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BITCOIN

BITCOIN is a form of virtual currency, described by Bill Gates as a 'techno tour de force'. No single institution controls it, instead Bitcoins exist in an electronic wallet with a unique address to digitally log transactions. A single Bitcoin is currently valued at £258, well below the £790 it reached in 2013. While many consider it Monopoly money for nerds and its anonymous nature a gateway to cybercrime, Bitcoin is becoming more accepted. You can even use it to bag a seat to space with Virgin Galactic.



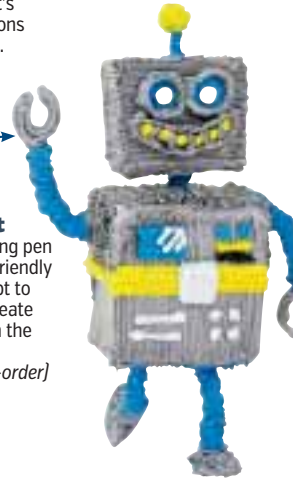
Drop Connected kitchen scale
Step away from the microwave. This smart scale and companion app provides recipes based on what's lurking in your cupboards, step-by-step instructions and even resized recipes if you're low on stock.
£59.99, amazon.co.uk

Polaroid ModelSmart 250S
Shake it like a Polaroid printer doesn't quite have the same ring but now that the brand is into 3D printing, it'll be bringing bespoke design (and whatever else your imagination conjures up) into your home.
£1,499.99 (available April), howpolaroidareyou.com



3Doodler Start

The world's first 3D printing pen has been given a kiddie-friendly makeover in an attempt to inspire tiny minds to create plastic masterpieces in the third dimension.
£49.99, firebox.com (pre-order)



Flasko

Don't be fooled by its flask-like guise, the only thing pouring out of this rugged and portable Bluetooth speaker will be the sound of sweet music, whether you're camping, hiking or taking a shower.
£49.99, stklife.com



GlocalMe G2

Locating reliable internet abroad can often feel a bit like trying to find Wally while wearing beer goggles. Impossible. Sound familiar? You need this hotspot device for reliable wi-fi of the 3G/4G variety.
£199, glocalme.com

The LUST List
New tech we want
compiled by LUCY HEDGES



Vax Steam Fresh Power Plus

Get a kick out of slipping on the Marigolds and making the house spick and span? You'll like this upright multifunction steam cleaner that's a dab hand at getting into corners.
£129.99, vax.co.uk



Bambooti

MacBook looking a little tired or unloved? Why not try a customised wooden exterior (choice of five grains) that can be stamped with your own logo or design.
From €50 (£39), bambooti.be



Urbanista Boston Night Runner

Cutting the cord for a wireless audio experience is great for sporty types, as is a pair of 'phones with comfortable silicon wings for a secure and snug fit and safety-conscious reflective cables.
€69.99 (£54), urbanista.com



Sony a6300

This camera boasts what Sony claims is the world's fastest auto-focus. Chuck in 4K video shooting, dual dials, a tilting LCD and some of Sony's best tech and you're faced with one impressive snapper.
From £999 (available March), jessops.com



OnePlus 2

With a slick build and spec list that rivals its far pricier rivals, this smartphone offers so much bang for your buck it sounds almost too good to be true.
£249, oneplus.net

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With Gmail auto-adding everyone to your address book, it's all too easy to get overzealous with that delete button when having a clear-out. If you happen to accidentally get rid of someone important, fear not, Google's Restore feature has your back. Open your contacts in your browser > click More in left-hand menu > choose Restore Contacts > click on the correct time frame that includes your deleted contact > hit Restore. Phew. Crisis averted.