

# Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

## Google Wave

It is part eMail, part shared document and part meeting. It will change the way we “communicate and collaborate”.

Possibly more suited to the business world, but also great for social events. Let's say I'm planning a family reunion. I create a wave and invite my family members to join. I then start writing a document that describes what I have in mind; time, date, location, agenda etc. Then interactively (and nearly instantaneously) each member in the family can contribute to this document. They can add new details or change or delete information. My brother can't make the date proposed so he puts in a paragraph to that effect and a new suggested date. He could even add some voting buttons so that all the family can have a say as to which date is better.

The location I proposed is new to most people and they ask me to add some more information. So I insert photos and hyperlinks to local attractions. This “document” can also be used as a family archive – after we upload the photos taken at the event.

Another really useful function is its ability to “rewind” all the changes. After many people have made changes over time – it's handy to be able to go back and find out who changed something like the date of the event.

Have a look at [www.wave.google.com](http://www.wave.google.com)

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