

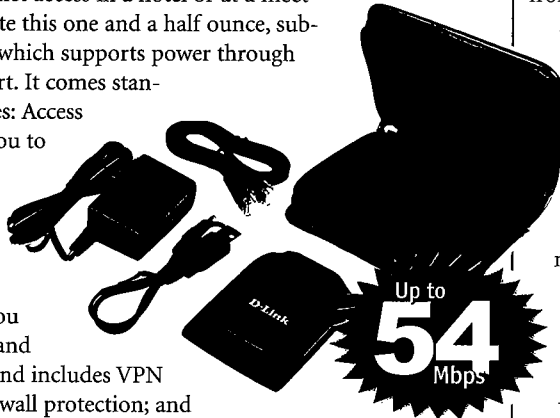
Techtake

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The New Year and spring bring with them new toys, professionally speaking, of course.

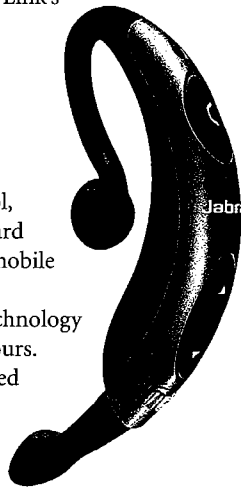
TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE HIGH-SPEED

2.4GHz (802.11g) Pocket Router/AP from D-Link. If you have ever needed to share Internet access in a hotel or at a meeting, you will appreciate this one and a half ounce, sub-\$80 wireless wonder, which supports power through your laptop's USB port. It comes standard with three modes: Access Point, which allows you to create a wireless network in a room where a single Ethernet port is provided; Router, which similarly lets you share a single broadband Internet connection and includes VPN pass-through and firewall protection; and Wireless Client, which permits you to connect an existing wireless network without the need to install drivers or software. The Pocket Router/AP supports various levels of data security, and the setup and configuration tools can be accessed at D-Link's Web site, www.dlink.com/.



WHILE MULTI-TASKING

at your meeting, don't forget to bring Jabra's Freespeak™ BT250 Bluetooth-enabled wireless cell phone headset. Not only is it cool, but the June 2004 CNET Editor's Choice Award winner works up to 30 feet away from your mobile phone and delivers 8 hours of talk time. It weighs less than one ounce, uses EarGel technology to provide great sound, and recharges in 2 hours. For under \$100, it even features voice-activated dialing. More information is available at www.jabra.com/.



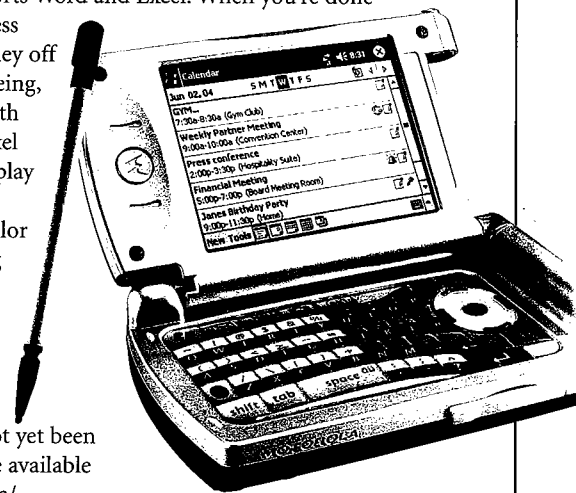
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SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY PICKING UP

a new headset, why not upgrade your phone as well? The MPX 300 Pocket PC phone from Motorola is even more eye-popping than the Blackberry was when it first arrived. The as-yet-unreleased "super" phone uses Microsoft Windows mobile software to integrate its Bluetooth, Wi-Fi (802.11b), and GPRS technology. It opens in landscape view for typing on the QWERTY keyboard or writing with the stylus pen but opens in portrait view when using the phone and PDA. E-mail messages with attachments are read with Microsoft Outlook, and the MPX supports Word and Excel. When you're done

with your business meeting and journey off for some sightseeing, take pictures with the 1.2 megapixel camera and display them on the 2.8" QVGA touch TFT color screen while listening to MP3s. The MPX weighs just over six ounces and has a battery that provides up to 180 minutes of talk time. It has not yet been priced, but details are available at www.motorola.com/.



THE ONE FEATURE THAT IS MISSING

from the MPX is satellite radio. Those willing to pay the \$10 per month subscription fee should consider the Delphi XM MyFi. Touted as the world's first portable satellite radio, the Delphi XM MyFi offers a built-in memory that can store up to 5 hours of content without downloading, and you can choose from over 130 digital XM channels. There is even a built-in wireless FM transmitter, which you can wirelessly connect to any FM radio speaker system. If music is not enough, the LCD display allows you to view a personal stock ticker, sports score ticker, and clock on the five hours the battery provides. The price of \$349.99 is probably the only tough part to hear. Check it out at www.xmradio.com/.

So, whether you're surfing, talking, or listening, take these tech toys with you. They enhance efficiency, increase productivity, and, frankly, they're pretty cool to flash at meetings.

Have any suggestions for tech-related topics? Your question may become the next topic Ari addresses. E-mail your questions or comments about this new column to communications@baruch.cuny.edu.