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EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to Issue Two of the Psion Computer Journal.



After the huge learning curve Issue One demanded, I hope you'll notice a few improvements with this issue. Stylistically I've tried for a more consistent and modern feel with better graphics & formatting.

The paper used is also slightly lighter so The Journal folds better (and if I'm honest cheaper to post, airmail costs a fortune!) There are also a few ads' to help fund the project and of course help keep us all informed of new products.

I have also moved away from Psion specific sections to subject specific ones. So with this issue we now have three main areas;

1. Psion Productivity,
2. Psion Leisure,
4. Extras, includes letters, hints and tips, Psion Software Curiosity Shop and other oddities.

All areas will include a nice balance of all Psion formats.

Linux has raised its Penguin like head in a few sections in this issue of The Journal. Ed Robbins excellent series about running Linux on a Psion has proved immensely popular with readers. Ed seems to have even beaten Dr. Potter to the starting gate with PsiLinux, as the veritable Doctor's attentions have also turned in that direction.

There has been quite a shake up at Psion over the last few months with the sale of both Psion Software and Psion's sharp exit from Symbian and Dr. Potter's (I'm not too sure I'm at the point where I can call him Dave) announcement of the production of a new sub-notebook and P.D.A. style devices later this year running Linux.

Psion removing itself from Symbian can, in my opinion, only be seen as a good thing. Psion would have faced a take over for its Symbian shares at any moment and the Psion name would be lost to us forever.

As it is, the signs for the rebirth of a Psion P.D.A have never looked better. If there had been no gap in Psion P.D.A production, I'm sure Psion would have moved to a Linux based Operating System with a Psion front end or G.U.I (Graphical User Interface).

In the same way Apple abandoned its historical O.S. (Operating System) by basing their new O.S. on UNIX (OS X), any new Psion Organiser running Psion Linux could still be seen as a Psion Operating System.

Although I will pause here. My favourite Psion Operating System is Classic OS (found on the Organiser II and I'm sure Boris would agree with me for one, see Retro-Psion), Tom & Mark would argue the case for SIBO, Martin (see Author in Focus) and Tim (netPad in the Caribbean) would go for EPOC and Ed would plump for Psion Linux. The point being a Psion is a Psion, it doesn't matter which version of the Psion OS you go for.

I could at this point move on to what makes a Psion a Psion, but it's a little too deep for me, best not to think about it.

So with all this I hope we have seen the end of the Psion doom and gloom days and the start of a new chapter in the Psion story.

I hope you enjoy Issue Two of the Journal, it's packed full of some brilliant stuff, all thanks to its excellent contributors and subscribers for making it all possible.

Cheers,

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