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No, it's been tested and beta-ed, etc. You don't realize the volume of stuff that interacts with network adapters on your PC. The beta of 4.2 worked fine for me, but yet a significant number of people here are having problems with the released version, even. The difference is configuration on their PC, which might be running XP or 2000, wireless networking or wired with any one of dozens of network helper programs, firewalls from half a dozen or more vendors, anti-virus/anti-scripting programs from dozens of vendors, VPN clients from half a dozen vendors and in several versions, etc. The number of combinations that could be found in the real world is literally astronomical; the size of the AS test team is not.

The basic reason for changing to a network communication scheme is that you now communicate exactly the same way with Exchange Server as you do with desktop AS. This is a huge improvement for the AS team (which is very small). They now have the ability to add features, fix bugs, etc. without having to fix the same bug in two places. The initial pain was, I'm sure, an expected problem (although I think the severity of problems caught them a little off-guard), but the long-term result should be better responsiveness to problems and better synching, in general.

It's extremely painful for people who **are** having problems, and you can certainly pin that on the change to network communications from just acting like a regular USB device, but, frankly, I don't see that AS over USB was super-reliable before the change. The change simply seems to have changed who is running into problems. People who had 3.x working fine and never had a problem with that now may have hell, while those who were always having problems getting 3.x to work, if they're still around, may have smooth sailing with 4.x (as I do).

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"Matthew" <pgh1969pa@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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It's hard to that believe that anyone at Microsoft actually tested any of their software before it was released. Why in the world did they screw up AS with all this network crap that doesn't work escapes me!

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I've been using PPCs since the begining and this is a real mess! If I'm having problems with the 'new and improved' activesync, I wonder how new users are doing! I thought 4.2 was to fix connection issues not create them! AS 4.2 is the absolute worst version ever!

"Tim Maher-De Troyer" <tim.maherdetroyer4@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:eAjqAparGHA.2256@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

This is, without a shadow of a doubt, one of the worst pieces of software ever written.

As a result of it's complete inability to recognise USB devices (O2 XDA II), except intermittently, no proper interface to Windows Media Player 10.x and above and it's thorough incapacity in delivering understandable messages I shall be abandoning the entire charade in favour of BlackBerry (You can get the music!).

This is the biggest load of unusable software that I have encountered in years.

Dump it and get something written that can connect peripheral PC like devices.

Tim