

# BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

There is one place where even the humblest of us can be chairman of the board – in an office safely within our own homes.

And while previous generations had to restrict themselves simply to penning the occasional letter and filing away unwelcome post in the far reaches of their desks, today it is quite possible to have a domestic technological set-up that would put the modern corporate office to shame.

In fact, you can create an environment that is the polar opposite of what your boss imagines when he slings you a laptop and consigns you to join the three million Britons who now work from home.

Wireless internet means that your desk need no longer be shoved into the corner of the room in order to be hooked up to the phone outlet. Without the tangle of cables, it can stand proud in a commanding position in the centre of the room, with everything from your palmtop to your desktop PC hooked to the net via wi-fi.

Preferably, of course, the desk should be of wood, the size of a battle tank, and directly facing the entrance to the room, so that members of your family have to approach you as if they were junior members of staff.

But a properly appointed home office shouldn't simply stop with work essentials – even the hardest-working, homebound CEO will benefit from a few relaxing touches to bring inspiration. For instance, your music system should outshine the one in your living room, there needs to be space for your much-loved sax, and don't forget to incorporate a conversation piece such as a fish tank or a gigantic, computerised world clock (see below).

After all, there is no safer way to buy time for yourself than the time-honoured magic words, 'Sorry darling, I'm working...'

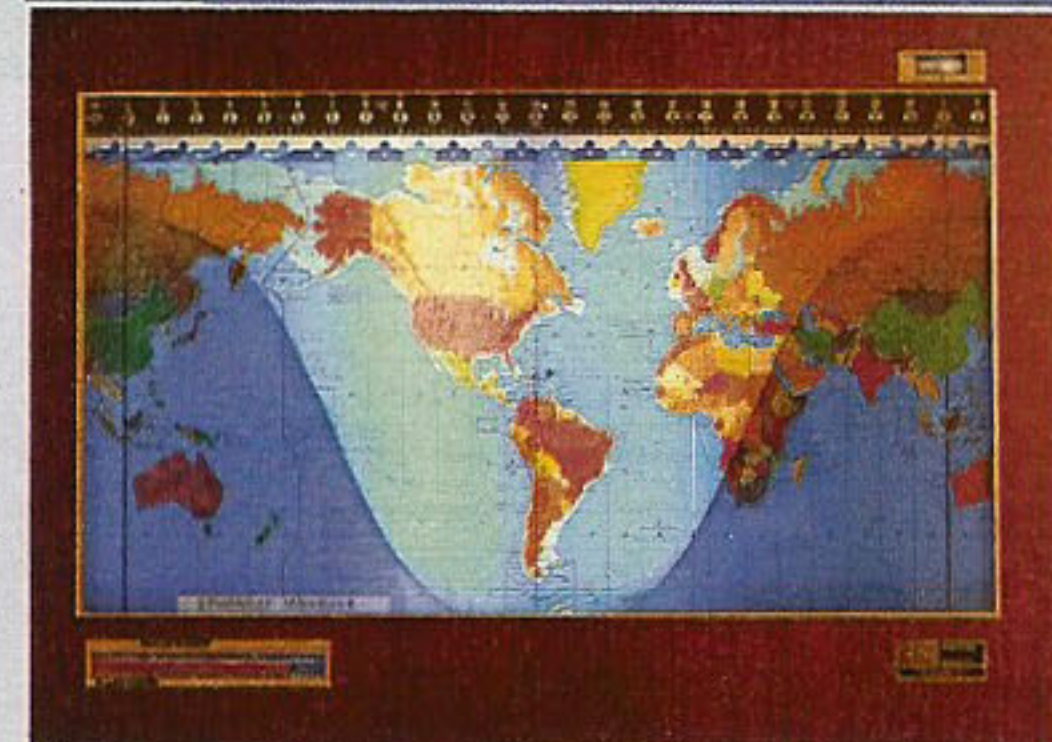
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From the stylish leather chair to a digital picture frame and the latest PC, we've found all the kit you need to build the ultimate home office



- 5. BOSE JEWEL CUBES**  
The Bose 48's speakers are 4½in high, yet fill the room with sound. [bose.co.uk](http://bose.co.uk)
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Classic Scotch dispenser and matching crystal glasses. £625 (decanter), £120 (pair of glasses), [davidredman.com](http://davidredman.com)
- 7. DUKEWOOD CABINET**  
File your documents away in luxurious, lockable rosewood. £950, [dukewood.com](http://dukewood.com)
- 8. BESTLITE TABLE LAMP**  
This Thirties classic once lit up Winston Churchill's desk. £400, [conranshop.co.uk](http://conranshop.co.uk)
- 9. JUPITER 500 ALTO SAX**  
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- 10. APPLE 20in iMAC**  
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- 11. BANG & OLUFSEN BECOM 2 PHONE**  
It stores 200 numbers, but looks like a sculpture. £400, [bang-olufsen.com](http://bang-olufsen.com)
- 12. MONTBLANC MEISTERSTÜCK PEN**  
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- 13. NETGEAR WPN824**  
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- 14. HTC TyTN PDA**  
Thanks to both Bluetooth and wi-fi, this touchscreen phone/PDA will effortlessly synchronise with all your other hi-tech kit. £500, [europe.htc.com](http://europe.htc.com)
- 15. PHILIPS 7FF1AW**  
This digital picture frame stores 12 images, which can be displayed on its colour screen. £135, [philips.com](http://philips.com)
- 16. ASUS S6F LAPTOP**  
Hand-embossed leather exterior, lightweight casing and state-of-the-art technology within. £1,638, [uk.asus.com](http://uk.asus.com)
- 17. DUKEWOOD 'MILITARY COMMANDER' DESK**  
Plot your business campaigns from behind French-polished rosewood. £995, [dukewood.com](http://dukewood.com)
- 18. 'SHERIFF' CHAIR**  
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### 1. GEOCHRON WORLD CLOCK

Top-of-the-range Boardroom model comes in eight wood finishes. Illuminated area shows where in the world it is day – so you don't wake up your LA contact at 3am. £2,095, [geochron.co.uk](http://geochron.co.uk)



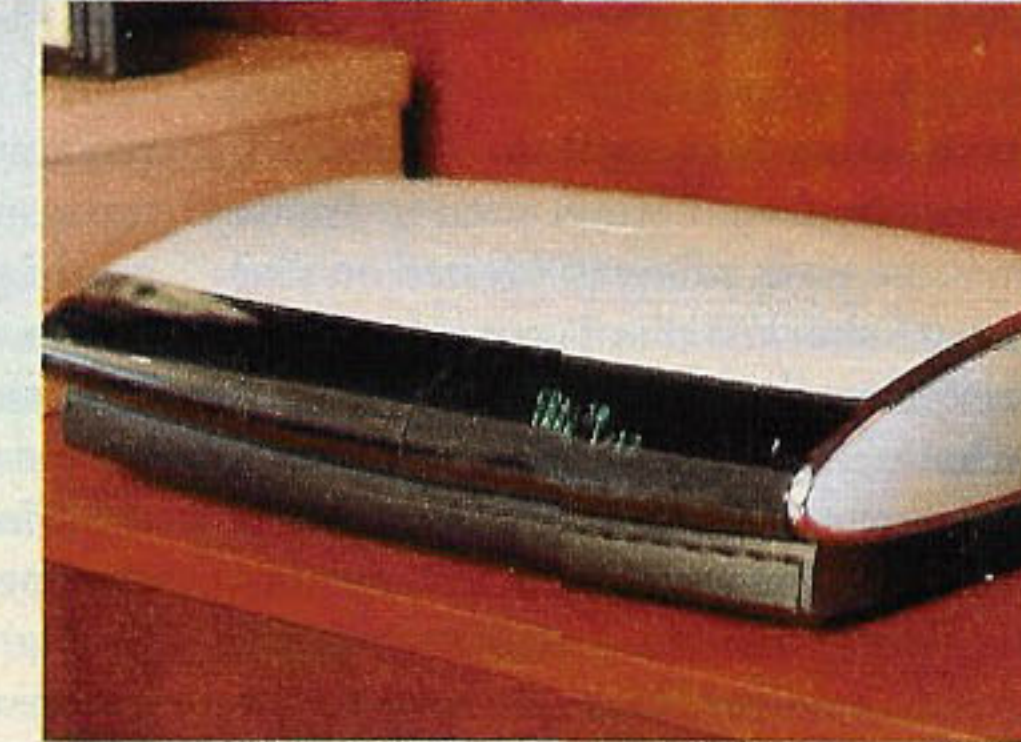
### 2. CLEARAUDIO AMBIENT

Clearaudio's ultra-high precision construction techniques ensure extremely high-quality, tight tolerance turntables for your vinyl-playback system. £4,200, [audio.reference.co.uk](http://audio.reference.co.uk)



### 3. EPSON RX640

All-in-one, photo-quality inkjet printer, scanner and copier. Compatible with most formats of disks and drives, or connect it to your network with a wi-fi adaptor (£140). £180, [epson.co.uk](http://epson.co.uk)



### 4. BOSE 48 SOUND SYSTEM

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