

Consumer Corner: New tech toys abound at the Consumer Electronics Show

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Love it or hate it, technology is here to stay, and this week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas is the place to see what will be making your life easier -- or more frustrating -- in coming months.

The annual trade show runs Tuesday through Friday at the Las Vegas Convention Center/Las Vegas Hilton and the Venetian. Exhibits featuring 20,000 products will cover 35 football fields. Some 149,000 people are expected to attend.

Panasonic said it will stream the first two days of the festivities for 8 hours each day from the show floor at www.panasonic.com/CES and allow those online to interact with the broadcast.

What to watch for: Tablets may have been all the rage last year, but this year's darling is the ultrabook -- those super-portable laptops that take the weight out of lugging a computer around. Focus also is expected to be on the cloud -- and especially Shodogg's ability to move video seamlessly between screens.

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