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WIN THIS  
GADGET  
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The Lenovo X100e: classic ThinkPad style

The Edge employs the same spill-resistant keyboard as its ThinkPad predecessors but also includes a multi-gesture touchpad so you can utilise Windows 7's interactive features.

New tech, such as a light-sensitive webcam, HDMI connectivity and an integrated 3G module also bring it in line with many of the non-corporate notebooks infiltrating the boardroom.

The 13.3-inch, 16:9 display and 500GB hard drive makes the Edge a more multimedia focused notebook, while a six-cell battery and bespoke ThinkPad power-saving tools ensure a lengthier battery life than you'd find on most laptops. Processor speeds are yet to be confirmed but Lenovo told **T3**, during an exclusive viewing of the Edge, that users would have the choice of either an Intel or AMD processor.

## FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE LENOVO EDGE GO TO THE £25,000 GADGET GIVEAWAY ON P82

Arimasa Naitoh, the man who single-handedly brought the ThinkPad to the world also told **T3** that "everything I make will have a Trackpoint." So the nipple's still there – that should please ThinkPad's old-school fans.

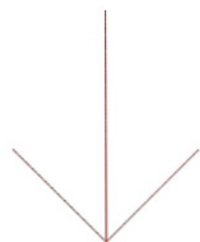
The Lenovo X100e (pictured above) features a more traditional ThinkPad design, and has a less stellar spec than the Edge. There's a 11.6-inch LED screen, three-cell battery, Athlon Neo X2 processor and 4GB of RAM. It supports hard drives up to 320GB and has three USB ports, a card-reader slot and the option to run either Windows XP or Windows 7. The X100e also supports touchpad multi-gestures, has the aforementioned spill-resistant keyboard and a new, more secure keycap design that ensures your Delete key doesn't fall off from overuse.

We plan to bring you full reviews of both laptops very soon, but if you feel overcome with impatience you should turn to p82 and try to win a Lenovo Edge; it's just one of the many gadgets you could win in **T3**'s £25K giveaway.

EDGE, FROM £450; X100E, FROM £380, WWW.LENOVO.COM/UK

# Work-related calls

Phones to keep you in touch, in time, in style



YOUR CALL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.

Please hold. In business, it's important to get the right phone, both for the office and on the move. They all give you an answerphone, address book and speakerphone but shop around for handsets that additionally offer money-saving VoIP compatibility, Bluetooth, texts and email.

### 1 BEST FOR... HOME USE PANASONIC KX-TG8421

£70, WWW.PANASONIC.CO.UK

It lacks wow factor and VoIP, but the TG8421 is smart looking and the combination of a joystick and two-inch colour screen makes it the most intuitive to use in this test. Six handsets can be connected, with contacts easily swappable between them.

Call quality is crystal clear, even if you happen to venture outside for privacy, fresh air or a fag.

You get a speakerphone, 40-minute answerphone and 200-name phonebook, while additional features include support for text messaging services like BT Text and a jack for hooking up a headset.

**LOVE** Colour screen. Clear call quality. Text capability  
**HATE** Limited features. No VoIP. A touch chunky



### 2 BEST FOR... VOIP CALLS SIEMENS GIGASET S685 IP

£95, WWW.GIGASET.COM

The S685 lets you swap between landline calls and VoIP at the touch of a button. It's a little temperamental to set up, but once hooked to your router, you can download settings for up to six VoIP accounts, but not Skype, ridiculously enough.

You can register up to six handsets and four base stations, while Bluetooth lets you add up to five devices

including a headset and transfer contact details from mobile phones. You also get a 30-minute answerphone, 250 numbers, text messaging and email notifications. Stylish this isn't, but it is cheap, businesslike and well worth a look.

**LOVE** VoIP and email for not a lot of money  
**HATE** No Skype







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BEST FOR...  
STYLISH  
LOOKS

### 3 BEST FOR... STYLISH LOOKS

#### PHILIPS ID555

£80, WWW.PHILIPS.CO.UK

With a gloss black body and blue LCD screen, the slim ID555 is the most stylish phone here, but functionality is basic. The base unit does have a built-in mic for conference calls, and there's a 30-minute answer machine and space for 200 contacts, but there's no VoIP.

The eco-friendly power supply uses 50 per cent less power than

conventional rivals, while call quality is clear and it's easy to use. Up to five handsets can be scattered around the house, but limited features means this isn't right for anything beyond casual work use.

**LOVE** Looks better than most. Eco-friendly

**HATE** Lacks features. Dull menu. VoIP-less



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BEST FOR...  
INTERNATIONAL  
CALLS

### 4 BEST FOR... INTERNATIONAL CALLS

#### SKYPE ON IPHONE 3GS

FREE, WWW.SKYPE.COM, WWW.APPLE.COM/UK

A free iPhone app lets you make free calls from a Wi-Fi zone to other Skype users, although you can't make calls over 3G. All you need is an account and some friends on Skype.

Contacts are displayed in a list with their status; simply click on one to make a call or start an IM chat. Call quality is clear, with only a small time lag. On the

down side, when your iPhone receives a text the call cuts out and while you can use Skype's IM over 3G, you can't make voice calls. A recent upgrade forwards Skype calls to your regular number when you're not signed in.

**LOVE** Free and easy to use. Cheap landline calls

**HATE** Calls only work over Wi-Fi, not 3G. Slight lag



### 5 BEST FOR... ON THE ROAD

#### FRING ON HTC HERO

FREE, WWW.FRING.COM, WWW.3MOBILE.COM

Fring is an app that lets you make VoIP calls via Skype and SIP (session initiation protocol) over both Wi-Fi and 3G.

You can use your usual Skype log-in, and contacts are displayed with status information – well most of them are; not all our contacts were visible. Call quality is nastily variable – we had big problems with quality and delay when calling a

laptop, while network issues meant we also kept getting cut off. This isn't as good as it should be, but it is potentially a big money saver, and it also handily assimilates IM accounts from Twitter, MSN, Yahoo, Aim and Facebook.

**LOVE** Free calls over 3G

**HATE** Doesn't connect with all contacts. Mixed call quality



### 6 BEST FOR... RURAL AREAS

#### BINATONE IDECT M51

£70, WWW.BINATONETELECOM.COM

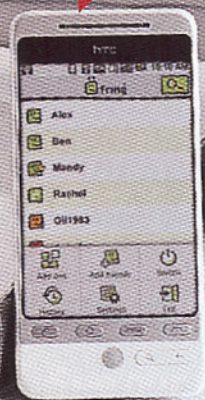
The M51 has no VoIP, but it can route calls from up to two mobiles via Bluetooth, which might be useful if you're in the kind of rural area where you have to be in the upstairs bedroom to get a mobile signal. Bluetooth also allows for syncing of contacts.

You also get a speakerphone, but the 100-name phone book and 15-minute

answerphone aren't as generous as the other handsets. Even so, for the price, the iDect is more advanced than most home phones, and an affordable solution for anyone who struggles to get a mobile signal.

**LOVE** Stylish. Works as a handset for your mobile

**HATE** Less than generous phonebook and voicemail



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