

Crystal View, Hotsync, and Photo Story

So last week, I told shared how I learned to “burn vinyl.” I have to tell you that I have since learned that the program Microsoft Plus! Digital Media Edition, is not available as a stand-alone product. It is only available as a bundle of Microsoft Plus! for Windows XP and Microsoft Plus! Digital Media Edition for \$49. Still a good deal.

Crystal View

Let’s see, what have I learned this week? I learned that a 17” “CRYSTAL VIEW” screen on a laptop is the nicest laptop screen I have ever seen! It is on display here at Software Emporium. You have GOT to see this Fujitsu laptop to understand my amazement! I searched for some information about the technology so I could tell you about it but wasn’t able to find any articles. This screen is so vibrant and bright it will take your breath away!

Hotsync Palm to Outlook

I’ve also learned that I can “hotsync” my Palm Pilot to my Microsoft Outlook program. So now instead of having to run two different programs, (Palm Desktop and Outlook,) I can now run just my Microsoft Outlook, which has my contact list, my calendar, and my task list, and my notes all easily available and my email is right there too.

For those of you interested in integrating your Palm with Outlook, just insert your Palm CD and browse to the folder called PALM DESKTOP and then to a folder called POCKET MIRROR. Pocket Mirror is by a company called Chapura. Pocket Mirror is what allows the Palm software to “talk” to the Microsoft Outlook software. Why run two separate programs and duplicate contact lists when you can hotsync into one?

Microsoft Photo Story 3

Available free from www.microsoft.com.

For any of you who enjoy pictures and slideshows, please download this program free from Microsoft and check it out. It is so easy to create the neatest slideshow. It adds a motion effect to each picture by zooming in and out, it easily adds an mp3 file as an underlying “soundtrack” to your slideshow. Then it compiles it all into a video file for playback on your computer in Media Player. You can also burn as a video file for playback in many DVD players. Check it out or at least stop by Software Emporium Inc. and ask to see the “Photo Story” of my kid’s Grade Nine Graduation day.