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WEBSITE GOES LIVE

At last our new website for tekkiehelp has been launched. It provides people with a clear overview of our products and services, as well as pricing information and self-help tools.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

Tekkiehelp is continually looking for ways to enhance its services and as part of this, we have partnered with Acuutech. Headquartered in London, Acuutech has a local presence in Singapore and a partner network throughout Asia. The company provides comprehensive IT Solutions focused on corporate business customers, ranging from SMEs requiring outsourced IT support to MNCs requiring an extra pair of eyes or hands to deliver projects.

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The hottest gift is a tablet, but which one to buy?

The mini tablet showdown - Mini iPad, Nexus 7 or Kindle Fire HD

After all the hype, the iPad Mini has finally been launched, so now it is small tablet decision time. Is it the svelte new iPad the tablet, Google's classy Nexus 7, or Amazon's Kindle Fire HD best for you? Here's a breakdown to help you make the right decision.

If you are strapped for cash

If the price tag is priority number one, the Kindle Fire HD's S\$320 16GB model is hard to beat. For S\$80 extra you can pick up a 16G Nexus 7 which is fractionally faster, lighter with a slightly more superior camera and although its book/music/movie catalogue is far smaller than the Kindle Fire HD, its Android app catalogue is far larger. A tough decision between the Kindle Fire HD and Nexus 7.

For devouring books and streaming movies

The iPad mini boasts a somewhat larger display of 7.9 inches compared to the Fire and Nexus's 7 inches, but that is where the advantages end. Despite the bigger screen, the iPad Mini has a meager 1024x768 resolution and 162 pixels per inch (PPI). Both the Nexus 7 and Kindle Fire HD have a greater screen resolution and definition, both 1280x800 and 216 respectively. What differentiates the Kindle is its extensive book/ movie/ music catalogue. Another close call, but on this front the Nexus 7 wins.

For those on the go

This one is easy. The iPad Mini's got the ability to connect to mobile networks (hence the greater price tag) whilst the Kindle Fire HD (7 inch) and Nexus 7 use Wi-Fi only. The large Kindle Fire HD (8.9 inch) also has this functionality but for now we are comparing mini tablets. The iPad mini is also thinner and lighter making it win hands down for a tablet on the move.

For the cyber hoarder

When you are talking about GB of storage per dollars of cash, the Kindle Fire HD's 32GB for S\$400 is a sweet deal for the cyber-hoarder and far better value compared to the Nexus 7's 16GB for S\$400. The only problem is that's as big as your cyber-closet can get. With the iPad Mini, you can push that storage as high as 64GB. You'll pay for it though (S\$860 for Wi-Fi only model, S\$1060 for cellular).

For the kiddies

If you're handing your tablet over to sticky-fingered kids, your tablet is at risk! A broken iPad Mini is a far greater financial tragedy to the Kindle or Nexus. So between these two, a quirky feature of the Kindle is it lets you observe and limit what it is used for, and for how long. What makes the Nexus 7 more appealing to kids is its large library of games and apps.



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THE APP ZONE

A quick review of the apps we are loving at the moment.

SG BLOOD

Give the gift of life this festive season! This makes blood donation very easy.



What it does: This free app has a calendar listing all upcoming Bloodmobile locations, a calculator to show you when you can next donate blood, contacts for blood donation centres in Singapore and also a simple FAQ about blood donation. Give blood, give life!

SHAZAM

Hear a good tune and wish you knew the title or who sung it? Shazam helps you do that!



What it does: Shazam accurately identifies songs by sound. Simply load the app, hold your phone for it to "listen" to the beat and it will tell you all you want to know about the song, it even tells you where they are next playing live near you! To make the tool even more useful, the results page includes shortcuts to iTunes so you can buy the song or album! Our only complaint is that it is less accurate with music from less well known bands.

Tekkiehelp on the case

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Carrol Boyes launches in Singapore

Carrol Boyes is a South African wholesale manufacturer of upmarket homeware and tabletop items. Their first Asian retail outlet was opened in Singapore, in Tanglin Mall (Level 3), on 1st December. Tekkiehelp was contracted to provide all the IT requirements for the shop, which included the provision of a shop PC, online point of sale (POS), receipt printer, wireless network and

surveillance system. All the technology was installed, configured and set up to start up in a user friendly way. The cameras provided an interesting challenge as they were very glitchy and required a lot of patience and determination! The end result was worth the hassle and now the owners have remote access to the surveillance cameras via their computers and phones. Carrol Boyes said they "are delighted

with tekkiehelp's work, our IT systems are all working well and are very easy to use. One of the advantages of tekkiehelp is that they did everything which meant that we didn't have to contract various different specialists for network, POS, surveillance etc."



TEKKIEHELP'S Q&A TECHNOLOGY TIPS

Q: I have photos stored in multiple locations – on my phone, MAC and PC - how can I centrally manage these?

A: Get them all in one place. First select a PC where your main library of photos will reside. This can be a PC or Mac but you need to make sure it has enough storage space to hold all of your photos. Choose a software package to enable you to view and organise your photos. Macs come with iPhoto and Windows PCs generally have Photo Gallery included. Both of these are good programs but there are many



other alternatives. Use the 'import function' of the selected program to import all of the pictures that are on your computer but check first that this has not happened automatically. To get pictures from your mobiles or other devices, connect them to your computer using the cable provided. Use your file organiser (Windows Explorer or Finder on a Mac) to locate where the pictures are stored on the device. Copy or move them to a suitable place on your computer and import to your selected program. Often the photos can be directly imported without the intermediate save step. Finally, implement a resilient backup strategy.

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