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One Laptop Per Child

Those who told Nicholas Negroponte that his plan to create a \$100 computer was crazy will soon have to eat their words.



The former head of MIT's Media Lab for 20 years, Negroponte's goal was to manufacture a computer that poor children all

over the world could afford and use. Now, the first 5,000 have been shipped.

The project's origins go back more than four decades to the early days of computing,

when most machines were still the size of small dinosaurs, and almost no one dreamed they would ever be suitable for children. But pioneering thinkers like Seymour Papert disagreed sharply and, over time, led the long march from radical theory to reality proving the immense power of the personal computer as a learning tool for children.

Negroponte's One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) program (www.laptopgiving.org) is a partnership with Quanta Computer in Taiwan. Their new XO unit comes with a fist-sized generator. A user pulls a cord to make juice, like starting an old lawnmower. The XO comes with

They laughed when he said he was going to build the "\$100 Laptop," but their laughter is now turning into Amazement...

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Ginn Resorts Chooses Control 4

Ginn Resorts is one of largest developers and real estate management firms in the Southeast, with more than 40,000 acres of land currently under development. It's a major player in the luxury MDU market, with developments aimed at both owners and short-term renters.

Creating a Standard Package

A big priority for Ginn Resorts was to create a control system that can easily be standardized for serving all its units and their unique occupants. "If you don't standardize, it's hard to support it from a hospitality rental standpoint," Pinkham says. "We rent these units out like you would a hotel room. It gives you the synergy where that one remote works in any one of those bedrooms. You need consistency across all units and also across all properties."

In a way, that standardization makes control system installations easier on the installers, West says. "It's much simpler than a traditional one-off home automation environment because the vast majority of it is standardized. They get in, they do what they need to do and they get out.

Basically, he says that for such a wide spectrum of end-users, many of whom are short-term renters, there is too much of a learning curve with the other remotes. He explains that whenever users get confused they can hit one button on the Control4 system that takes them back to a very simple menu.

Ginn Resorts tested 25 different remote controls before it settled on Control4 as a solution provider for its property unit occupants, according to Pinkham. "You name it, we tested it."

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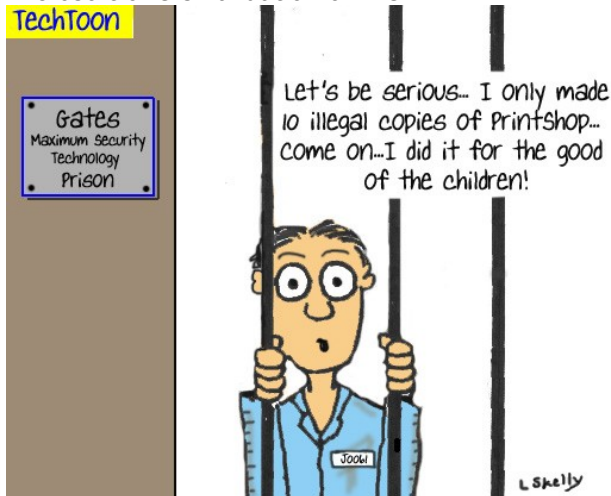
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"It tells you everything you need to know," Pinkham says. "If you get lost, you hit the big center 'Red Control4' button again. It walks the guest through and the guest doesn't have to know anything about technology. Press the button and a nice menu of services comes up."

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Another benefit of Control4, which is known for offering an affordable home automation system, is its ease of installation, Pinkham says. You won't have to tear down your

walls to get the cabling in place to support this system. It is completely wireless. Easy to use, easy to install, easy to program.

We believe that Control 4 is a great product. We are using it; Ginn Resorts are using it; why don't you give it a shot? Still hesitant? Come in to our showroom and give it a try. We will show you how to use it then let you take the reins and try it out for yourself.

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color and texture are genuine and natural features of leather. High quality leather furniture usually has smaller pieces on the back and under the arms to fully utilize the hides. Ask for close up pictures if you want to see the detail better and if your furniture will float in the room, ask to see a picture of the back view as well.

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Finally, Design Your Home

Visit www.randrcontract.com and click on Home Theater. Enter the dimensions of your room, pick your furniture, then choose the color and see the whole layout *before* you start moving your whole home around.



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tiny stereo speakers and three USB slots. A few bars of a U2 song play as the machine starts up.

It can be used as a laptop or, with the screen twisted around, as a book-like tablet. It can be read like paper or be illuminated completely from within. If plans continue as slated, 50 million XO's will ship by the end of 2008. The

price for the first units will be closer to \$150, but will drop to \$100 by the end of 2008. Orders have been placed for kids in Libya, Palestinians on the West Bank, Argentina, Brazil, Nigeria, and Thailand.

Would you like to help? Go to www.laptopgiving.org and donate now. \$200 will pay for 1 laptop to be delivered to a child and is tax deductible.



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Historical Facts...

- Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
- All the dirt from the foundation to build the World Trade Center in NYC was dumped into the Hudson River to form the community now known as Battery City Park.
- Alexander the Great was an epileptic.
- Napoleon constructed his battle plans in a sandbox.
- Time magazine's "Man of the Year" for 1938 was Adolf Hitler.
- New Zealand was the first place in the world to allow women to vote. The state of South Australia was next, in 1894, and it was also the first place to allow women to stand for parliament.
- Before 1863, postal service in the United States was free.

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