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Welcome to the year 2000! At the end of 1999, there were all types of awards given for the "Best of 1999" in all kinds of technology categories.

As educators, it is important that we keep abreast of the newest technologies and trends. Even if we can't afford them in our schools, we need to know what is out there (and what is coming) to ensure our students are ready for whatever the technological world has to offer.

Best of 1999

To understand where we are going, we need to know where we have been. Check out Ziff-Davis' tribute to a century of gadgets, then and now.

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PC World also covered the past in an enjoyable article entitled *The Digital Century*. The article covers every aspect of technology innovation in the last century.

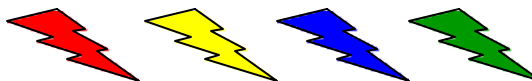
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If you don't have ZDTV, at least make regular visits to the channel's Web site. Recently, ZDTV's Fresh Gear Buying Guide covered all types of neat "toys".

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What will the computers and the Net of tomorrow look and act like? This article in PC World magazine, *Digital Future*, makes some predictions.

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Century of Gadgets

<http://www.zdnet.com/techlife/millennium/thenandnow/?chkpt=extr021>

PC World's The Digital Century

http://www.pcworld.com/current_issue/article/0,1212,13531,00.html

ZDTV's Fresh Gear Buying Guide

<http://www.zdnet.com/zdtv/freshgear/viewpoints/story/0,3679,2411185,00.html>

PC World's *The Digital Future*

http://www.pcworld.com/current_issue/article/0,1212,13926,00.html