

# The Buzz



## Gear for Geeks

If you're a techie—and not too cool to wear it on your sleeve—then [pixelgirlshop.com](http://pixelgirlshop.com) is the place for you. Here you'll find this geek-chic vinyl handbag with six 3.5 inch 1.44 MB diskettes gracing each side. Total available memory: 17.28 MB. (Not our corny joke, but the site's.) Measuring 7.4" x 10.6" x 4.5", the bag, which costs \$60, features a zippered change pocket inside, along with two elastic pockets to stash the rest of your stuff. For you guys, there's a tie tack fashioned from a micro-controller (\$35). Complete the look with a pair of matching cuff links (\$45).

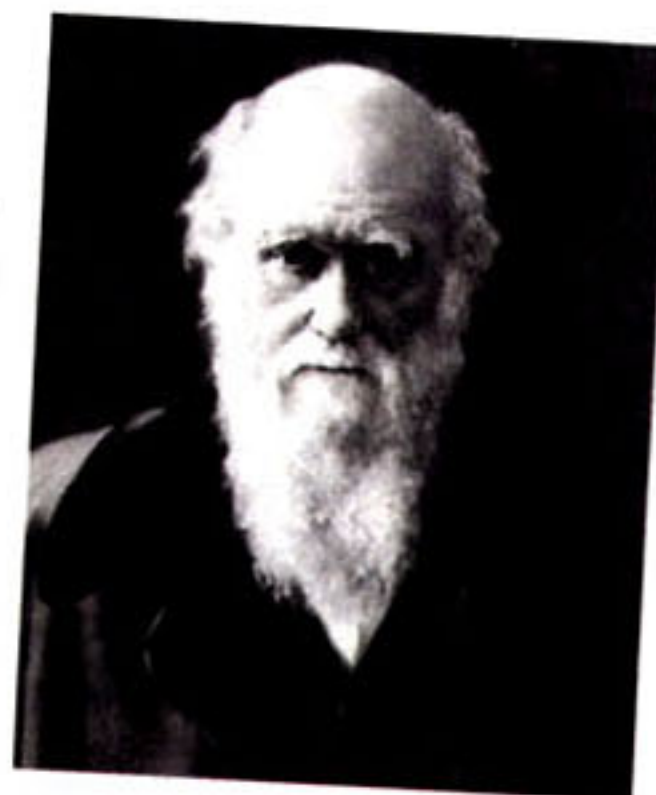
## Come Draw with Me

After the release of Skype 3.0 Beta for Windows, the latest version of the software that enables phone communication over the Internet, the Skype blog has announced another nifty feature: whiteboarding. With this function, Skype 3.0 users can share a "canvas" with a friend, which they can both draw on. For more on Skype 3.0, which enables multi-user public chats and one-click calling to ordinary phone numbers, visit [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com).



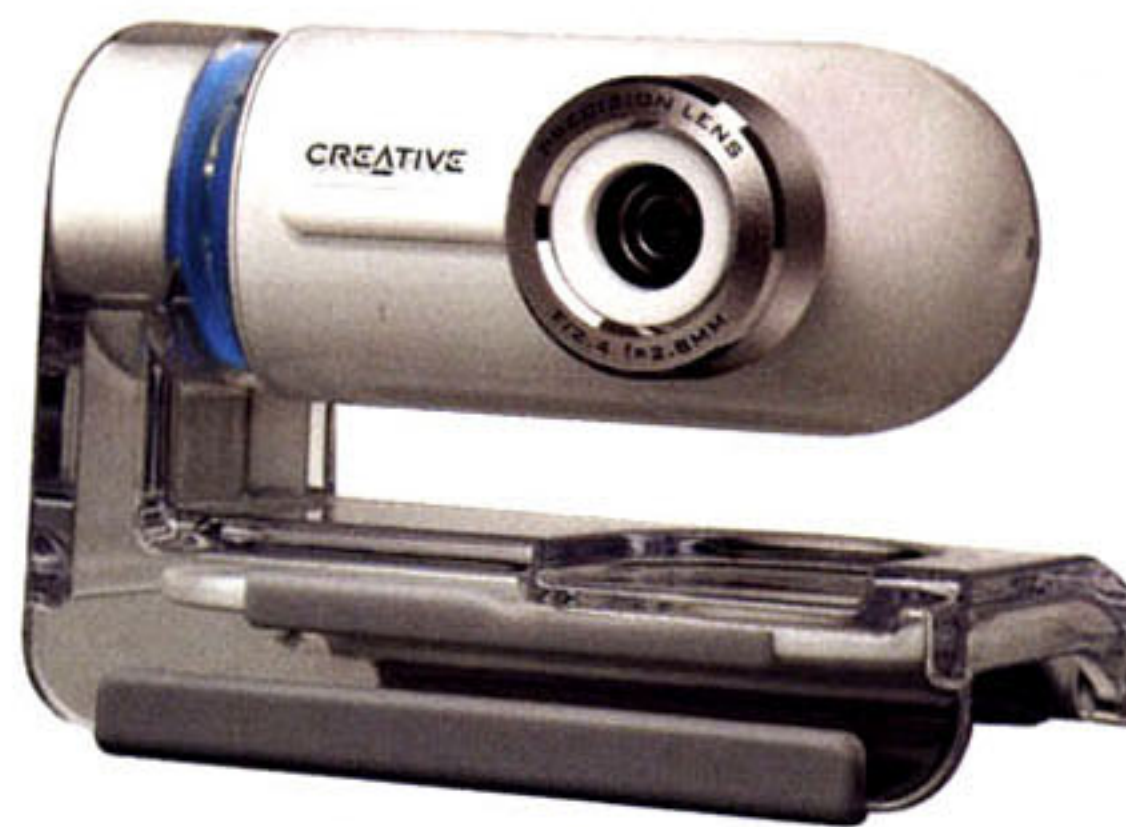
## Darwin Via the Tubes

A project sponsored by the University of Cambridge, **The Complete Work of Charles Darwin Online** offers more than 50,000 pages of searchable text and 40,000 images, many items being reproduced for the first time. Organizers say there is much to add to the collection before 2009, the bicentennial of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his *Origin of Species*. [Darwin-online.org/uk](http://Darwin-online.org/uk).



## Calm Yourself

Stress relief? We're all for it. **EmWave**, a small device from HeartMath, is designed to help users maintain personal calm. Based on the principle of biofeedback, the gadget monitors the intervals between your heartbeats. With stress, this pattern becomes irregular, which can affect our health. So how does EmWave work? Using the included ear or thumb sensor, you first measure your heart rhythm. Then an LED strip will guide you through a breathing pattern, going from red to blue, and finally to green, indicating the most relaxed state. Ahhhhh, that's better. \$179. [www.emwave.com](http://www.emwave.com).



## Plug-and-Play Webcam

The 1.3-megapixel Live! Cam Optia from Creative eliminates the need for a driver. Just fit the Webcam into the USB port of your PC and you're ready to chat away on your computer. The slick little all-white device features Smart Face Tracking, to make sure you stay in the picture, and multi-axis swivel, allowing almost any viewing angle up to 270 degrees. Spice up your chats with fun video effects and special backgrounds. When you need privacy, no need to unplug Live! Cam, simply turn the camera downward to deactivate it. \$80. [www.creative.com](http://www.creative.com).