



Reviewing reviews and review-sites on the net. Part 2.

Searching for reviews on the net.

When searching for reviews on the internet regarding iPAQ and Pocket PC things, i only know of one or two good sites where i can read them.



Henry Kong, the site.

The second website almost everyone knows : Henry Kong. The first thing i noticed was the title " ... the 3Cs website - Computer, Church and Cuisine..." a title that you won't see anywhere else, but says it all. Henry Kong features a lot on Palm and PPC, and thus I am navigating to the PPC section...

Let's take a look. Wow, a lot of links on the left side of my screen! It also states that most of his reviews and writeups are posted @ LudiPocket and PDAsquare review section and PDAsquare article section.

I got curious about the man behind the website and discovered a link to "the background story" behind all his PPC writing:

...I have never received any money for any of my articles. They are freely available to any site and translated into native tongues of several webpages. The most I get out of a review is a free program - with an average of 2-5 new stuff I get every week, surely there is no way I can play with most of these programs anyway. At worst, I paid for the program, enjoyed it so much that I wrote a review for it...

He seems an honest man, who just enjoys PPC's and writing reviews and articles.

...Still, it has been great fun, because whatever I do, I do it first for myself. A good part of my writeups are just articles, how-tos and what I considered best of its genre...

His reviews reviewed.

I must say that i enjoy reading his PPC writeups very much. I think Henry Kong can say it

better than me. 😊

...I will be the first to admit that my articles and reviews are not meant to be in-depth or comprehensive, although I have worked at some mega articles. They are first written to alert my pals of good stuff I've discovered and then share with anyone who care to read my ramblings of the joy of PDAing. That's as far as I care to go in my writeups as I do not have any more time to devote to them. As a rule, I review only stuff I liked, so I may not sound as critical as most reviewers. I receive an average of anything up to 10 emails a day from people all over the world, telling me how much they enjoyed my writings. This may be more than the what an average reviewer may receive, partly because I believe that readers sensed the joy and fun I had, rather than the technical know-how...

Overall

I think that writing reviews etc. should also reflect a writers' enthousiasm for the reviewed product; in the fun someone may have in evaluating the product and discovering new tips&tricks for it, rather than just the technical stuff (but it should be a balanced combination of both). And i think Henry Kong succeeded in this combination of just plain human words and descriptions and background info on a specific program.

I just like easy-to-read reviews and articles that don't go too deep into that technical stuff but still show the writer's enthousiasm. That's what this site isn't about either, or I should not have called it iPAQants 😊 .

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