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## GUEST INTERNET



### [How does a hotel cost-effectively satisfy its guests' insatiable appetite for more bandwidth](#)

BIG DATA has been causing a major shift in the guest connectivity experience and expectation during the hotel stay. Since Web2.0 ...

### [The Michigan Traveler: Every hotel room needs free Wi-Fi](#)

Years ago, it made sense for hotels to charge for the Internet. It required wires and techs, passwords and cords. It was fragile as an egg...

### [Hotels – and Road Warriors – Grapple With Wi-Fi Economics](#)

Is Internet access now so fundamental to our business-travel lives that hotels should bundle it with bedding, heating, air conditioning ...

### [Disruptions: Paying to Travel in the Internet's Fast Lanes](#)

For a subject that sounds mind-numbingly dull, "network neutrality" is the most important issue facing the Internet since, well, the Internet.

### [Strong Wi-Fi Tops Meeting Trends for 2014](#)

Top Ten Meeting Trends for 2014" as observed by its properties.

### [Why Wi-Fi is Keeping Hotels from Receiving 5 Star Reviews](#)

There is only one thing that guests would prefer over a complimentary breakfast or free parking, and that is Wi-Fi.

## INTERNET / INTERNET OF THINGS

### [IEEE approves update to 802.11ac for faster Wi-Fi](#)

The IEEE officially approved the 802.11ac -2013 update for up to 7Gbps of theoretical wireless data rates over the 5GHz Wi-Fi spectrum,

### [Internet Of Things May Strangle Enterprise Bandwidth](#)

The Internet of Things is poised to bring a flood of WAN traffic and new Internet-enabled devices to enterprise WANs.

### [Web-Enabled Toothbrushes Join the Internet of Things](#)

Devices Link to Smartphones to Record Brushing Habits

## HDTV / ENTERTAINMENT

### [Smart TV Market Continues to Grow: NPD](#)

Two driving forces in the market are pushing the adoption and use of connected TV devices--streaming media players and the TV itself.

### [How to maximize your hotel TV's lifespan](#)

The lifespan of the average hotel TV clocks in at five to six years, with many operators looking for ways to push their investment to seven years

### [Saving TVs from Becoming a Casualty of the Mobile Boom](#)

It used to be that hotels had video lending libraries behind the desk for guests to rent movies to watch in their room.

### [Netflix and Your Internet Guest](#)

Did you know this one website is responsible for 1/3rd of all internet traffic in the evenings? Here's how this all affects your hotel.

## POINT OF SALE

### [2014 POS Software Trends](#)

There is a shift happening surrounding the point of sale. Operators are casting off the shackles of static POS terminals due mainly to an ever-increasing demand from mobile device-minded customers who want things when and how they desire.

## RISK / PCI / DOOR LOCKS

### [The End of the Swipe-and-Sign Credit Card](#)

It's a payment ritual as familiar as handing over a \$20 bill, and it's soon to go extinct: prepare to say farewell to the swipe-and-sign of a credit card transaction.

### [Subject: 9 Volt Batteries can Burn Down your Home!](#)

You all may already know this but we didn't.....

### [Door locks are continuing to evolve to keep pace with security threats](#)

One of the biggest trends [of 2013] was the concern about the security of the cards and the system,

### [RFID door locks still going strong into 2014](#)

Last year was a big year for RFID door locks, and industry experts Hotel Management spoke to expect the trend to continue ...

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the release of a data compression feature for its Chrome mobile web browser which allows you to reduce your data usage on smartphones

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**Consumers Believe Mobile Will Replace TV By 2022, Most Prefer Content Live**

New research shows that more than half of consumers believe mobile devices will replace television sets by 2022.

**AT&T Mobility developed system designed to restrict bandwidth-intensive activities**

The company applied to patent the system, labeling its approach as "Prevention Of Bandwidth Abuse Of A Communications System."

**Virgin Atlantic testing Google Glass and Sony Smartwatch 2 to bring "sheen" back to air travel**

Virgin Atlantic is looking to make flying fancy again, with the help of some new wearable technology from Google and Sony.

**BlackBerry CEO Chen slams T-Mobile for enticing BB users to switch to iPhone**

Urging them to switch from BlackBerry to an iPhone 5s.

**5G Service On Your 4G Phone?**

A new San Francisco-based start-up, Artemis Networks, announced today that it plans to commercialize its "pCell" technology,

**TECHNOLOGY VENDORS**

**G-Link and LG Electronics enhance hotel connectivity with partnership**

A seamless, auto-sensing connection to LG hospitality TVs.

**Google expands hotel business**

the most noticeable change is the introduction of 360-degree, high-resolution panoramic photos, similar to street view in Google maps.

**VMware buys AirWatch for \$1.54 billion, acquires mobility strategy**

VMware's acquisition of AirWatch will give it a foothold in mobility as well as its end-user computing strategy.

**Intel Formally Shuts Off Its Web TV Plans, with Sale to Verizon**

Intel is now officially out of the Web TV business: The company has formally announced the sale of its Intel Media unit to Verizon

**Sony to Dump PC Business, Revamp TV Business and Cut 5,000 Jobs**

Sony said late Wednesday that it plans to get out of the PC business and restructure its TV business to focus largely on higher-end models.

**Comcast to buy Time Warner Cable**

announce its intent to acquire Time Warner Cable in a \$45 billion deal that will combine the two biggest cable companies in United States.

**For Comcast, Daring Deals to Expand Its Reach Across Industries**

The company could do much the same over the media and telecommunications landscape.

**SOCIAL MEDIA / TRENDS**

**Hotel guests read 6-12 reviews before booking, says**

**TripAdvisor survey**

The survey of 12,225 people at the end of 2013, ... researching TripAdvisor for places to stay, the majority (80 percent) read 6 to 12 reviews

**TripAdvisor Survey Reveals Hotel Amenities Travelers**

**Can and Can't Do Without**

U.S. Travelers Want Hotels to Accept Their Credit Cards; Say "Meh" to Mini Bar

**The top technology news and trends from 2013**

Mobile and Wi-Fi dominated hotel technology news in 2013. U.S. travelers find most and least important.

**CES Shows Off Smart**

The CES show in Las Vegas is going so well, Michael Bay simply walked off the stage. In an awkward moment

**Building a Better Battery**

The next breakthrough smartphone, or maybe the one after that, might not have a traditional battery as its sole source of power.



"Let me translate that for you. I speak text."

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