

:: I Love My iPAQ... Let Me Count The Reasons ::

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I started my love affair with PDAs right from the very first Palm Pilot, if we do not take Franklin Bookman (I owned several of 'em) into consideration. Since then, I have owned the Palm Professional, Palm III, Palm V, Palm IIIc, Palm m100, TRGpro, Visor Deluxe and Sony Clie. In the PPC arena, I have owned the Cassiopedia, Jornada 548 and Ipaq. Looking back, (I loved 'em all)... I must confessed that it is the Ipaq that has given me the most satisfaction. No wonder it won PDABuzz's SuperBowl Shootout recently as the top PDA.



- 1.** The first reason is its speed. No other PDA comes close; and it won a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the fastest PDA around. I know that Palmax's @migo sports the same 206 mhz CPU, but there are very little action in that area. With speed, you get a nice feel when switching from say, Jornada to Ipaq. Also, there are full length movies that are not available for any other PPCs. Then there are games like Quake and emulators that will only work on iPAQ.
- 2.** Next, I like the screen of the Ipaq. Indoors it is not nearly as nice as the Cassiopedia, but outdoors, there is nothing quite as good. It has drawn many envious looks from all other PDA owners bar none.
- 3.** The sound is great. It must be the loudest of any PDA. As I result, I never have to use a earphone (which I detest) in viewing movies or listening to MP3 music.
- 4.** Although not unique to the Ipaq, I love the way CFs work in PPCs - seamlessly. I own two 192mb CFs, sufficient for everything I can think of. At any time, I will have 3 versions of Bible, 3 dictionaries and 5 full websites on CF. In these many months that I have migrated to the PPC, there was never a need to do a hard reset. A simple poke at the reset button restores everything to full-speed. Though I back up my stuff religiously, there was never any real need for it.
- 5.** One of the best programs that come free with the PPC is the Pocket Explorer. I enjoy getting Avantgo's daily news and stuff in colour as well as browsing my sites off-line. The new flash plug-in is really great as I am downloading as fast as I can find 'em all sorts of applications, games and fun stuff that I can delight my friends with.
- 6.** The PPC friends I have made these past few months were as fantastic as my Palm pals. I find them to be extremely responsive, very supportive and eager to share information.

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This past week I got a nice goodie bag from Marc, all the way from USA via priority mail! In fact, the hits to my humble website doubled since my migration to PPC.

7. Last, but not least, Ipaq users are very creative. Take for instance the bulky expansion pak for the CF. George used his skillful hands to created the silver slider (see above top picture). When I cannot find a case to protect the screen of the Ipaq that will not add volume to its sleek form factor, iLid was created (see picture below). There were many complaints about Ipaq's inability to recognize two buttons at the same time - the stowaway keyboard solves it.

We live in an imperfect world, and nothing is everything we wanted or hope for. iPAQ comes pretty close to a 10, if you ask me!

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