



PDA transfer

SODEOG SYNCTALK PROFESSIONAL

SyncTalk provides data transfer between Palm, CE and EPOC based machines – but with some limitations

Requirements Hand-held computer running the Palm OS version 3 or higher, any release of EPOC, or Windows CE 2.0 or higher **Tested on** Hewlett Packard Jornada 690 and Psion Series 5mx **Additional Information** A free evaluation version with limited data transfer capability is available for download

■ **PRICE** \$30 (£19) ■ **SUPPLIER** SoDeog ■ **WWW** www.sodeog.com

In an all Palm, CE or EPOC environment, 'beaming' data from one device to another is easy – and makes collaborative working pain free. But this will not be the case if you operate in an environment where several hand-helds with different operating systems are used. SyncTalk overcomes some of the problems of multi-operating system data sharing by enabling Palm OS, EPOC and CE based hand-helds to talk to each other.

SyncTalk's function is limited to the exchange of contacts, appointments and text documents between devices. On test, we found that data actually moved between devices well, with no lost integrity. It was particularly pleasant to see appointments entered into our Series 5mx appear on our Jornada 690 – and vice versa.

You have to remember to disable auto-synchronise when doing a desktop synchronisation operation. Without this, receiving data from another hand-held requires a menu selection to be made. Also, you can only

send one item at a time rather than doing batch sending – so an appointment and a text file exchange is a two-stage operation. Finally, you need to save text files in an appropriate format rather than the native one before sending – conversion is not automatic.

When working with EPOC on the series 5mx, we had to perform some additional tweaks – most notably involving field mapping for contact information, and not having files open outside the SyncTalk application while a transfer was in progress. We accept that it may be more difficult to programme for EPOC internals than CE, but these features make it labour intensive to use SyncTalk.

You'll need a separate copy of SyncTalk for each device in the 'loop', and you'll need to take care when downloading from the SoDeog Web site that you get the right version for your hand-held. Installation is a breeze and the files are relatively small, occupying around 120KB on Palm devices, 100KB on WinCE and 200K on EPOC hand-helds.

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Windows CE Version	Devices
Windows CE 2.11 (MPC Professional Edition) Large Memory	MSM Professional
	Compaq Jornada Pro-Pe 6000
	Compaq Jornada To-Pe-Pe 6000
	EGC JornadaPro 600
	Vadem Cite 1800 / 1000
	MSM Professional
	Intrepid 14000 (MPC)
	Compaq Aero 6000
	MSM Professional
	Microsoft (Professional)
	HP Jornada 610
Small Size models	MSM Professional
	EGC JornadaPro T800/T800T800
	MSM Professional
	HP Jornada 6000

Make sure you download the right version of the software for your hand-held.

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For At last, data exchange between hand-held operating systems

Against Too much tweaking required under EPOC

Range of features.....6

Ease of use.....6

Documentation.....7

Performance.....8

Value for money.....7

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