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*Convertible Touch
Screen Netbook PC
Released*

Equus has released a revolutionary mobile computing device that is designed for use with a keyboard or an 8.9" LCD bi-directional touch screen as a tablet PC. Using the touch screen you can navigate using either your finger or a stylus. The stylus allows you to write and save notes and sketches. Built-in 10/100 Ethernet, wireless networking, 1.3 megapixel Webcam and microphone facilitate remote communication and collaboration.

Powered by a 1.6GHZ Intel Atom processor with 1GB memory and a 160GB hard drive this less than three pound computer with a four hour battery life is ready for the road. In addition it has a water resistant keyboard and two button touchpad and a ruggedized case with a shock mounted 60GB hard drive. Prices start at \$540.00 with a one year mail-in warranty. Call us if you need more information.

New E-mail Web Security Packages

Our E-mail and Web security partner has released new pricing on both E-mail and Web security products.

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Pricing on the product bundles is exceptionally good especially for a service that works as well as this one does. We have been using and selling this service for several years with nary a complaint. The service not only protects against virtually all on-line threats from e-mail and Internet usage but it does it remotely before it reaches your network That means minimal resource usage, minimal management requirements, no hardware or software expenditures and no upgrades or maintenance. Since the filtering and processing takes place outside your network you save bandwidth and on storage costs. You also have access to 24X7 live

customer support. Outbound e-mail filtering is also available at an extra cost. E-mail defense includes multi-language spam filtering, virus and worm scanning and quarantine, content and attachment filtering, protection against e-mail attacks and fraud protection. Message continuity and fail safe services are available all administered through an advanced administrative and reporting portal. E-mail defense package pricing starts as low as \$1.35 per user per month.

The Web defense service can include spyware blocking, virus defense, phishing protection and safe search security all administered through the administrative portal. Group policy management, IP and user-level authentication services are included. Basic content control packages start at \$2.50 per user per month. Bundled e-mail and Web security packages start at \$2.82 per user per month.

Message archiving is also offered that enables regulatory and workplace compliance. Easy search ability and secure storage is ideal for Freedom of Information requests. Flexible reporting and audit trails ease enforcement of company e-mail

policies. Prices start at \$2.00 per user per month for one year retention.

Minimum, user counts may apply on any of the mentioned packages and services. Note these are based on user count, not mailboxes. Users may have multiple mailboxes.

As stated previously this service works very well with very few false positives – mail flagged as spam that is good mail. It does not put a load on your system and is very easy to use. The increased productivity alone will pay for the service. Call us if you need a quote. Special pricing is available for packages over 100 seats.

Kaspersky Anti-Virus

We have been recommending and installing Kaspersky Anti-Virus software for some time now and are quite happy with its performance. It has a high detection rate for all categories of threats. It features automated hourly updates and can usually respond to a new threat in less than two hours. The software does not consume a lot of resources and is not very intrusive on the user. The program is easy to administer and can also protect remote users from threats. You can get more information and a free computer scan at kaspersky.com. Call us if you need a quote.

Blackberry Enterprise Server 5.0

Research In Motion (RIM) has released the new Blackberry Enterprise Server 5.0 which is an upgrade over version 4.16 which has been in production for two years. Version 5.0 has a Web based administrative interface that allows the administrator to remotely manage and upload software to phones over the air. The only time a phone would need to be physically attached to a device would be to recharge it. Blackberry users will also be able to view e-mail attachments and add, move, rename and delete mail folders. If you need more information or a quote give us a call.

Instant Hotspot

If you need wireless access to the Internet in locations where access is unavailable or expensive Netgear has a solution for you. If you are on a 3G mobile phone network a Netgear 3G Mobile Wireless Router hooked to a USB 3G modem can get you on-line at downstream speeds of up to 7Mbps. The access point will handle multiple users and can be had with an optional car adapter. The price of \$137.00 does not include a USB modem. USB modems are available through your mobile phone company.

MS News

Windows 7 is Movin' Along

Microsoft has released the beta version of its new operating system Windows 7. As we discussed in our last newsletter Microsoft is expediting the release of Windows 7 to provide an alternate upgrade path for XP users that don't want to bother with the trouble laden Vista release. The current beta release will be the only beta version furnished by Microsoft and will expire on August 1st. The next release will either be the production version or a "Release Candidate" which is as close to a production version as it gets. I'm guessing they will release a production version because Vista is such a flop and they need the revenue.

Some of the new Windows 7 features being touted are: An improved task bar with larger icons and full screen previews. Windows that will be easier to open, resize, move, minimize and close. Want to compare the contents of two windows? Drag each of them to the opposite borders and they will automatically resize to half the screen each. You will be able to make all your open windows transparent so you can view your desktop without closing or minimizing them - one click is all it will take to minimize all your open windows. Device management will be improved with a single screen for all major devices such as printers, phones etc. Windows 7 promises to be faster especially for

boot up and shutdown. Windows 7 will eliminate the multiple popup messages and consolidate messages into an 'Action Center' icon that you can access when you are ready. Touch screen functionality and handwriting recognition improvements are promised.

Time will tell but this new operating system version seems to be on the right track. We will keep you up to date.

Surveillance News

IP Systems are Cool

I attended a seminar on IP surveillance systems and the equipment and software available is a quantum leap in technology over the old analog systems. Being digital the picture quality is greatly improved, especially for face or license plate recognition. To be able to read a license plate or recognize a face on an analog system you must have a high quality camera that is relatively close to the target with decent lighting. The IP systems digital images can be blown up to several times the original size and still retain readability even if the camera is a good distance from the object and in less than ideal light conditions. In addition Power Over Ethernet (POE) equipment means no separate power line has to be run to the cameras. The cat 5E cable handles everything. Since cameras have their own IP addresses they can be viewed and controlled from anywhere over the Internet using their IP addresses. Also camera settings are stored on the camera so changes or problems with the recording device (DVR) will not affect the camera settings. This can save enormous amounts of setup time in case of a DVR failure. Cameras can also store images on-board in case an intruder destroys the DVR. IP systems are definitely the wave of the future with price the only stumbling block. Prices should come down as the technology becomes more readily available.