

The New York Times R&D Lab combines a reflective LCD display, a Microsoft Kinect and the NYT.com APIs and creates a "Magic Mirror" ideal for bathrooms of the future.

The result is a hi-tech take on the standard bathroom mirror-- allowing one to check the internet, schedule events and carry out other tasks while brushing their teeth or brushing their hair.

The Kinect handles the motion-based user interface, voice commands and even product recognition and information access via RFID tags.

The magic mirror is still in prototype phase, and the NYT gives no release date-- but since it consists of off-the-shelf equipment, it could be available sooner than you think.

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