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### Welcome to the middle of October edition of What's Emerging

Our apologies for the late mailing of the newsletter but Sandy is away in Florida still and Paul was hit by a car on 3rd October while triathlon training so things have been a little all over the place. We are pleased to report that while Paul broke his right leg in two places and badly dislocated his ankle he luckily escaped more serious injuries that could have occurred given that he was riding at 40kmh at the time he was hit. After 8 days in hospital and 3 anaesthetics and one major surgery he is back at home recuperating and starting to do a little work although he has 8 weeks of rehabilitation in front of him. He will be back in major action from the 24th October when the cast gets removed and a boot gets put in place.

We hope that you continue to find the newsletter useful and interesting.

Cheers

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### What we are writing about

Due to the fact that Sandy is in Florida until the end of the month and Paul was hit by a car while triathlon training on 3rd October and is still recuperating from surgery there is no new download or article this month.

### Business Tips

The 20 best iPhone apps of 2011 for productive geeks

Jason Hiner offers his top picks for iPhone apps that can help you work smarter and improve your productivity. [Read More...](#)

10 subtle features you should know about Google Plus

Besides the obvious like Circles, Google Takeout, and Sparks, there are some great subtle Google Plus features you should know about as well. [Read More...](#)

7 Questions to assess your business model design

Ultimately, customers are the only relevant judges of your business model. However, even before you test your model in the market, you can assess its design with 7 questions that go well beyond the conventional focus on products and market segments. [Read More...](#)

Android's 20 most useful smartphone apps of 2011

To help you sort through the deluge of apps, here's a list of 20 tried-and-true Android smartphone apps that are worth your time to download. (Paul H: Using 7 of these and now considering 2 more because of this article. My favourites: Drop Box and Evernote. [Read More...](#))

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## What's Emerging

Households suffer record fall in disposable income

'British families have never had it so tough,' says Asda chief executive, as spending power slumps 7.9% in a year. [Read More...](#)

Will Robots steal your job?

You're highly educated. You make a lot of money. You should still be afraid. [Read More...](#)

Nissan teams up with EPFL for futurist car interfaces

After scanning the thought patterns of its driver, the car of tomorrow will be able to predict its next move. [Read More...](#)

Google Digitizes the dead sea scrolls – like taking a time machine to 2000+ years ago

An elite team of tech specialists have taken one of the world's most precious historic relics and given it to people for free. [Read More...](#)

Great Intel graphic on the future of the internet of things

Including a timeline that predicts 31 billion "things" connected to the internet by 2020. [Read More...](#)

Tiny sensor could run for years harnessing energy from environment

The University of Michigan has produced a miniature sensor that harnesses solar energy and could last for years without needing to be replaced. Composed of a solar cell, processor, and battery, the tiny device is only 2.5x3.5x1mm in size – a thousand times smaller than a commercial version of its type. [Read More...](#)

Smartphone app 'improves' eyesight

A NEW smartphone app developed by scientists in Tel Aviv could delay the need for reading glasses in older people by training the mind to process blurred images, researchers said. [Read More...](#)

From crowdsourcing to crime-sourcing: The rise of distributed criminality

How criminals are applying crowdsourcing techniques. [Read More...](#)

Artificial fingerprints help Robots distinguish shapes

Fingerprints are signal processors for touch, enhancing the way we sense the world. Now robots have access to the same trick. [Read More...](#)

10 of the weirdest Social Networks

At the last count, 33% of the world's population were online. The chances are then, that out of all of those billions of people spread across the continents of the world and over the rolling oceans, there are going to be a few interesting individuals. [Read More...](#)

CrashStat steers pedestrians, bikers away from dangerous intersections

Bikers and walkers know what intersections feel the most like death traps, but a new online map shows exactly what places to avoid. [Read More...](#)

Bend desk

Bend desk is a prototype interactive display that takes the digital workspace from the screen to the desktop. While a typical work setup combines a flat desktop with a vertical computer screen, bend desk combines the two into one single unit. Bend desk is a vision for a future workspace that allows continuous interaction between both areas. [Read More...](#)

Origo's 3D printer could be the last toy your ten year old will ever need

The prototype 3D printer under development by Artur Tchoukanov and Joris Peels allows children aged ten and up to design figurines and shapes on a computer, and then print them

out to play with. [Read More...](#)

How the millennial generation uses mobile [infographic]

Millennials — that is, American consumers between ages 18 and 34 — are a mobile generation. [Read More...](#)

Here are the four charts that explain what the protesters are angry about...

The charts explain what the Wall Street protesters are angry about. They also explain why the protesters' message is resonating with the country at large. [Read More...](#)



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