

2020 Life

It was a sunny day in the mid of summer. The time was 7.00 AM but John, a 30 years old young man, was still enjoying his sweet dream. “Tick Tock Tick Tock...” a dark black thin mobile phone made noise and turned on its screen with some information about to do tasks and a today special meeting for its owner. John slowly woke up and grabbed his mobile phone to check the schedule. He checked the information synchronized with his company database and saw that today he has a flight for a special meeting in London. He then walked down to the first floor and prepared his breakfast. He used his mobile phone to load some configuration and set timer for the toaster, ordered a cup of mocha from a coffee machine, and also triggered an alarm clock in his son’s room to wake up him. His son, Jack, is a 7 years old boy who loves playing game and listening to music. His room is full of toys and high technology gadgets.

While John was sipping his coffee, his wife, Emile, came to the kitchen and prepared breakfast for Jack and herself. Five minute later, Jack still did not come down to the kitchen and John’s phone alerted him the time that the bus would come so he sent the alert to Jack’s mobile phone. Jack got a notice and hurried up to get things done. A few minute later, Jack came down and had breakfast with John and Emile. Since the family had shared the schedule together, Jack knew that his father was going to London today so he asked his father for a gift and added the buying task to his father’s schedule. After everybody finished his and her meals, it was the time for John to go to work. A taxi came on time and waited in front of the house. John said good bye to Jack and Emile, and took the taxi to the airport. On the way to the airport, John checked share prices in the stock market and he found one interesting share so he bought some through the application since the commission rate is lower than ordering through a broker. After the transaction was done, he downloaded relevant information about his trip, meeting, and London city.

Eventually, the taxi reached the airport and dropped John at the international terminal. John went to check-in without saying anything because the officer could get information about him by retrieving information from his mobile phone. After checked in, he went to the immigration. Fortunately, he had an ID qualified phone so he could go through a faster queue. The ID qualified phone is a new generation of mobile phone. It is reliable and safe, and can be used as a personal ID. It has both a finger print and eye reader, and there is no way to duplicate one. John had just walked in and slid his finger through his mobile phone finger print reader. Then, the light at the gate was changed to green and that the security process was finish. And, since the airport is big and he had not gone there for a long time, he forgot the fastest way to the gate. He lifted his phone again and requested for the short path direction, then he followed the virtual guide that was displayed on the screen. Finally, he found the gate but he has 20 minute left before the plane took off so he went to buy a newspaper at the vending machine. And of course, every vending machine is now accepting e-wallet which could be used with either an e-wallet card or a mobile phone. It was strange though since John could actually read the news on his mobile phone, but he felt that a real one can give him more feeling and it is easier to read.

At the house, after John left, Jack went to school and Emile prepared going shopping. The grocery system showed a list that suggested what to buy and also gave some promotion's information for each store. This system was synchronized with store's database and transaction that people purchase so purchasers know what they used to buy and what should be bought soon. After checking grocery data and real information from the refrigerator, Emile grabbed her mobile phone and went out for shopping. She secured a house's door with her mobile phone and also used it to unlock the car. She got in the car and turned on a GPS system and set the output to display on the monitor on the console. The system suggested the path to the store and also information about the weather. Fortunately, it would be sunny all the day. She drove the car to the super market that she usually went for shopping. When she arrive the supermarket before entering the parking lot, the parking lot system recommend the best lot for her and also gave information about today's promotion. She parked the car and went inside. Unlike the old day, she did not have to worry about her car would be stolen because the system knows who drive the car and it will allow only for those who have the right permission. Shopping is also one thing that has never been easier before. Today, people can search where the item they want is, they can instantly compare price and read some reviews about products, and they can request special information. For example, if buyers want to cook lasagna, the system will recommend about the ingredient that they have to buy. After half an hour, Emile finished her shopping and went to the cashier. Payment is now also easier than ever. She just walked through the gate. Then the system summarized the value and asked for payment confirmation on her mobile phone. She simply pressed ok. While putting staffs to the trunk of the car, Emile realized that today her son had a trip outside the school so she brought her phone and gave some more credit for her son to buy things. On the way back home, her mobile phone reminded her about the gasoline would run out soon so she went to the gas station before went back home.

At school Jack finished the morning class and was walking to the cafeteria. While walking to the cafeteria, he used his mobile phone to inquire today's menu. He chose and ordered spaghetti, also a super size cup of coca cola – his favorite drink. He and his friends went to take their food and came back to sit together. After finished their lunch, they talked about today's trip that they were going to the science museum, the most popular museum for children. They were talking about new feature that the museum had just implemented. It was a virtual private guide tour, an application that allow people to use their mobile phone for playing and retrieving information at each point of the museum. It can show images and video clips according to each set of gallery. During the conversation, all of student's mobile phone rang concurrently showing notice about time to go for the trip. Jack and his friends then went to the school bus. The bus left school and headed to the museum. In the meanwhile, Jack remembered that yesterday he forgot to see one of his favorite game show so he brought his phone and remotely controlled his pc at his home to download the show, so he did not have to wait for downloading when he get back home.

The airplane landed at London airport. Again, not much step to do for people who have an identity qualified phone, John stood at the gate and slid his finger through the finger reader at his phone. Suddenly, the gate was opened for him. He took the taxi that he requested before to the conference room. At the same time, he checked and reviewed his presentation materials again on his mobile phone. Just in time, he reached the conference room 5 minutes prior to the presentation but there

was no problem because today's technology is very easy and friendly. He just pressed the button on his phone to request data to the projector and display it on the screen. After finished presentation, he headed back to the airport because he had to come back early to his hometown and take his family to enjoy the annual festival. On the way back in the taxi, he realized that he forgot to buy his son a gift so he searched online gift shop through his mobile phone and then purchased one gift to be shifted directly to the airport before his flight. Finally, he got the present just before he stepped on the plane.

At 5 pm. everybody came back at home. Jack went up to his room to see the show that he had downloaded. Emile discussed with John about buying private repeater. A small equipment that works as same as a wireless router but has capability for more types of devices. She explained about what she had known from her neighborhood. She said that the private repeater was worth to invest because they can earn money from traffics that pass through the repeater and family can also reduce their connection cost. John did not agree much upon the idea since he felt that there were not many people around that area so it would take time to gain back money for the repeater cost.

The sun almost dawned. Emile called her son and husband for dinner. After finished dinner, the family walked to the town to see the parade. Unfortunately, there were a lot of people this year and it was hard to get close to the street. Luckily enough, the city provide a special service that people could get temporary stream channels that aired many views from city's security cameras. So Jack could see parade from any point of view through his mobile phone. He also captured some pictures and video clips on the phone. All in all, it was the good parade and everybody was happy.