Using Palm Pilots for Faculty and Students

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Introduction - What is it?

- Handheld computer

- not Palm Pilot (brand name)

- Lots of different brands like:
  - Palm – Zire & Tungsten
  - Sony - CLIE
  - HP - iPaq
  - Dell - Axim

Inputting Information – 5 ways

- Keyboard - collapsible
- Keyboard – on screen
- Graffiti
- Beaming
- "Sync" it from your main computer

Basic Software

- Calendar
  - Multiple views of the calendar
  - Schedule an event with or w/o an alarm
  - Recurring events
  - Categorize events
- Contacts
  - Categorize your contacts
  - Business Card

Basic Software

- Memo Pad – Use Graffiti or keyboard
- Note Pad – write directly on the screen
- Calculator
- MP3 player
- Tasks
- World Clock
  - Alarm Clock
  - Set Alarm Preferences

Software for Everyone

- **Documents to Go** – Palm OS
  - Crunches Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint down to "Palm" size
  - Reads PDF documents
  - E-mail – Versa Mail (Windows only)
- **Handy Shopper** – Create your own shopping list
- **EZ-Convert** – Converts measurements
- **Car Payment** – Calculates a car payment
- **UnLend**

Faculty

- **Percent Table** – Just like your trusty EZ-Grader – only BETTER!!!

- There are **electronic grade books**, but you're going to PAY!!! Use Excel instead.

Students

- **Homework Assistant** – List their homework, when it's due, for what class, and if it's done yet
- **Grade Plus** – Students can calculate and keep track of their own grades
- **Inflation Master** – Calculates prices with inflation rates

Care and Feeding of Your Handheld

- Keep it charged or ELSE!!!
- Power Saving Features
  - Auto turn off
  - Keep brightness down
- Sync it
- Keep it DRY!
- Screen Protector

Care and Feeding of Your Handheld

- Owner Information
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone
  - Email contact
- In Case of Emergency
- Don't Drop It!!!! (or at least drop it on something soft…)
- Purchase an extended warranty if possible

If we have time…

- **Prize Wheel** – "Pick a number between…"
- **Die Roll** – Roll up to 6 dice
- **Sketchy** – Animation software
- **Marbles** – No, not the ones you lost…

Good Websites to Check Out

- www.palm.com
- http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/default.mspx
- www.cnet.com – Get reviews for various models
- http://www.palmloyal.com/new/index.php - Good place for freeware
- http://www.pdasoftnet.com/ - Freeware for Palm and Windows OS
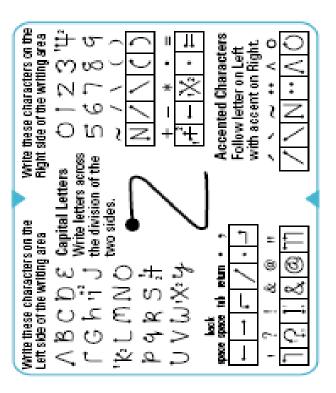
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- http://hi-ce.org/ - Connected with the U of M School of Education

- http://www.goknow.com/ - Educational software for the handheld

- http://learninginhand.com/ - Handheld computing in education, articles, management, and freeware
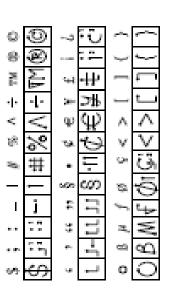
Graffiti 2 Alphabet