_printers.shtml))