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Subject: PDAs,smartphones,mobile webphones-anyone using ?opinions

Posted by [Pete Ruthenburg](#) on Sun, 15 Jan 2006 01:59:46 GMT

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Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Sun, 15 Jan 2006 02:11:27 GMT

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Here is my baby Pete, I have it all decked out with wireless Bluetooth headset and Bluetooth GPS options. Absolutely love this thing. Battery life is a bit of a pain but you get use to it. I even have this really cool setlist / metronome app on there for giging. I didn't subscribe to the wireless web option, too much \$ but I do access my home web connection via Bluetooth. My next goal is to run virtual desktop software on this thing and start/stop Paris for doin overdubs from the ISO booth...!!

<http://www.mobiledia.com/phones/audiovox/ppc6600.html>

"Pete Ruthenburg" <ruthenburg@sbcglobal.net> wrote in message news:43c99e82\$1@linux...

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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Sun, 15 Jan 2006 04:19:21 GMT

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Cell phones can be a great thing. But really, there are only three times that I absolutely need one:

1. I'm at the grocery store and can't remember what my girlfriend wanted me to pick up.
2. My car is broke down.
3. I'm lost and need directions.

Otherwise, cell phones are just another way to make my day more busy than it needs to be. Ultimately, cell phones, and email, and phone message machines take me away from the second most important thing in my life: making music.

On the PDA thing. I had one, once, and I suppose that for some, they're very very helpful. But, I find a good ol paper calender, tons easier to use... along with my quill pen and ink.

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sun, 15 Jan 2006 04:29:51 GMT

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First of all, Pete, I'm very impressed. I'm a person who not only has a cell phone, a PDA, a Blackberry, and various other electronic prostheses without which I'm a mouth breathing moron (OK, I'm one of those anyway, but with lots of gadgets), part of my job is actully to run the Blackberry servers that let other people get their email on their gadgets. If you've made it this far without a cell phone you really, really might want to think about sticking with what's been working.

That said, if you decide you want a phone and a PDA I'd take a serious look at the Treo 6xx model. It's a Palm based phone/PDA. Palm devices work on Windows, Mac OS Everything, and even on GNU/Linux systems. Palm devices are also pretty easy to use. The phone in the Treo series is also very nice.

If you want pure mobile email and sync to desktop scheduling with a decent phone a Blackberry might be another option. Personally I'd recommend staying away from the Windows mobile devices.

To me the Treo is the best compromise between having a pretty damn good phone, decent email device, and a Palm PDA. Also, you can get a memory card upgrade and listen to those newfangled MP3 things ;-)

TCB

P.S. Depending on what state you live in you might want to get a Bluetooth headset. In CT where I live it's illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving, so a BT device is almost a necessity.

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Posted by [Doug Wellington](#) on Tue, 17 Jan 2006 18:20:24 GMT

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"Pete Ruthenburg" <ruthenburg@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

> Let me say I don't and haven't had a cell phone.

There was a time when I didn't have one and didn't think I'd ever use one. Then I got one, and I wondered why it took me so long! I spend a fair amount of time at work, and my commute is typically 35-40 minutes. Having the cell phone let me have more time talking to my wife, and it has really helped when it comes to changing plans, running errands, etc. My sister-in-law and I drove from Santa Barbara to Tucson, and we got separated in highway construction - I don't know how we would have found each other again without the phones!

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I've been using a Palm Treo 650 for a couple months now. This is the closest thing to a Dick Tracy two way wrist TV that I've ever seen! Phone, Palm Pilot, web surfing, camera, mp3 player and more. I put in a 1 GB SD card and I can store 13,000+ (640x480) pictures, or eight and a half hours of (320x240) video, a bunch of MP3 files, or a combination. I got a bluetooth earpiece and a GPS unit. (Sits on the car dash and communicates with the Treo via bluetooth.) I'm with Sprint PCS - I was going to go with Verizon because they're supposed to have more coverage, but they charge Treo users regular minutes for any web surfing...

<http://www.palm.com/us/products/smartphones/treo650/>

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-Doug

<http://www.parisfaqs.com>

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