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Hardware protection software for mobile e-government ready to become reality

The new software security solution MobileGov, from the IST project e-Justice is ready for testing. Developed under the project e-Justice, the software detects changes to hardware in digital systems. The first pilot user will be the City of Cannes and a licence agreement with Symantec is also being negotiated for the new software. MobileGov has received several distinctions and has been labelled as an innovative company by the French national agency dedicated to promoting research. Initially, MobileGov is targeting the secure mobile e-government equipment market such as handheld devices for police forces, customs and fire brigades. In the future, MobileGov's technology could also help to circumvent video game piracy. Currently, certain video game consoles can be tampered with, by installing a special chip, to allow illegally copied video games to be played. Their first software is available for a free test.

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

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Google, Microsoft to fund new Internet lab

(MSN) Google and Microsoft have decided to jointly back a new Internet research laboratory aimed at helping entrepreneurs to introduce more groundbreaking ideas to a mass audience. Sun Microsystems Inc. is also joining the project at the University of California, Berkeley. The Reliable, Adaptive and Distributed Systems, or RAD, lab will pay \$1.5 million annually over five years. Conceivably, the lab's services could help launch another revolutionary company like online auctioneer eBay Inc. or even Google, which has emerged as one of the world's most valuable companies just seven years after its inception in a Silicon Valley garage.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com>

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E-Stonia becomes unlikely high-tech hub

(WashingtonPost) A decade ago Estonia was among Europe's poorest countries and is now undergoing a technological revolution that has changed the way its residents do business and produced technology companies that are grabbing the world's attention. More than 280 wireless Internet points, many of them free, have sprung up throughout Tallinn in the last four years. The black and orange signs advertising them can be seen all over the capital, even at petrol stations, which offer free WiFi to customers while they fill up. Estonia, or e-Stonia as some people have taken to calling it, has also seen an explosion of digital entrepreneurship.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com>

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W3C publishes new multimedia spec for mobile devices

(Infoworld) The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), a standards-setting body for the Internet, has announced a new specification designed to enable multimedia presentations on mobile phones. The Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language 2.1 (SMIL 2.1) specification is designed to allow authors to easily write interactive

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