

# Tech Tips

## No 4: Gadgets

Summer is almost here and before we scramble off in new directions, we thought we'd catch you up on some recent "Must Have" gadgets. Well, maybe must have is too strong, but with the ever-quickening pace of changing technology these are gadgets and technologies to watch out for. So next time someone brags about Tivo-ing their favorite TV shows, you can laugh and say "Tivo is so 2004. I used Slingbox while I was in Paris last night to watch my television playing Macneil/Lehrer NewsHour ...while I recorded Desperate Housewives to my DVR." A bientôt mes amis!



### Sony Reader

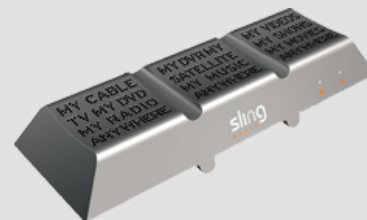
This new handheld device for reading books will debut in Border's book stores. Using Sony's e-Ink technology, the screen is made up of charged white and black micro-capsules, instead of lighted pixels. It makes for a display that is paper-like, enlarge-able, and readable in full daylight, at any angle.

<http://products.sel.sony.com/pa/PRS/>

### SlingBox

Plug in your cable or satellite TV connection to the SlingBox and stream live TV broadcasts over the Internet to your laptop anywhere in the world. The SlingPlayer client software also allows you to remotely control your home TV, DV-recorder or TIVO from afar.

<http://www.slingmedia.com/>



### Olive Music Center

Classical and Digital can now co-exist! Olive's high-fidelity digital music players allow you to store up to 1,100 CDs in fully lossless quality. Or use the company's "Preload" service: send your CDs to Olive (on their nickel) and they will preload your purchased player with your music.

<http://www.olive.us>



### VoSky

You've probably heard of Voice-over-IP (VoIP) or Internet calling. Services like Vonage give you phone service through your existing DSL connection at home. VoSky works with Skype to enable you to make and receive Internet phone calls on a regular phone, through your laptop or office computer.

<http://www.vosky.com/>



The old-timer compared to our other gadgets, Skype has been around now since late 2003. It is a software that allows you to make free internet calls to anyone else that has Skype. Now with extended functions such as SkypeOut (call landline phones from your computer), SkypeIn (a phone number to receive landline calls in Skype), and Skype Voicemail. And... it's a free download.

<http://www.skype.com/>