

## Palm Pre/Windows 7

- **Palm announce their New Palm Pre**

At CES in January Palm announce their "Business Saving" new smart phone The Palm Pre. Built on a Linux kernel and running apps programmed in html, CSS and JAVA, Palm are blurring the line between online and offline computing. To me it looks a lot like the HTC Touch with a keyboard. The Pre will sport among the standard set of communication tools, a capacitive touch screen display, physical QWERTY keyboard, multitasking, stereo Bluetooth support and a 3.5mm headphone jack. It seems they really are trying to add the features that the iPhone missed. We'll see if the mighty Palm can regain some of their lost market share. One of the most interesting things about the Pre could be its Touchstone inductive charging feature. Impressive for a phone but really, my electric toothbrush has been using the same technology for years. C'mon Palm, give us something to blow our socks off



- **Windows 7 beta testing**

Microsoft has release publicly a beta of their latest OS Windows 7. Having installed this on two PCs and on tablet laptop I have to say I'm very impressed. I can't help feeling that this new OS is really what Windows Vista should have been. It has a revised start bar that now groups your quick launch and active applications together in a very efficient manner. If your anything like me and have anything from 5 to 20 windows running at the same time this really give you a quick means to find the windows you need. Also revised is the low down speed of the OS. It seems that Windows 7 will run on much lower speced machines than Vista will as the developers have been through the code and removed any unnecessary CPU cycles. Even rumoured is a net book version. This across the board really gives it a slim and nimble feel. I did also suffer from many crashes and instabilities but that is forgivable as it is still in the beta stage. I believe we'll be looking at a 3rd quarter 2009 release for Windows 7 and I am very excited about it.

