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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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Google Adds Optional Data Compression Feature To Chrome For Mobile

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

What Secrets Your Phone Is Sharing About You

Businesses are tracking their customers and building profiles of their daily habits...

Skype's Incredible Rise, in One Image

Telecommunications research company TeleGeography keeps a close eye on the global telecom system,...

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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