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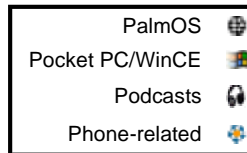
Welcome

... to the our PDA tips newsletter.

This issue is focused on things-Treo, Windows Mobile and industry announcements; such as the **deaths of the** Dell Axim, and most likely of the **AppForge toolset**.

Please feel free to submit requests or ideas through the links at the **bottom** of this page. This is also where you will find subscription and removal information.

Each item in our newsletter is marked with the icons shown to the right, so that you can focus on your own areas of interest.



Please note: This newsletter contains tips and tools that can alter your PDA. These items are offered here "as is" and without any warranty or support from FO. Please consider them carefully before using or trying them (and as always ... backup, backup, **backup** first -- before making any changes).

Thank you,



Bill Shadish, Principal

User Tips and Tools ▲TOP



Treo 750

Treo 750 released  

Bringing their broadband entry to the market, to counter the Sprint/Verizon EVDO PD is Cingular with the Treo 750. This antennae-less, Windows Mobile 5 handheld sits on the GSM/GRPS networks for phone service -- and costs \$399 with 2 yrs of service. The Palm Treo 750 initially will be enabled for UMTS and upgradeable for free to HSDPA technology.

750 reviews

Mobility Site - Cingular Palm Treo 750

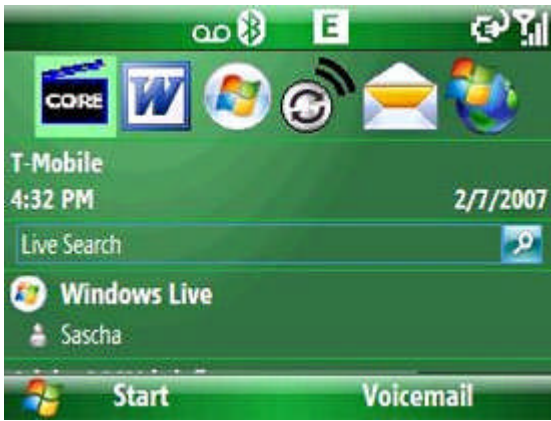
<http://www.mobilitysite.com/articles/link.php?id=399>

PC Mag

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2079496,00.asp>

Windows Mobile 6 Pro (Crossbow)  

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/default.mspx>



Windows Mobile 6

Just when you thought you knew what MS operating system to expect on your device...Yoink!

Windows Mobile 6 is really more of a WinMob5++. It adds Windows Live Messenger (like the desktop MSN messenger); Live Search (a junky Google clone); Remote Desktop (which might be interesting); internet sharing over Bluetooth.

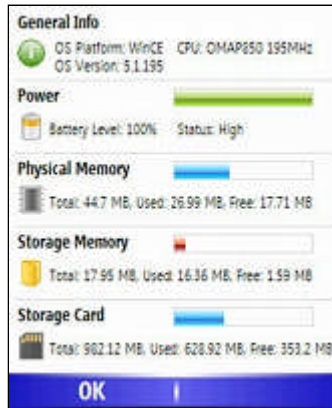
It also has Windows Update capabilities, so that now your PDA can undergo unforeseen changes just like your desktop does.

TIP: Setting up Activesync partnerships with Vista
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/devicecenter.mspcx>

WM5 Task Manager (Freeware)

<http://www.nikafx.com/downloads.asp>

As the name implies -- this is a Task Manager for your Pocket PC/Windows Mobile 5 device. You can kill tasks, etc. In addition to this, there is a screen that shows current memory usage, battery life remaining, cpu info, etc.



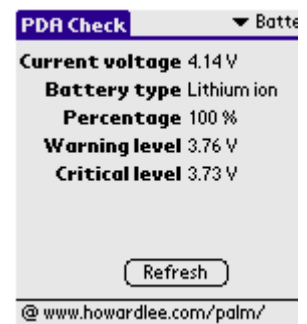
WM5 Task Manager

PDA Check 1.5 (freeware)

<http://www.howardlee.com/palm/>

PDA Check, is a small, lightweight Palm PRC that reports back available memory, device, screen, OS and related characteristics of a PDA. This might be a useful little utility in support situations, where if one is provided to every user, remote support personal can then use PDA Check to get a quick overview of the problem PDA.

Version 1.6 is also available in a beta form.



PDA Check

More on WM6

First off, we can start you with the 12mb partner WM5 Reference Guide from Microsoft:
<https://partner.microsoft.com/download/global/40037645>

Several of the more notable features include:

Office Mobile:

You can view/scroll/zoom on Word, Excel and Powerpoint documents without 3rd party apps. You can not make a new Office file on SE (Standard Edition). There is still no native support for PDF files (imagine that) -- but check this tool in our newsletter to handle that issue (PDF docs).

email changes:

Search

Instead of having to scroll through tons of email headers to find what you want (80's-style), you can now begin typing characters and be taken to matching emails (21st century-style).

POP3/IMAP support (...and Windows Live Mail, Exchange 2007)

Flag messages

you can now flag a message. HOLD the 'H' key to display the shortcuts.

Reviews

Mobile Review of Crossbow

<http://www.mobile-review.com/pda/articles/wm-crossbow-en.shtml>

BLOGS



The Official Palm Blog 🌐

<http://blog.palm.com/>

The Official Windows Mobile Team Blog 🇺🇸

<http://blogs.msdn.com/windowsmobile/>

The Official Symbian Blog 🌐

<http://www.symbianblogs.com/>

The Smartphones Show 🌐 🇺🇸 🇩🇪 🇬🇧 🇮🇹

<http://www.smartphones-show.com>

Now ... this site is useful. Steve Litchfield reviews new devices and actually demonstrates the features for you to see. Downloadable as MP4 videos, with a "simulcast" on YouTube, each video covers a number of different devices, with just enough sarcasm to be interesting.

Example content from the most recent show:

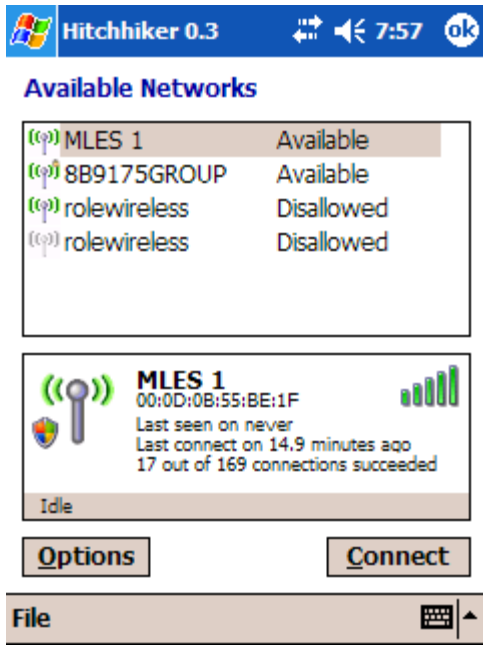
- . News round-up from the smartphone world;
- . hands-on review of the i-Mate JAQ4;
- . video editing demo on a smartphone



Smartphones Show

Hitchhiker v0.4 beta 1 (freeware) 🇺🇸

<http://www.kasuei.com/download/Hitchhiker0.4b1.msi.zip>



Hitchhiker v0.4

<http://www.kasuei.com/Hitchhiker/>

A tool to allow you to easily connect to Wireless WiFi Access Point. The tool works its way through settings and checks to connect for you. Requires WM 2003/WM5 and the .NET 2.0 compact Framework (which is free, that you can get here).

Club i-Mate

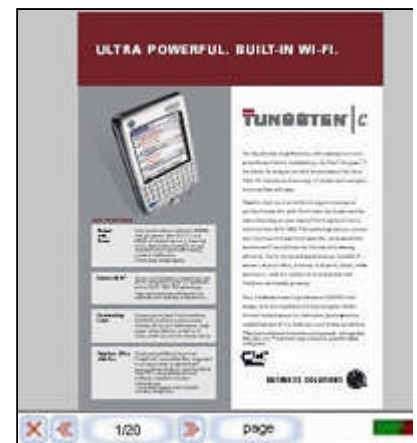
<http://www.clubimate.com/ultimate/default.htm>

You will be seeing a lot more about i-Mates, mid year. For early information about these Windows Mobile devices, you can use this site that describes each of them, from the 5150 to the 9150.

PalmPDF (donationware)

<http://www.metaviewsoft.de/en/Software/PalmOS/Freeware/PalmPDF/index.html>

- . Native PDF
- . File Browser
- . Opens emailed PDF files or those from the web
- . Support for links inside the PDF
- . Presentation mode for PDA based overhead presentations
- . works with RescoExplorer, ZLauncher and MobiSystems OfficeSuite

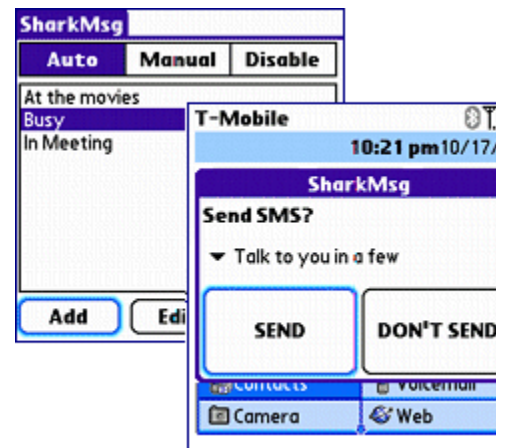


PalmPDF

SharkMsg v1.45 (freeware)

<http://www.ludustech.com/sharkmsg/>

SharkMSG is a neat tool that brings a feature from the Windows Mobile Treo 700w to the Treo 650. This tool allows you to (manually or automatically) send a SMS text response to phone messages that you can not take, because of being in a meeting -- or a movie -- or...



SharkMsg

IPAQ Parts and Repairs 🌐

<http://www.ipaqrepair.com>

AKA

<http://www.pdasmart.com/ipaqindex.htm>

Parts, pieces and help for the following IPAQs

31xx / 36xx / 37xx / 38xx / 39xx / 5xxx / 19xx / 4xxx / 22xx, rx and rx.

And, just for competition sake, here is another Parts site as well:

<http://pdaparts.com/>

Dell Axim discontinued 🌐

Citing "a steadily declining market for pen-based PDAs and noted over the past several quarters by analyst firms like IDC and Gartner"; Dell has decided to drop the Axim PDA line -- and will focus on tablets in the future. These sites contain more information about this decision.

Direct2Dell

<http://direct2dell.com/one2one/archive/2007/04/11/11397.aspx>

axim site

<http://www.aximsite.com/boards/showthread.php?t=151390>



Axim Death

Sticky section

Included here will be PalmOS; WinCe/Pocket PC/Windows Mobile; Smartphones and calling plan comparisons
We will keep and update this set of device lists in future newsletters, as a way to help users in comparing hardware before a purchase.

Palm PDAs Comparison Chart 🌐

Current/discontinued Palm, Sony and other models

<http://www.anewpda.com/palmpdas.html>

Palm's list of Product Comparisons 🌐

Current Palm models only

<http://www.palm.com/us/products/compare/>

Steve Litchfield's grid comparison of current PDA/smartphones 🌐



<http://3lib.ukonline.co.uk/grid.htm>

Pocket PC Mag's Pocket PC/Smartphone list 🌐🌐

<http://www.pocketpcmag.com/bg04/ppcs.asp>

1-Stop Compare Cell Phones(page down) 

<http://www.1-stop-free-cell-phones.com/compare-cell-phones.php>

FO News    

As of "press-time" today, AppForge is closed, not answering calls, and possibly being purchased by Oracle. ...At least, Oracle is the site that you are redirected to when click on www.appforge.com. This is not necessarily a surprise, given the draconian licensing imposed by AppForge in recent years.



In anticipation of this, for any of our customers that are developing using AppForge, we are offering free analysis to see if you would prefer to move to foSync, SatelliteForms.r or NSBasic -- with whom we have established a partnership. Please **contact us** for mor information if you are interested.

More information about AppForge closing is available here:
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/03/28/appforge_mystery/



We have part-time | contract positions available for sales, PDA development and network engineers. See this page for more information (<http://www.fo.com/getpage.asp?strfile=careers.asp>).

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PDA Development
PDA User Interface topics (look & feel issues),
PDA User-oriented topics (tips!),
Palm vs. Pocket PC issues
<other>

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