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Space-Age Phone Conferencing

The Polycom SoundStation2W can help eliminate tangled wiring from conference room phones. The W in the name stands for wireless. A base station connected to your phone line communicates wirelessly with Polycom's trademarked *Star Trek*-style speaker phone. A rechargeable lithium ion battery provides up to 12 hours of talk time or 80 hours of standby time. Its 64-bit encryption ensures that your calls remain private. For truly wireless conferencing, you can connect your cell phone to the SoundStation2W, but call quality will be limited by your cell phone's sound quality. Full duplexing works well—a must for teleconferencing.—*Craig Ellison*

\$699 list. Polycom Inc., www.polycom.com.



Central Wiring

The O'Sullivan Digital Satellite might be your answer if you'd like to connect all the wires on your desktop to one central place. This gadget mounts on your desktop through a 60-mm hole (which is standard on many computer desks, including most of those from O'Sullivan). Beneath your desk, you can connect to a network, power outlet, phone line, and USB Uplink port as needed. On the desktop, the Digital Satellite has connections for Ethernet, a phone, and two switched AC plugs, and it includes a four-port, powered USB 2.0 hub. The Digital Satellite is included with Apex and Maestro SmartDesks, or it can be purchased separately at OfficeMax.—*CE*

\$49.99 list. O'Sullivan Furniture, www.thedigitalsatellite.com.



TiVo for the Radio

The Griffin RadioShark puts a 21st-century spin on a 20th-century medium by letting you use a Windows or Macintosh PC to schedule radio recordings and time-shift live programs, pausing them and then fast-forwarding through commercials. Simply install the software and plug in the fin-shaped antenna; no power cord is needed. The RadioShark is sometimes less than shark-like in operation; we wish scrolling through saved programs were smoother and the cord were longer, because it can be hard to get good reception. But we love the freedom this device offers. We'll never again have to miss *A Prairie Home Companion*.—*Troy Dreier*

\$69.99 direct. Griffin Technology, www.griffintechology.com.



iGo Where You Go

The heaviest thing in your computer bag (besides the laptop) may be the rat's nest of transformers and cables, each unwilling to work with others. Enter the iGo EverywherePower3500, a 5-ounce universal transformer for accessories such as cell phones, PDAs, digital cameras, DV cameras, and so on. The EverywherePower3500 charges two devices at once so long as they don't draw more than 15 watts combined, which is not a problem for peripherals. It uses the same \$10 tips (sold separately) as the bulkier iGo Juice transformer that can simultaneously recharge a notebook and an accessory. The EverywherePower3500 works with wall outlets, car outlets, and aircraft power plugs.—*Bill Howard*

\$70 street. iGo, www.igo.com. ●●●●○