

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

PDA + Mobile Phones

Well hasn't technology come a long way? The difference in functionality between laptop computers and mobile phones has just reduced even more.

For a while now, mobile phones have had the ability to synchronise (sync) with your computer's contacts and calendar, but now with improved network speeds you can have full Microsoft Outlook functionality. Emails with attachments are now transmitting at normal speeds in real time. More importantly is the fact that several PDA-Phones actually run Windows which means you can have access to view and edit documents from your desktop computer using Word, Excel and Power Point, as well as a Dictaphone and Media Player for music and videos.

Then there are the Internet functions to browse web sites, or watch live Foxtel. Some also include GPS navigation, FM radios and camera. The last big enhancement is the ability to communicate as part of your virtual business network.

So instead of travelling with a laptop computer + phone + diary + camera + walkman, you now only need your palmtop computer. With so much information at your fingertips you will also need to be more mindful of security issues.

The only negative with these PDA-Phones is that they are currently quite expensive (over \$1,000), but offset that with their functionality and removing your need to carry so much stuff, I'm sure many will find these an attractive option.

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