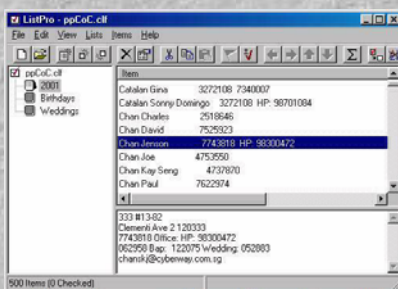


# D for DeskTop Making PPC Simpler

When MicroSoft followed Palm into the PDA arena, it copied the hot-sync, pen input and then went on its own route to do things the Bill Gates way. Now that it is finally starting to get its act together, though in many ways not as intuitive yet, many are holding their breath that there will be a desktop in the offering.

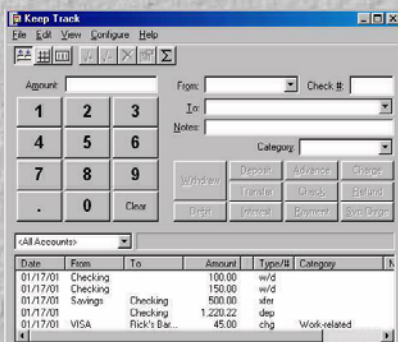
When Palm came out with the first 'to-be-taken-seriously' PDA, the desktop played a major role in winning public acceptance from user-friendliness to 'what if I lost my PDA on the subway?' It was a real pleasure to be able to see the entire month's appointments, print them out and add any amount of stuff you want, knowing that they will be updated at the next hot-sync.

Way ahead of MicroSoft, developers like [IiumSoft](#) is already up and running on this trend. Three of my favorite programs, ListPro, KeepTrack and eWallet include a desktop version each for just an additional US\$10. I install these desktops both at home and at work, using it to access my vital info without having to look around for my PDA. If I update any info, I copy the file into a diskette and active-sync it in my home pc where my cradle is.



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ListPro is now one of my most frequently used programs. I keep the schedule for preaching on Sunday mornings and evenings, baptisms, visitor follow-up, prayer journals and lots more. Recently, I converted the church directory of 400 names to ListPro. I could never have been able to do so without a desktop!



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**KeepTrack is a great one-button tool to enter transactions quickly on the run, and at the end of the day, look through the list to enter in the details. Using the desktop, all kinds of accounts can be created, reconciled and recorded. I have never felt secured in throwing away all the bits and pieces of ATM and Credit Card chits until now.**



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**If keeping up your records straight is one of your 2001 resolutions, eWallet is just the tool you need. While it is possible to dish out a good number of stuff on the ppc, wouldn't you rather do it on the desktop? While at it, I discovered another use for eWallet that the developers have not even thought of - Power Point presentations. On the desktop, it is easy to use picture cards to enter any graphic you have, add text and scroll along! It's that easy.**

**My guess is that since IliumSoft is venturing into the Palm market with its eWallet offering, it has not only learned the zen of Palm but is now teaching the Palm a thing or two about simplicity. My colleague, Pat who is a Palm fanatic is waiting for ListPro to be ported to the Palm!**