

Re: Will there be a PocketPC with harddisk?

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> On Mon, 19 Apr 2004 14:00:02 GMT, Franz <franzsamR_E-M_O-V-E.ME@libero.it>

> wrote:

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> >I don't think it's "inevitable".

> >Hard disks are the oldest, slower, more power consuming, more fragile

> >technology we actually have in our devices, fixed and/or mobile.

> >I think/hope we will soon have solid-state memories with same or

> >better performances of actual HDD and a fraction of actual cost per

> >MB.

> >I really hope we soon have no more HDD

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> I agree. Another point you didn't mention is the noise. One of the key

> benefits of a PPC for me is the complete and utter silence, meaning I can

> sit on the couch and read the news in peace, without the whining HD/fan of

a

> desktop/laptop.

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> Steve

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As an owner of removable hard drive technology:

Although I can hear my microdrive I couldn't by any means call it whining—there is no fan. It only makes any noise when reading/writing then powers down. And it's certainly not loud but I don't think IBM quoted noise levels, it would depend on the device it is in, but it certainly isn't intrusive.

wrt fragile— this is used in a digital camera too, and hasn't been treated with kid gloves. It still works. It's been dropped on its own, and in the camera. And it's been regularly swapped between devices. On its travels its been outside in all weathers. It still works – I bought it straight from launch in 2000.