
Subject: Random idea?

Posted by [Viking](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 19:58:49 GMT

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I was thinking about computer mice, and what if they had magnets on the bottom and then the mouse pad had magnets on it so that the mouse would hover?

I dunno.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 19:59:59 GMT

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Why?

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Viking](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 20:00:47 GMT

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Well cus they always put those non-stick pads on the bottom to make it slide real smooth.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 22:24:39 GMT

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Or better yet, how about a mod for renegade that's all about roof gnomes.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Zion](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 22:41:35 GMT

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bisen11 wrote on Sat, 29 December 2007 22:24Or better yet, how about a mod for renegade that's all about roof gnomes.

Win.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 00:22:22 GMT

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I see where he's coming from, due to the way this machine is set up, I can't have a mousepad, and so my mouse has to go over the desk, the pads that make it slide get dirty such that they stop working at least once a week. A levitating mouse would solve that, it would also increase the amount of power required, either by the mouse or the mousepad, as USB doesn't support anything over 5A, I'd suppose you'd have to use a powered mousepad.

It's also far too expensive.

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 00:37:39 GMT
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Computers and magnets don't get along.

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [Dreganius](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 01:39:55 GMT
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What about a rocket powered mouse that burns your wrist every time you use it? We'd have less idiots on computers then, all of them would have charred wrists.

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 02:00:34 GMT
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Zion Fox wrote on Sat, 29 December 2007 16:41bisen11 wrote on Sat, 29 December 2007 22:24Or better yet, how about a mod for renegade that's all about roof gnomes.

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^^LOL. Hmhm, good idea, ima get started on it

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [Zion](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 02:58:12 GMT
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There comes a problem though.

You need to use force to move your mouse, and some of that is downward force. I don't know about you but I like to rest my paw on my mouse.

If you do this, it will defeat the magnets altogether unless you use magnets strong enough to repel each other with a paw resting on it.

Then, with that, as soon as you take your paw off, your mouse shoots into the ceiling...

And the best part is when your paws are sweaty from a heated battle and it slips out of your paw and hits you in your face at 50mph...

I think this is starting to become a bad idea... Why not just use a black cloth instead?

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 03:22:00 GMT

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It would be very hard to control. Ever try putting two like poles on a magnet together? They do their absolute best to avoid each other and move to the sides. It is like an invisible dome-shaped force field.

Controlling a mouse on a round surface would be hard, especially with 0% friction. The mouse would be sliding all over the place.

And once you let go of the mouse it would try its best to get to the opposite side of the other magnet. Meaning it would hover along side of the pad.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 03:37:19 GMT

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I BET MY MOLE GNOMES COULD BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOUR ROOF GNOMES.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 04:43:40 GMT

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Do you know what a magnet does to a hard drive? Imfao.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Zion](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 05:14:46 GMT

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Yes, however it will take quite a magnet to pass distance from your mouse, down your desk, through a case, through another, 4-5mm thick case, to get to platters which are only effected by magnets within a 1mm range to do ANY damage what-so-ever.

I think you're forgetting that a hard drive contains two kinds of magnets, the perminent kind, and the electryomagnetic kind... Both are some of the strongest in the world, so why are you pointing that out?

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 05:28:14 GMT
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Ethenal wrote on Sat, 29 December 2007 22:43Do you know what a magnet does to a hard drive? Imfao.

Fixes it. Try it, and see it work! Also, its makes your screen go on shrooms, great fun for the whole family!

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [Zion](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 05:33:04 GMT
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CRT only, after that it needs degaussing. Leave it there too long and the damage is irreversable...

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Posted by [Viking](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 09:32:33 GMT
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I fixed your post, no thanks necessary.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 13:25:35 GMT

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Anyone ever played air hockey?

A mouse and pad system based on that could be interesting.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 13:34:44 GMT

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Actually me and stealtheye did a little research into this for a school project last year.

The verdict was that it is possible but not just simply putting 2 magnets above each other (cause the free floating one eitehr flips or "slides off").

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 15:04:05 GMT

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Haha, Just thinking about all the iron in your blood blocking the blood passages in your hand and slowly developing gangrene, or liver failure made me laugh.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 15:34:48 GMT

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Obviously, if the mousemat was powered, it would have a sensor that detected how quickly the mouse was moving towards the pad (ie, pressure applied) and would adjust the strength of the magnets accordingly. That would solve the "mouse goes flying across the room problem".

I think a air-hockey style system may be more feasible, just noisy.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 17:58:10 GMT

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You can't control how strong a magnet is. It either attracts at one fixed strength, or it doesn't attract at all.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:09:06 GMT

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R315r4z0r wrote on Sun, 30 December 2007 11:58 You can't control how strong a magnet is. It either attracts at one fixed strength, or it doesn't attract at all.
Electromagnets.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 18:23:35 GMT

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Do you know how resilient modern day computer equipment is to magnets? I had no where to keep my LA Sub after I took it out of the box and so it just found its way to resting on my tower. It didn't do anything. Sure old timey computers used to be dead when a magnet was in the same building but not any more. Have you ever mounted two Hard Drives close together? Each contains terrificly powerful magnets. They don't do jack shit to each other.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 19:19:23 GMT

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You can't get gangreen from magnets. The iron in your body is such a low concentration and always bound in very very large molecules so large that the tiny pull on the iron atom won't move the molecule.

A human being can be attracted by a magnet though but thats due to the magnetic properties of water. You need one hella big one though (house size).

-Ghost-

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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 22:49:27 GMT

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Ghostshaw wrote on Sun, 30 December 2007 07:34: Actually me and stealtheye did a little research into this for a school project last year.

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-Ghost-

Put little walls on the sides of your mousepad, and then it wouldn't slip off...

Honestly, a hovering mouse would be too much money and too useless.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 04:28:50 GMT

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-Ghost-

But the time you use mouse compared to the iron in your blood would result in something, I'm not exactly sure what, But you'd probably feel a little dizzy after 2 hours or something.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 05:58:20 GMT

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So in conclusion, it's a dumb idea.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 09:18:24 GMT

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I don't have anywhere else to keep it except on my head board. The modern world is filled with magnetic fields and you don't see headlines like "Millions die in tragic guitar pickup accident" or "Death Toll unknown after recent CRT TV viewing"

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 13:38:42 GMT

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Well, it could well be a theory that hasn't been proven yet, But your blood does contain iron, and iron can be attracted by a magnet so yeah.

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 14:00:31 GMT

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Have you even read what I said? The iron in blood is part of a molecule called hemoglobin. The chemical formula for this molecule is:

C₇₃₈H₁₁₆₆N₈₁₂O₂₀₃S₂Fe

As you can see there is only one iron molecule. Now a little math learns us that this molecule has a total weight in u of: $738 * 12.01$ (1 C) + $1166 * 1.008$ (1 H) + $812 * 14.01$ (1 N) + $203 * 16.00$ (1 O) + $2 * 32.06$ (1 S) + 55.85 (1 Fe) = 24782.798u .

Compare that to the 55.85 for the iron in the molecule, its jsut not a significant part.

Anyway this is all besides the point. Iron is only influenced by magnetism when its in a so called metal roster. Iron in that form doesn't exist in your body.

-Ghost-

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Ryu just got chemistry pwnd!

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 14:33:10 GMT

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-Ghost-

Never thought I would have anything to say here but I got to say something.

In 7th grade in my middle school (USA), the Science teacher held an experiment. He told us all to bring a big bag full of Cherrios cereal.

For those who don't know what that is:

http://selahgraphics.net/noendinsite/wp-content/uploads/2007/09/25950_cheerios.jpg

Anyway, when the class came together, he made a speech about Iron and then gave out small magnets to all of us. Then he told us to crush the Cheerios in their bag and we all crushed them to powder.

Then he instructed us to put the small magnet into the bag and shake further. We shook the bag with the magnet and the powdered Cherrios inside.

Then he told us to take the magnet out carefully. We took it out and LO AND BEHOLD! We could see irregular, tiny and small black pieces of Iron sticking to it! They were Iron!

Some of us could not believe it but that's what we saw...Iron sticking to the magnet!

Here are the Nutrition facts of the Cheerios:
<http://www.cheerios.ca/en/nutrition.html>

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 14:53:41 GMT
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That would be iron in the cheerios. The amount of that in the body is very limited as it gets absorbed quickly.

-Ghost-

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In other words..

0 divided 1 = universe kaboom?

Subject: Re: Random idea?
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 15:44:57 GMT
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The magnetic force on the 1 Fe atom would be

A. too low to pull the whole molecule

B. way to low to break the molecule bindings especially in such a large molecule.

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Viking](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2007 23:33:44 GMT

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What the hell do you guys think a catscan is?

ITS A GIANT MOTHERFUCKING MAGNET!

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Tue, 01 Jan 2008 11:35:56 GMT

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I think you mean MRI.

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Random idea?

Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Tue, 01 Jan 2008 13:17:53 GMT

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I just had a random idea, lets ban WHOREQUEER for eternity!
