

Re: making old PPC useful

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Anuva Yoosa wrote:

I just got my hands on a HP Jornada 525 Pocket PC and I was wondering if there's any kind of use I can get out of it? Maybe GPS navigation after adding [compatible] bluetooth CF card? Maybe linux?

it only runs Pocket PC 2000 (Win CE 3.0)

any kind of ideas would be greatly appreciated

TIA

Suggest you use it as is and not put any money into it. It can be a great time waster/tv alternative, just don't let it become a money waster too.

I had a 548 back in the day. Back when MP3 players cost an arm and a leg, my \$5 548 looked attractive. Worked fine except for the short battery life and the annoying "growl" in the audio. Very difficult to operate and keep your eyes on the road. Today, mp3 players will fit in your pocket and run all day...and they're cheap.

I tried a mapping application. Problem was the display. Hard to read in bright light. Outside on a sunny day, in the shade, I couldn't even tell if it was switched on. Maybe the 525 has a better display. 548 was too slow for gps real-time tracking via serial port. Bluetooth would be worse.

As for batteries, beware of the cheap Chinese ones. I bought one, too thick, sent it back. Bought a different one, too thick, cut off all the plastic, bent the case and crammed it in. Big Mistake. Caused an intermittent display cutout problem.

Put a slideshow program on it and use it as a picture frame.
Does make a fine simple pda.

If you can pick up a \$1 CF card at a garage sale, do it, but don't let the turkey become a money pit.
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