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Martin Riddle wrote:

[snip]

Doesn't have to be a PDA,
just something small and
with plenty of
battery life per charge.

But there

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are quite a
few cad
packages
for PDA's,
third party.

That's mostly not an option
because soon enough I'd
have to run some
compiler or PSoC software
that doesn't come other than
for Windows.

Oh well, I'll go bargain
shopping for a laptop then
after Christmas.
The ads with today's paper
were disappointing though.
Not much on sale.
I was hoping they'd get rid
of laptops that aren't quite
up to snuff
for Vista (which I don't
want) but it seems that
might not happen.

Merry
Christmas!!

Merry Christmas to you as
well.

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Regards, Joerg

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If you're looking for a small system you
might take a look at Samsung's
Ultra Mobile PC.

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Runs the Windows XP Tablet System on a Celeron Processor IIRC from what I saw on the CompUSA card underneath it though the Web Site says they're available with Mobile Pentium M's as well. They claim a 10 hr Battery life with the Power Bank option.

They're probably more expensive than you were thinking of but you might find one at a discount after a while.

http://www.samsung.com/uk/products/mobilecomputing/ultramobile/np_q1_v000suk.

Thanks for the hint, Robert. Interesting PC although I don't know how compatible the XP "tablet edition" is. \$1100 sounds a bit steep. And that only buys 3hrs battery life. Longer life comes at extra cost. I guess I'll pass for now.

I need to be able to run pretty much any mundane Windows program. Not gaming or any high performance stuff, just Word, CAD, SPICE, databases and so on. That rules out pretty much any PDA. No clue why they are generally so paltry on RAM and program space. Often under 100MB in program storage alone while \$20 USB sticks are already at 512MB. Seems they are stuck in the last century with those things.

Just heard on the news that the merchants were unhappy with Christmas sales and also with after Christmas day sales. Well, duh! To my utter surprise laptop prices actually went up substantially right before Christmas and they kept them up there. That's not a strategy to boost sales but it makes people wait until they see what shakes out after Vista shows up. What are they thinking?

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Regards, Joerg

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The main reason I mentioned it is "XP Tablet Edition" is full blown XP. Just the additions to use it as a pen based writing platform.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/327160>

Q4: Will my Windows XP Professional-compatible programs run on Windows XP Tablet PC Edition?

A4: Yes. Because Windows XP Tablet PC Edition is a superset of Windows XP Professional, programs that are compatible with Windows XP Professional also run on Windows XP Tablet PC Edition.

I didn't think you'd go for it now because of the cost but it's something to keep an eye on to pick up on sale if you see it.

Indeed. Thanks. I bet one can also connect a keyboard in case a document needs to be created.

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Regards, Joerg

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The display I saw had pictures of a keyboard and other devices attached.

The Tablet PC (besides writing on the screen and it turns that into text) also has a virtual keyboard on the screen that you can tap but it's more for short notes or commands. Perhaps one of those devices that project a Keyboard onto a flat surface would match the portable/lightweight theme.

Or it seems to have enough power (with the Mobile Pentium M) to run Dragon Naturally Speaking as a speech recognition app.

Robert

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