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Types of Broadband Technologies

Broadband Provider	Wireless
Applogic Broadband	Cable and xDSL (Digital Subscriber Line)
Bharti BT	Fiber Optic
BSES Telecom	Copper
BSNL ? MTNL	Cable
Capital Technologies	ADSL
Dish net DSL	ADSL
Hathway cable & Datacom	Cable

In2Cable	Ethernet
Reliance	Wireless
Satyam Infoway Sigma Online	Leased lines (cables and wireless to be introduced)
Spectranet	Cable, DSL, IP VPN, Leased lines with connectivity options
Touchtel	DSL, Radio, Ethernet
WiproNet	Copper, Fiber Optics, wireless
Zeenext	Cable

Upgrade Your Skill Set

If you are an employer, you need soft skills. If you are an employee, you need soft skills too. In fact, whoever you are, at whatever level in your organization, it's you soft skills that consistently matter ? an area of development you are most likely to ignore.

At **http://snipurl.com/digit_skills1** is a 'Soft Skills Quiz' that tests your soft skills quotient. The page lists the 25 ?Most frequently cited sift skills?. Some of these include oral / spoken communication skills, honesty, team work or collaboration skills, self ? motivation/initiative, leadership skills, 'Working under pressure', creativity, and time management skills.

According to job portal monster.com, employers consistently look for soft skills. You may not have several of these traits and skills online. Of course, it's probably not possible to take a course on; say, 'honesty' but there are several areas where you and members of your organization can actively improve.

From certmag.com, here's an 'Unofficial list of soft skills for techies' -

- Team Working
- Communication skills
- Presentation skills
- Selling
- Running meetings
- Leadership
- Problem solving
- Customer service

Let's look at some Web sites that can help you and your employees develop these essential soft skills.

Brownbag Training

http://www.brownbagtraining.com

You Achieve

http://www.youachieve.com

Silicon Beach Training

http://snipurl.com/digit_skills3

Get Ahead Direct

http://www.getahead-direct.com

NAM Virtual University

CRM Learning

Incredibly Useful Sites

Quizzes, Trivia and the like

Cool Quiz!

Coolquiz.com?s site layout is a bit disorganized, but there is lots of fun quizzes here, in various categories, take your pick ? a random quiz, a daily updated pop quiz, a ?Totally Tuff? quiz where you ?WILL? learn something, and so on. The site boasts of a total of over 35,000 trivia questions.

www.coolquiz.com/quizzes/

FunTrivia.com

?From Harry Potter to Particle Physics?

And EVERYTHING in between!?
That?s what funtrivia.com says about itself -
with more than 658,000 questions online.
The categories are innumerable.
Quizzes are organized not only topic-wise,
but also by difficulty. A must-visit.

www.funtrivia.com

Trivia Quizdom

This site boasts of a total of 178 categories.
The categories, of course, span all interests,
the features ones being ?science?, ?society and culture?,
?people?, and so on. In addition to quizzes,
there are also interactive tests, mind games,
polls and surveys, and more.

www.queendom.com/mindgames/quizdom/

Hardware Information and Reviews

Tom?s Hardware Guide

This site is an almost comprehensive site
for everything hardware ? for those of us who
aren?t techy enough, and need things explained to us.
From motherboards and RAM to networking and games,
from graphic cards to peripherals,
from articles to how-tos, you?ll find it all here.

www.tomshardware.com

Anand Tech

If you?re about to buy something ?
a technological gadget, that is ? this is the place
to go. Just like in Tom?s Hardware, there are
reviews, insider stories, news and views, and son,
about almost everything ? from CPUs to chipsets,
Linux to digital cameras, and on and on and on.

www.anandtech.com

The Tech Report

This site is similar to the two above, except that it focuses more on insider news, stories and discussions. If you want to stay up to date with the state of the art of personal computing technology, this is the site for you. Nothing is left out ? be it printers, processors, P2P networks, or what have you.

www.techreport.com

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Sonoma

What is Sonoma?

Sonoma is the code name for the second generation of the mobile Centrino notebook platform. The platform includes a Pentium M processor, the chipset and Wi-Fi card.

How does Sonoma improve over the Original Centrino platform?

The Pentium M processor now has a front-side bus increase from 400 MHz to 533 MHz. There is now support for dual-channel DDR2 memory and graphics support for the PCI ? Express bus architecture. The chipset is new and has been codenamed Alviso. The Centrino?s integrated graphics has been upgraded by including the Intel Graphics Media Accelerator 900 ? the first Direct X 9.0 integrated graphics solution for notebooks. There will be also be the newly-released Intel PRO/Wireless 2915ABG network connection.

Who released Sonoma?

As a successor to the Centrino platform, Sonoma was, naturally, released by Intel.

Why do we need Sonoma?

The answer is performance Support for PCI ? Express had to be brought in to Intel?s mobile platform at some stage. Intel is touting Sonoma and the accompanying Alviso chipset as key breakthroughs in mobile performance and functionally, especially in areas such as digital media processing.

When Sonoma released?

Sonoma was released on 19 January 2005.

Where can I find a notebook that has support for Sonoma?

Intel expects system builders and OEMs to offer as many as 150 notebook models based based on the Sonoma release. For example, Toshiba unveiled its latest tablet PC at the 2005 CES. The new Toshiba R15-S822 that launches in February includes support for Sonoma.