

Following is a selection of articles published in major American magazines about Information Technologies (global, legislative and economic aspects). A link to the periodical is provided when it is available.

GLOBAL ISSUES

1. *Click the Vote*
Heather Green and Robert D. Hof
BUSINESS WEEK [<http://www.businessweek.com>], Mar. 29, 2004, pp. 102-106 (4 p.)

With the Internet in its third electoral cycle, networked campaigns have become more powerful than ever.

2. *The Intelligent Internet*
William E. Halal
THE FUTURIST [<http://www.wfs.org/futurist.htm>], Mar.-Apr. 2004, pp. 27-32 (6 p.)

Information and communication technologies are rapidly converging to create machines that understand us, do what we tell them to, and even anticipate our needs.

3. *Cosmopedia: Tomorrow's World of Learning*
Parker Rossman
THE FUTURIST [<http://www.wfs.org/futurist.htm>], May-June 2004, pp. 26-30 (5 p.)

Libraries, universities, and encyclopedias have long tried to collect and organize all human knowledge. This ancient dream is finally becoming a reality. But what's yet to come may be more exciting still.

LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS

4. *Recording Industry Asks Congress' Help in Growing Battle Against File Sharing*
Amol Sharma
CQ WEEKLY, Apr. 3, 2004, pp. 813-814 (2 p.)

After driving Napster out of business with lawsuits, the recording industry is increasingly shifting its focus toward prosecuting individuals, and it is looking to Congress to aid that effort.

5. *Senate Passes Four-Year Ban on Internet Access Taxes*
Martin Kady II
CQ WEEKLY, May 1, 2004, pp. 1021-1023 (3 p.)

The issues surrounding state and local taxation of Internet access are complex and eye-glazing, but when it came to a final vote in the Senate on extending a moratorium on such taxes a majority of senators found a way to simplify the question and vote “yes.”

6. *Off-Limits*
Neil Munro
NATIONAL JOURNAL [<http://nationaljournal.com>], May 8, 2004, pp. 1411-1416 (6 p.)

How far should the government go in protecting the copyrights of movies, books, and songs, the trademarks and databases of corporations, and the patents of inventors?

7. *Tossing Out the Script on “Spyware”*
Bara Vaida
NATIONAL JOURNAL [<http://nationaljournal.com>], May 8, 2004, pp. 1426-1427 (2 p.)

Tech giants are nervous that anti-spyware proposals could morph into broader privacy-protection bills.

ECONOMIC ASPECTS

8. *For Democrats Blasting Bush on Jobs, Outsourcing is In*
Stephen J. Norton
CQ WEEKLY, Mar. 13, 2004, pp. 620-625 (6 p.)

Companies find they can save money and be more efficient by sending service jobs – from software writing to X-ray reading – to overseas contractors. That has added an emotional overtone to the political debate in an election year when job growth is stagnant.

9. *Microsoft’s Midlife Crisis*
Jay Greene
BUSINESS WEEK [<http://www.businessweek.com>], Apr. 19, 2004, pp. 88-98 (9 p.)

Threats abound for the software giant: Linux. European trustbusters. Key product delays. Can Gates & Co. restore growth?

10. *No Wires, No Rules*
Heather Green
BUSINESS WEEK [<http://www.businessweek.com>], Apr. 26, 2004, pp. 95-102 (6 p.)

New wireless technologies will soon reconfigure the Web using radio spectrum that doesn’t cost a dime.

11. *Diller.com*
Bethany McLean
FORTUNE [<http://www.fortune.com>], May 3, 2004, pp. 87-100 (10p.)

With more than \$8 billion worth of deals in 18 months, is Barry Diller’s Internet company the real thing or just another house of cards?

12. *Going After Google*
Ben Elgin
BUSINESS WEEK [<http://www.businessweek.com>], May 3, 2004, pp. 82-90 (7 p.)

The company's days as unchallenged king of Internet search are over. As Microsoft and Yahoo! close in, the world's hottest tech company will struggle to keep its edge.

13. *E-biz Strikes Again!*
Timothy J. Mullaney
BUSINESS WEEK [<http://www.businessweek.com>], May 10, 2004, pp. 80-90 (8 p.)

The Internet has already rewritten the rules for selling books, music, and travel. Which industries are next? Here are six.

14. *Gunning for Linux*
Roger Parloff
FORTUNE [<http://www.fortune.com>], May 17, 2004, pp. 88-102 (8 p.)

The free operating system – backed by IBM, HP, and others – is breaking Microsoft's monopoly. But a lawsuit by SCO, which claims to own Unix parts of the code, could wreck the party.

15. *Verizon Bets Big on Cable*
Julie Creswell
FORTUNE [<http://www.fortune.com>], May 31, 2004, pp. 120-126 (6 p.)

Ivan Seidenberg, CEO of Verizon, vows to overpower the cable guys by plowing billions into a 90s-style broadband buildout. But will he really? Or is the most powerful man in telecom pulling a megabluff?

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<http://www.amb-usa.fr/irc/technology/techno.htm>