

Start with Mac and end with a coffee maker

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AS A young manager in GTE, USA in 1984, the arrival of a Mac on my desk brought a new zing in my life. Long before the arrival of Adam Osborne's lap top, the Mac desktop was slick and easy to carry home virtually every day. And not even once did I encounter malfunction. No wonder, I have stuck to my Mac ever since because of its quality and sturdiness.

Mac is my constant companion, in meetings, at home, while driving and on long flights. I do not carry papers, back-grounders, presentations or even MIS reports to meetings and reviews. It is my window to the world and repository of everything I need. My huge collection of music and DVDs sits quietly on my laptop and comes in handy during my long and

frequent travels. As long as Steve Jobs is at it, nothing would make me move to a windows platform.

Thanks to wi-fi connectivity at home, on NOIDA expressway and in my NOIDA office, and now Verizon Internet card in US, and Hutch internet card in India (which can be plugged in my Mac), I stay connected with all the offices virtually 24X7. A CNN ticker connects me to the world and an occasional screen saver pops up my family pictures.

My second most important productivity enhancement tool at work is Mr. Coffee, the coffee maker. For me the best adrenalin is black coffee made from freshly ground Colombian coffee beans.

The Nokia communicator lets me stay connected anywhere in the world and keeps track of my appointments. Three applications I use most on my phone are the blue tooth, speaker phone, and the

conferencing feature. In clarity, it beats the Polycom sound quality any day. I rarely access email on it, though.

One gadget that threatens to land up in my swanky new office at the 800 person facility coming up in NOIDA is video conferencing equipment. I am determined not to give in to pressure. I would rather walk to the video conference room and watch the expressions of an enthusiastic bunch of InterraIT-ians wherever I am.

No prizes for guessing that I would gladly trade the proposed video conferencing equipment in my room with i-Phone which will hit the market in June.

As told to M Rajendran



Clockwise from below: Mr Coffee, iMac and iPhone: gadgets to make the office complete