

Technology Radar: BusinessLab's review of technologies that are making the news, August 2013

An ActiveAge Report

Ten years of Skype

Many of us take for granted the Internet chat service, which came onto the scene 10 years ago but Skype has been a revolution for people living geographically apart, allowing free calls via computer-to-computer interaction.

Today Voip (voice over internet protocol) has become very popular and Skype faces competition from the likes of Google Hangouts, Apple's Facetime, Blackberry's BBM, Tango and Viber.

The BBC article below highlights some of the things that Skype has made possible including, staying in touch with grandparents living overseas, medical assessments done by a doctor online, and split screen photos bringing families together in one room.

For more information visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-23862352>

A Social Afterlife

Many people probably haven't considered what they'd like to happen with their social media life after they pass on, but some companies have! These agencies have started to provide services that include Tweeting for you after you pass away.

One such agency is called 'Lives On' which takes care of "your social afterlife" and the tagline says "when your heart stops beating, you'll keep tweeting".

The app is still in its alpha testing phase although you can sign up to be one of the first to try it. The idea is that the app knows your social media habits, syntax, likes and dislikes and when you perish, your social media accounts will be updated.

For more information:

<http://liveson.org/>

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2013/09/03/tweeting-from-the-grave>

Robot to save the lives of heart-attack victims

Human response time can mean life or death in some situations and this is certainly the case when it comes to heart attack victims. It is this concern that is behind the development of the Defikopter, a drone that parachutes defibrillators to heart – attack victims and emergency responders.

Created by a German not-for-profit organization Definetz and drone developer Height Tech, the Defikopter is controlled by GPS – enabled smartphone app, which lets users request an emergency defibrillator. It can travel within a radius of 10 Kilometers and fly at a speed of 70 Kilometers per hour.

The drone would be useful in areas that are sparsely populated, or have difficult terrain to travel across. It can also avoid traffic jams, which slow down ambulances.

For more information:

<http://mashable.com/2013/09/02/drone-heart-attack/>

Global Wearable Technology Market report

A new market research report is now available on the Global Wearable Technology market. This type of technology has been utilized for several years by the military with soldiers wearing sensors in their uniforms, and helmet mounted cameras. Because the equipment is becoming so cheap many OEMs are trying to find ways of applying this technology to the consumer market.

This report highlights the size of the market, which is estimated to reach \$4.6 bn in 2013. The report, which comes at a price £1438, includes 184 pages of comprehensive analysis including 218 tables, charts and graphs alongside expert opinion. It looks to contain many valuable insights for anyone wishing to enter this growing marketplace.

For more information:

<http://news.gnom.es/pr/global-wearable-technology-market-2013-2018-smartwatches-tech-clothing-ar-glasses-mhealth-fitness-wellbeing>