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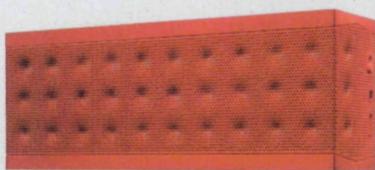
ALIPH'S JAWBONE Jambox (\$199) Bluetooth speaker links to a PC or phone. I tried it with an Apple iPhone 4 and a Samsung Vibrant.

With music, it produced pleasing, full-bodied audio. It fared less well as a speakerphone: On my conference calls, the other parties heard a light interference hiss in the background (though they could still hear me clearly). On my end, voices sounded crystal clear, dramatically better than on either handset's built-in speakerphone.

Unfortunately, the unit's vocal alerts, which announce pairing status and battery status, start out noticeably loud, and can be quite a distraction and annoyance.

Here's hoping that Aliph updates the internal voice system via the company's MyTalk service, which lets users obtain software updates and applets online.

—Melissa J. Perenson



THE JAWBONE JAMBOX comes in red and three other hues.

★★★★★ VERY GOOD

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Compact speaker produces mostly impressive, good-quality sound.

List: \$199

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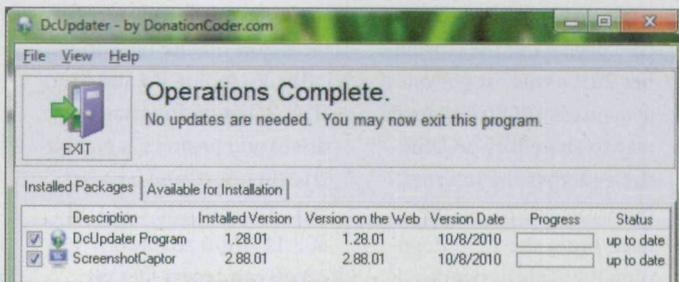
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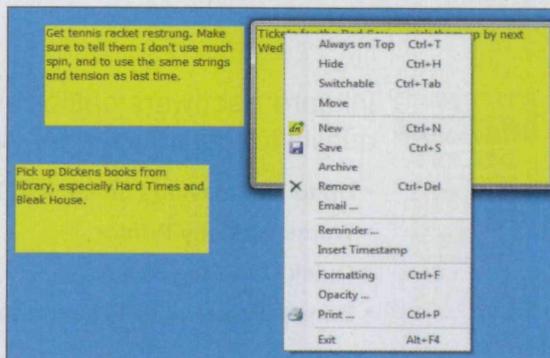


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