



THE STREAM TONE: THE FUTURE OF PERSONAL COMPUTING?

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Have you ever looked at your latest personal computing device and wondered what comes next?

Imagine a world where your next personal computing device is the last one that you would ever need to buy. Where you would never need to worry about operating systems, software patches, or viruses. Where you always had enough processing power, memory, storage, and top-of-the-line graphics. Where you could access all of the very best software applications, regardless of their platform. Where you had a constant connection to all your favourite digital services, and your battery lasted for days, perhaps even weeks, of full-on use. Sounds good, doesn't it? Well, this is the world of the Stream Tone. A world that does not exist in some far off future; this could be, figuratively speaking, our world a mere five minutes from now. All that is needed to make it a reality is the creative convergence of certain technologies that are already available and in use today.

Personal computing is changing from an old world of local services provided by local devices to a new world of remote Web-based services provided by cloud computing-based data centres. *The STREAM TONE: The Future of Personal Computing?* explores, in some detail, what might be required to make a comprehensive move to this exciting new world, and the many benefits that move could bring. This book not only attempts to make a thorough evaluation of the technology ecosystem that will be required to realise this future but also considers many of the implications of such a move. Along the way, it also discusses hundreds of currently-available technologies and how they could be used to help build this future.

This book has an easy-going style that does not assume that the reader is some sort of egg head or rocket scientist. It should, therefore, be suitable for almost anyone that has an interest in what might come next in the world of personal computing. Most of the subject matter is explained in enough detail that even a technical novice should be able to understand what is being discussed.

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