

## HARDWARE

### A Look At Four Cool Products

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**STAYING COOL** Even though there have been efforts in recent years to make PCs more power efficient and to generate less heat, the latest high-end systems draw more power and generate more heat than ever before. Plain old heat sinks, with or without cooling fans, are sufficient in most cases. But when more is needed, the FreeZone CPU Cooler from CoolIT Systems, Calgary, Alberta, uses fluid heat exchangers, thermoelectric coolers and a heat sink to keep CPUs cool. The CPU cooler installs easily in most PCs without modification and does not take up a drive bay or [PCI](#) slot. The chiller/pump module can be mounted in place of the case fan and plugs into the PC's internal power supply. The fluid heat exchanger mounts on top of the CPU. The maintenance-free device enables extreme [CPU](#) performance while reducing fan noise. MSRP: \$399

#### [FreeZone CPU Cooler from CoolIT Systems](#)

**CARD COLLECTING** Most business people are too busy—or too lazy—to organize collected business cards, let alone store all the info in some kind of manageable database. Those suffering that condition can get fast relief with CardScan Executive Version 8 from CardScan, Cambridge, Mass. The desktop [USB](#) card [scanner](#) comes with automatic contact management software combo and can synchronize with Outlook, PDAs, smart phones, ACT, [Lotus Notes](#) and GoldMine. The bundled software starts automatically when a business card is scanned. Color scans take only three seconds, and the contact info is stored in a digital address book. Other contacts can be dragged and dropped into the [database](#) from [e-mail](#) and Web sites. Stored contacts can be exported to iPods and Dymo LabelWriters and mapped using MapQuest.com, [Google](#) Maps, Ask.com maps, Expedia.com and MultiMap.com. A Duplicates Wizard helps eliminate redundant records. The Executive version, with [software](#) licensed for one user, costs \$260; a two-user version is expandable for more users and can share contact files across a network. MSRP: \$400

#### [CardScan Executive Version 8 from CardScan](#)

**PUBLIC SAFETY** Many businesses offer visitors wireless Internet access; it's almost expected these days. And as long as the business already has Internet access, it doesn't cost anything—that is, unless one of those visitors happens to be a hacker. GuestGate from INTELLINET NETWORK SOLUTIONS, lets businesses offer guests Internet access without compromising network security or the privacy of other guests. Out of the box, the device secures network data using Host Network Protection technology and also restricts connections between guest computers via Layer 3 client isolation. Guest computers can connect to GuestGate by a direct connection to one of its ports, to a LAN switch that's connected to one of its ports or to a wireless [access point](#) that's connected to one of its ports. The device automatically adjusts to the Internet settings of a guest's computer so no one has to make any adjustments to any of the visitors' computers. The device also offers bandwidth control and

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