



Drones create a big buzz at CES 2015, but this one's a tiny one

According to Hubsan, **this is the world's smallest quadcopter**. The Nano is so small it fits entirely on a standard business card. The new drones at CES are controlled with your smartphone and can "avoid obstacles, hold its position and know exactly where it is in conjunction with your smart device." Drones or unmanned systems were so plentiful at CES 2015 that they got their own section at the show.



Smart belt loosens buckle when you've eaten too much

It's common to loosen your belt buckle a little after a big meal. But a new product called the Belty takes that task out of your hands. This **smart belt automatically adjusts itself throughout the day, depending on how much you've eaten and how much exercise you've done** to compensate. It also keeps track of your overall health, and nudges you when you've been sitting for too long. French startup Emiota unveiled the smart fitness belt on Sunday at CES.



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Chevrolet developing system that predicts car problems and notifies drivers

The car manufacturer is developing technology for release in 2016 that can notify drivers when car parts need attention, it announced on Sunday as part of CES 2015. What's more, Chevy claims the notifications will arrive, in many cases, before the vehicle's performance is affected.

The technology monitors the battery, starter motor and fuel pump. Sensors in the car then send data to OnStar's servers, and algorithms calculate whether everything is running properly. **If the system detects that something could interfere with the vehicle's performance, the customer is notified through email, text, in-vehicle alerts or via an app.**

Chevy's technology is implementing what seems to be cloud-based computing into driving, as the vehicle's sensors are constantly communicating with remote servers.

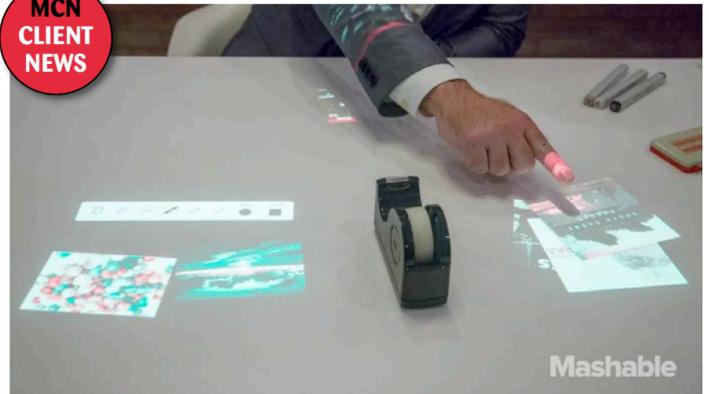
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Sony SmartHome Lamp is a hi-def audio speaker

At first glance, it looks like any light you'd find in a hipster Williamsburg loft, with an LED bulb surrounded by clear glass. But the glass is actually a speaker that can emanate high-frequency sound in all directions. The Symphonic Light **streams music from a smartphone or other device, and multiple lights can work together to fill a room with sound**. At the CES 2015 demo, the sound was predictably outstanding, filling a room the size of studio apartment very well with very crisp sound.

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Is Sony going to get rid of your desktop monitor?

At CES 2015, Sony showed a desk projector — **a device that, when placed over a tabletop, can turn it into an interactive surface**. Touching the projected image of an album cover cues up that artist's music, for example.

This makes the desktop work like a monitor, and Sony will keep us informed when this will be available for release and what platform the OS will run on.



Parrot Pot will water your plants for you

This Bluetooth device can tell when your plant is thirsty and then water it for you. Standing roughly a foot tall and introduced at CES 2015, the tall white pot has built-in sensors that can read the level of fertilization, temperature and level of moisture in the soil and notify you when the plan needs water. **If Pot detects that the plant is thirsty and you have the app set to automatic, it can water the plant itself via an array of nozzles built along the top edge. The app also allows you to water a plant whenever you want by tapping a button.**



Smart bed for kids knows when they're awake, keeps monsters away

A new smart bed knows when your kids are sleeping and when they're awake. This was demo'd at CES 2015.

This may sound like a helicopter parent's dream, but it's not as creepy as it seems: **The bed monitors their snoozing cycles and determines if diet, stress and other daily activities are impacting the quality of their sleep.**



Samsung's Curved Monitor: Total immersion while you work

The Samsung SE790C Curved Monitor has a 21:9 ultra-wide aspect ratio, which makes it almost as wide as two old-school 4:3 monitors side by side. The company is launching a **34-inch curved monitor at CES 2015 with a screen so wide you'll feel fully immersed whenever you're in front of it**. It really feels like you have two monitors when you're looking at it.