
Subject: 50 Things being killed by the internet
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 12:50:06 GMT
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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/6133903/50-things-that-are-being-killed-by-the-internet.html>

Which ones do you agree or disagree on? And what do you think should be added to the list?

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Posted by [Wiener](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 05:13:41 GMT
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2 things i havent done since i'm daily online

3) Listening to an album all the way through

The single is one of the unlikely beneficiaries of the internet – a development which can be looked at in two ways. There's no longer any need to endure eight tracks of filler for a couple of decent tunes, but will "album albums" like Radiohead's Amnesiac get the widespread hearing they deserve?

14) Dead time

When was the last time you spent an hour mulling the world out a window, or rereading a favourite book? The internet's draw on our attention is relentless and increasingly difficult to resist.

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The ones I agree with the most:

Quote:1) The art of polite disagreement

While the inane spats of YouTube commencers may not be representative, the internet has certainly sharpened the tone of debate. The most raucous sections of the blogworld seem incapable of accepting sincerely held differences of opinion; all opponents must have "agendas".

9) The myth of cat intelligence

The proudest household pets are now the illiterate butts of caption-based jokes. Icanhasreputashunback?

13) Memory

When almost any fact, no matter how obscure, can be dug up within seconds through Google and Wikipedia, there is less value attached to the "mere" storage and retrieval of knowledge. What becomes important is how you use it – the internet age rewards creativity.

21) Delayed knowledge of sporting results

When was the last time you bought a newspaper to find out who won the match, rather than for comment and analysis? There's no need to fall silent for James Alexander Gordon on the way home from the game when everyone in the car has an iPhone.

28) Respect for doctors and other professionals

The proliferation of health websites has undermined the status of GPs, whose diagnoses are now challenged by patients armed with printouts.

32) Chuck Norris's reputation

The absurdly heroic boasts on Chuck Norris Facts may be affectionate, but will anyone take him seriously again?

42) The nervous thrill of the reunion

You've spent the past five years tracking their weight-gain on Facebook, so meeting up with your first love doesn't pack the emotional punch it once did.

One I don't necessarily agree with:

Quote:16) Hoaxes and conspiracy theories

The internet is often dismissed as awash with cranks, but it has proved far more potent at debunking conspiracy theories than perpetuating them. The excellent Snopes.com continues to deliver the final, sober, word on urban legends.

True, but the internet has given people a place to spread all the crazy theories without fear of personal ridicule; examples, 9-11 and the Lunar Landing.

Subject: Re: 50 Things being killed by the internet

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 13:47:05 GMT

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I spend plenty of time here, and yet I barely agree with any of those. (And in my mind, doctors lost their reputation a decade ago when they fucked by brother over, so meh)

Subject: Re: 50 Things being killed by the internet

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 14:55:30 GMT

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The one about remembering phone numbers by heart has nothing to do with the internet.

You can have a cellphone that does this without having an internet connection.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 16:03:49 GMT

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Well, don't forget it refers to the populace in general, and I see a lot of these traits in people nowadays.

R315r4z0r wrote on Wed, 21 October 2009 09:55The one about remembering phone numbers by heart has nothing to do with the internet.

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Yeah, some of them don't even seem to relate to the internet at all.

But I do agree that many people don't bother with memorizing numbers when all you have to do is add it to a virtual phone book.

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Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 16:06:55 GMT

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I have some numbers memorized, but I'm a youth leader, I volunteer with a large charity, and have a fair sized group of friends. Memorizing all of those would be a challenge, and I'm good at memorizing numbers.
