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Mini Desktop Aquarium

www.thinkgeek.com

Yes, summer has finally arrived and it's time for you to hit the Caribbean and go snorkeling with all sorts of exotic creatures of the sea. You know, swimming with the dolphins and all that wonderful stuff.

What?

Your family can't afford a fantasy vacation? You live in the projects and are nowhere near the ocean?

Guess it's time to start actin' like

you're feeling that ocean breeze with this USB (or battery) powered mini aquarium. Just add water and watch as the built-in motor makes the fake fishies swim around. For an added deep-sea feel, switch on the blue light. For only \$20 it's like having the entire US Virgin Isle right on your desktop. Well, sort of... not really. But it's still neat!



USB Optical Liquid Mouse

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Continue fakin' summer by adding these cute little items to your computer. Each of these 2-button, scroll wheel-equipped optical mice comes with a friend built into it, floating around in water. Choose between rubber duckies, fish (to match your Desktop Aquarium) or Santa Claus (because even Saint Nick enjoys his summers off). Your current mouse is dull and boring, and at prices ranging from \$14 to \$20, these are truly inexpensive replacements. Think of them as the modern equivalent of '70s fish tank platform shoes.

BRING THE BEACH TO YOUR DESKTOP

Raze's Hell

www.razeshell.com

Tired of all things cute? Well this third-person shooter, which follows the story of Raze, a beastly fellow hell-bent on wiping out the evil queen of the Kewletts, is the perfect game for you. While Raze may look like an evil, demonic sort of character, never judge a book by its cover. It turns out that the Kewletts – a race of cute and cuddly critters – wish to spread their rainbow-colored and flowery vision of Kewtopia by any means necessary. Raze barely escapes the genocide of his people and makes it his personal duty to put an end to the nauseatingly cute and racist (against all things "ugly") Kewletts, using very heavy artillery. Full of great laughs, online play and available exclusively on the X-Box at the budget price of \$20, this game is perfect for anyone who's ever torn the fluff out of their once lovable Care Bear dolls. Psychos.



BUCKIN' 'EM DOWN



Lazer Tag

www.lazertag.com

Lazer Tag existed on the consumer level back in the day. Back then kids had things such as *Photon* and *Captain Power* to inadequately blast at each other, with often pathetic results. In 20 years, these laser-based games have come a long way. This summer, pick up a few Lazer Tag sets and accessories and create your own epic Lazer War amongst your dearest of friends. Accessories include Taggers (the laser gun) with audio/visual HUDs (that you wear like high-tech shades) to

display when you've looked onto a target, along with real-time statistics; headsets to communicate with teammates; Virtual Scopes to enhance the accuracy of your Tagger; and Thunder Packs that add rumble feedback when you're tagged. Grassroots leagues are actually popping up across the country and this very set tends to be the tool of choice. So remember: Tag... you're it.

SUMMER SUPER SOAKER GIVE-AWAY

It's time to get your friends soaked courtesy of Hasbro and Black Beat. We're giving away five Flash Flood Super Soakers for all your wet 'n wild needs this summer. The rules are simple: the first five readers to reply to the address listed below will get their very own Flash Flood Super Soaker!

Reply to:
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 Good luck!

