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# TECHMINUTES

## End a meeting like a boss.

Sometimes a meeting is just flat-out pointless. Or, maybe it wasn't exactly pointless but it ended so poorly that your employees are still sitting at the conference table five minutes after its conclusion because they didn't realize it was over. If you feel like your meetings accomplish very little and you constantly find yourself repeating covered topics to employees at a later date, it's probably time to change it up a bit.

### **Dragging things out is as boring as plain, non-fat Greek yogurt.**

If you have nothing left to cover, then you have nothing left to cover. This doesn't mean to desperately scavenge your brain for another topic. Just because your meeting was scheduled to be an hour long doesn't necessarily mean it has to be an hour long.

### **Stop awkwardly lingering on one person.**

If it's an individual thing, then leave it that way. Areas of concern that deal with strictly one or two people don't need to be discussed during a meeting. No one wants to sit there and listen to nothing that has to do with them or their work day. Sure, bring it up but only to let those individuals know you need to speak with them later.



### **We like it when it's wrapped in pretty paper.**

If you just ended a meeting and didn't bring everything full circle for everybody, then you need to get your butt back in the conference room. It's important to outline the main points that were discussed during the meeting. Then, you must create a bigger picture for them—something that motivates them into action.

### **Stop hogging all the attention.**

Somewhere near the end of it all, let the others speak, please. Open up the table for new ideas or helpful comments. Group think is a motivating force. It'll instigate action.

### **Let's be nice, shall we?**

Positivity is a great thing. It makes people not want to quit. Whether you touch on the quarter's great sales numbers, a completed project or an individual who deserves recognition, make sure you steer clear of negativity and away from the empty, "Alright team. Let's go get 'em." Those are sure-fire ways to make your team either hate you or hate their job.

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## It's about time Nintendo.



Nerds are rejoicing, gamers are bowing down and 30 year old men are crying tears of joy. Nintendo has officially announced their partnership with DeNA. This means, drumroll please.... Nintendo for your phone.

For those of you unfamiliar with DeNA, the company is a seasoned mobile game designer. From arcade games, to cupcake makers, to battle quests, DeNA makes the majority of their money through in-app purchases and tends to focus on virtual worlds. The partnership is exciting to many because Nintendo has—up until this point—avoided the mobile sector of video gaming possibly for fears of tarnishing their gaming legacy.

Everything is in production at this point. No information has been released as far as what games will be created or which characters will be incorporated. However, most are considering it safe to assume that there will be some degree of incorporation with their most popular characters such as Mario Brothers and Pokémon.

Fingers crossed.

## Triby: Reinventing the family landline

It isn't a secret that the landline is kind of a thing of the past. Most families simply don't use a home phone anymore. We all use our smartphones now. It's cheaper and more flexible and just... better. This summer, though, French company Invoxia will be bringing us **Triby**—a modern way of communicating with the family and an extremely inventive twist on the common home phone.



Invoxia has been heavily involved with VoIP in the business sector—a true advocator of modernizing business communication. It's only recently that Invoxia has been delving into the concept of refreshing the home and Tribby is their first legitimate push.

Triby was intended to be used in the kitchen because Invoxia considers the food source to be the family hotspot—which is probably true. We flock to sustenance and carbohydrates. Tribby is designed to be used as a magnet for your fridge that can connect to your smartphone through Bluetooth and a partner app.

You'll be able to make and receive calls with a simple touch of a button—a child letting his mom know he just got home or a husband telling his wife he'll be a little late for dinner. Text messages can also be sent and received through Tribby. With the inclusion of a clever little app on your smartphone, all you need to do is write your message on your touchscreen phone and it'll be sent on over to Tribby—or, vice versa.

Bringing back memories of when landlines were prominent and family time in the kitchen was a daily activity, Invoxia decided to include streaming capabilities onto Tribby. Stream music from your phone or even listen to some built-in FM radio.

Triby will be available hopefully around summertime of this year and will start at \$199.

## Cloud Benefits within the Small Business



Interested in discovering more about the world of the Cloud? The wonderful additions a Cloud Platform could bring to your business are infinite. With the popularity of Cloud Computing on the rise and no decline to be seen in its near future, new applications and programs utilized within the platform are constantly presenting themselves. If you'd like to uncover interesting ways your business could benefit from the Cloud, join IT Management Solutions on April 22nd from 10AM – 1030AM EDT for an exclusive webinar. [Register](#) today and soon enough we'll present you with some resourceful tips on reaping the benefits of the Cloud.

## Does anybody have the time? Wrist-time, duh.

So, what will happen if the public begins shifting towards wearable phones? Is a phone on your wrist too 'internet of things-ish'? Is it simply too much? There'll be no more throwing your phone in your bag or delicately setting your phone on the nightstand before bed. Let's now take the time to literally detach the thing from our bodies... As if it wasn't bad enough before.

Remember when you fell asleep cradling your phone that one time because you didn't want to miss an important notification? Well, now it's on your wrist. Good for you.

Remember all those times you cupped your butt cheek because you thought you felt your phone vibrate in your back pocket? Now you can't miss it. Bravo.

The public is being told that a phone on the wrist will lead to an eventual better way of doing things, a quicker and more effortless form of communication, and a method of freeing up the little free time that we have. However, this may not all be true.

While, yes, the integration is undoubtedly there, the free time will now be 'wrist time.' Our days will be spent endlessly staring at our wrist and focus will be basically impossible. A notification that was once calling out from within the depths of your bag—Retrieve me! Retrieve me!—is now within inches of your eyeballs—Look at me now, you fool. The temptation to look was always there but now the ease of doing so has amplified.

## Why, hello there Spartan.

There isn't much on it yet except that Internet Explorer is officially being replaced. It's not so much dead as it is done. It will still be available; however, Microsoft's new and enhanced web browser by the name of Spartan should be included within Windows 10 by next year.

This shouldn't come as a big shocker or make for a very sad departure. It's been a long time coming. Internet Explorer simply failed to keep up with the changing of times. With mobile browsing as prevalent as it is, more suitable browsing options such as Chrome, Safari and Firefox have taken over the majority of screens. As far as desktops are concerned, Explorer as even slumped in that category which is kind of depressing considering in the 90's they were a force to be reckoned with.

Microsoft has released little tidbits here and there regarding Spartan features. They're obviously pulling for a huge push in mobile browsing and are gearing towards a simpler layout. Claiming to be centering most of their efforts on privacy and device transitioning, Microsoft is aiming for a more natural and aesthetically pleasing user experience to combat that of Chrome and Firefox.

