

AK-47: How a Gun Changed the World

Who Really Invented the Computer?

The Plot to Overthrow Ticketmaster

TESTED: 39 Best Gadgets of 2010

WIRED

grow your own nov. 2010

100%

Natural

by Sharon Begley

Who needs implants?
How tissue engineering
will radically enhance the
future of medicine.

p.148

\$4.99 US | FOR



EDITOR'S
PICK

1 2 3



4 5



1. Alienware M11X Laptop

WIRED Small and portable at just 4.4 pounds and 11.3 inches. Power-saving processor and option to switch between a graphic card and integrated graphics means you can render in-depth realms but still make it through an entire plane flight on a single charge. Bargain. **TIRED** *Left 4 Dead 2* runs just fine, but this stylish machine doesn't play nice with munchables—the matte finish on the exterior and keyboard collects oil like the Gulf of Mexico. **\$949**

2. Digital Storm Black OPS Assassin With 3D Vision

WIRED This slick, custom-built, liquid-cooled, insanely immersive gaming system comes fully-loaded with three 23-inch 3-D displays from Asus, dual Nvidia video cards to handle the processing required for stereoscopic gaming, and, just in case you aren't completely convinced, a 3D Vision kit, including wireless active shutter glasses. **TIRED** Huge tower practically needs its own bedroom. Costs as much as a motorcycle, and with this level of realism can be almost as dangerous. **\$5,509**

PLAYMATES

With the ever-increasing system requirements of PC games, your desktop is always due for an upgrade. This gaming gear will get you up to speed. For now. —Gus Mastrapa

3. Razer BlackWidow Ultimate Keyboard

WIRED Individually backlit keys with five brightness settings and an extremely responsive mid-stroke actuation point ideal for gaming all-nighters. Even in the harsh light of day, mechanical keys with satisfying feel allow the BlackWidow Ultimate to pass muster at the office. **TIRED** *Tron* fans will dig the baby-blue glow of the stylized lettering on the keys, but the goofy Razer logo beneath the space bar kills retro vibe. Clicky keys mean no stealth gaming. **\$130**

4. Logitech Wireless Gaming Mouse G700

WIRED Thirteen programmable controls on this comfortable pointer map complicated in-game macros to thumb- and forefinger-friendly positions. You won't be lying anymore when you say you saved your entire *World of Warcraft* raid party single-handedly. **TIRED** Matte-black finish is uncharacteristically sober for gaming gear. If your mouse isn't glowing like a lowrider, how will people at the LAN party know just how I33t you are? **\$100**

5. Psyko 5.1 PC Gaming Headset

WIRED Hear that? If you're rocking these babies you did. Front and rear speakers mounted along the top of the headset spew high-quality directional audio, i.e., the sensation of bullets whizzing past your skull without the arrests or fatal wounds. What digital processing? Genuine 5.1 sound offers pure separation. **TIRED** With all those speakers, this thing looks bulky enough to belong in a cockpit. Topside speakers make enough racket to wake the kids. **\$299**