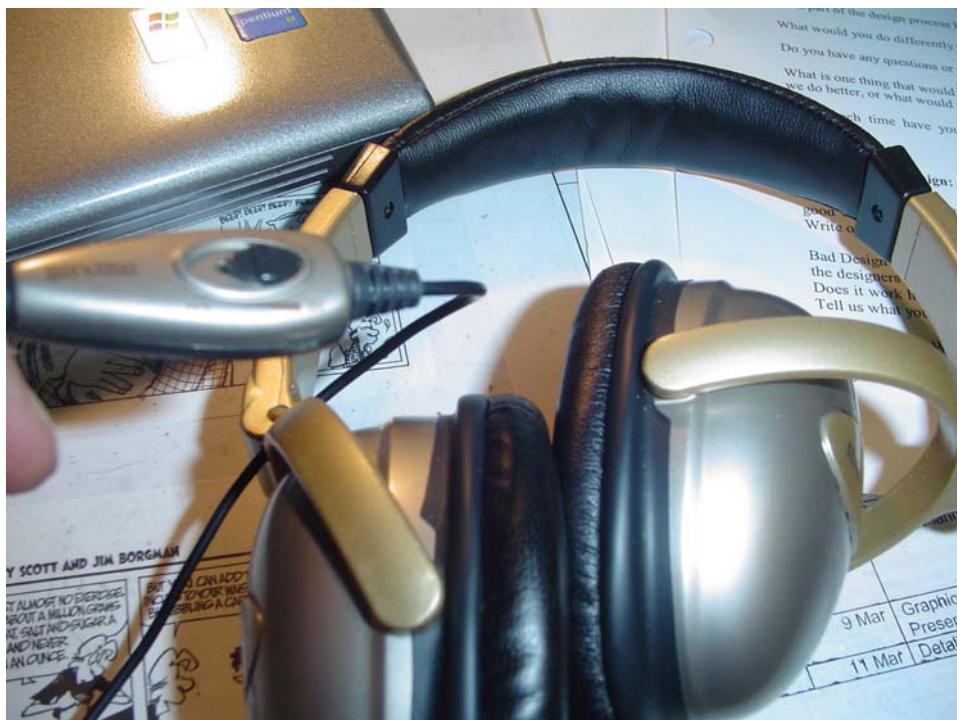## Good Design

As I sit and think about good design, I look around me and try to find something that is well-designed within my room. I stare in various directions, and then it hits me – my headphones! Music has been flowing into my ears in crystal-clear stereo sound, and I realized how great a design the ear phones are.

My specific pair is a set of Maxwell HP-500 headphones (Available for approximately $20 at Best Buy). These headphones are better than most because they prioritize ergonomics and comfort but do so at a reasonable price and high sound quality level. The headphones themselves are adjustable and fit comfortably over my head. Perhaps my favorite feature is the padded ear cover and the padded head band. I also enjoy using the two switch headphone remote that is located about halfway along the cord. There is a rolling dial to adjust the volume, and there is also a mono/stereo switch.

I believe that this set of headphones is better than other things that complete the same task *at a comparable price*. Granted, I could go out and spend $100+ to get a superb, gold-plated head phone set, but the benefit of such a setup would not be much greater than the setup I currently have. In addition, these headphones can serve multiple purposes, blocking out unwanted sounds when placed over one's ears. I have often been sitting there with my headphones on and no music being played so that I could actually hear myself think.

I think the designer made these headphones truly exceptional by thinking about people and what things matter to them. He came up with two priorities – ergonomics and cost. For such a low price, it is tougher to find a better performing pair of headphones. I heartily endorse this set, and I would agree that it is a well-done this pair.

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