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## Kensington FlyFan



**T**his product made me chuckle at first, but I have since come to love it.

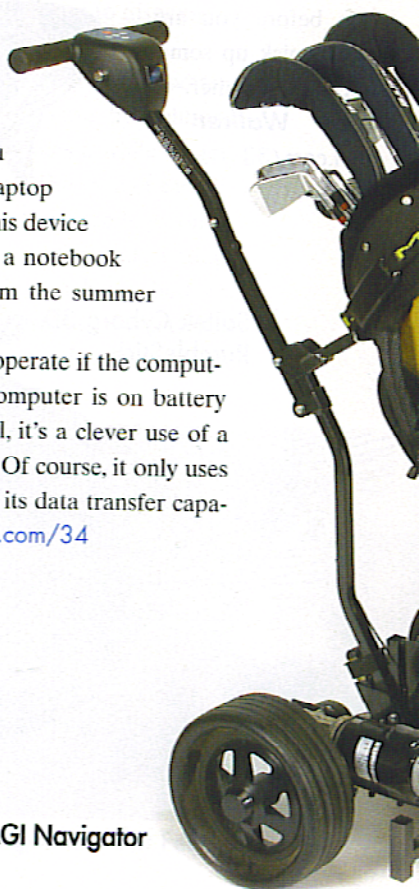
It's a device that attaches to the USB port on your computer, preferably a laptop, and blows air on you as you work.

The \$25 gadget is a flexible yet rigid cable that has a little fan on the end. Position the cable any way you like and the fan blows air in any direction.

The fan itself is made of flimsy plastic, which at first looks kind of wimpy, but it's by design. Once the blades start spinning it pushes some significant air. If you stick your finger into them they flutter and then collapse, doing no damage. On my more brain-dead days, I like doing this a lot. I also like the noise it makes. Finger in. Thawpth. Finger out. Zimmmm. Finger in. Thawpth. It's kind of Zen.

The soft blades are designed this way so that if you knock the fan into a fragile laptop screen it won't slice it. I can see this device being used on an airplane, or by a notebook user seeking a little comfort from the summer heat out on the deck.

The only downside: it won't operate if the computer is switched off, and when a computer is on battery power it sucks precious juice. Still, it's a clever use of a USB port on either a Mac or PC. Of course, it only uses the port's power features and not its data transfer capabilities. —**Andy Walker** • [dig-it.com/34](http://dig-it.com/34)



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