Tips about Tablet and iPad Technology (21st March 2012)

Introduction:

Technology is advancing at a rapid pace and it is important not to lose sight that some of the advancements are good ideas that make our life easier and help us to add profit to the company balance sheet. While others are only about getting us to spend more money and to toss out good technology, just so we can have the latest technology, which in fact, we may not need.

The problem you have is, the sales person is motivated by their commission, rather than your best interests.

A lot of Tablets and iPads are toys rather than good business equipment.

Findings:

Advertisements in newspapers and on television for Tablets and iPads focus on entertainment, rather than business applications and solutions. The only business applications are website related therefore you pay for downloading data.

Tablets and iPads are not computers they are hardly mini computers, although there could be an argument that they are. They are limited in memory, limited in RAM and have limited speed. The speed is dictated by the internet connection.

Recently I viewed a presentation by a top brand and well respected computer company for their Tablets. The entire presentation, which lasted about thirty (30) minutes centred around photos, videos, movies and social networking on the internet, nothing was mentioned about business solutions.

We all appreciate that we can link to our bank and there are a couple of similar handy applications, but not once did the television presentation refer to how the Tablets could be used in a 'Service Vehicle' or on 'Construction Sites' to benefit your company and make more profit. The reason for this is, it is not the Tablet or iPad but the software makes it possible

Note: See review below.

Windows based Tablets have the advantage that when an application is developed by a software company for your business, it will link with, and be able to read the backend software on your computer. Let's be clear, if you already have a software program such as the CavSoft **Service Work** or **Project Tracking**, Windows Tablets will link, because CavSoft have developed the **Site Manager** and **Time Log** applications to do this. The access is restricted due to the limitations of the Tablet's speed and memory. Regardless it has all the features that the site foreman requires.

Android Tablets are not exactly the same as Apple iPads as sales people would have you believe. They may for entertainment and web based applications. I can assure you the software programming is very different.

Android Tablets are generally connected to the internet 24/7, which carries with it the likelihood of you overrunning the data download limits. Do not miss the fact that the Telco's want you to download data.

CavSoft Technology stores the data on your head office computer (Server) and accesses it from the Tablets, thus minimising downloads and saving you money.

I am not an authority on Android at this time; however, I am able to state it will not link to CavSoft programs until around September 2012.

Apple iPads are of course popular. CavSoft will link with Apple by late May 2012. Feedback suggests they may be easier to use. I believe this is just a matter of getting use to a work tool, and as I type, improvements are being made to all Tablets and iPads.

The Apple iPad has some restrictions, in that your backend software on your computer is Windows based and not compatible with Apple. Therefore special software needs to be developed to provide these links.

Note: CavSoft is not internet based; while it uses the internet the data is stored on your server.

Summary:

In 2010, CavSoft Technology predicted there would be a Tablet and iPad revolution for business applications. We started work on such applications for service vans and building construction sites, and we can assure you that Tablets and iPads are the way of the future, the answer for the next decade and beyond.

CavSoft have completed their final testing and have launched a Windows Tablet version of Site Manager.

More information go to www.cavsoft.com and click on Site Manager.

The Tablet you require must be Windows based (not Android) with touch screen. RAM and hard drive as well as speed are important.

Note: While you can use your mobile phone to link with the Tablet or iPad, the limited power in the phone battery may be a problem.

When shopping for Tablets, appreciate it is going to be used for commercial business not entertainment, so be sure of the software application before you purchase.

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  - Intel® Core™ i3 Processor
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- 160GB HDD (Optional **62GB or 128GB Solid State Drive - SSD**)
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- **Display Options:**
  - 12.1" **AFFS+ LED Backlight** Digitizer Wide Screen (WXGA) **View Anywhere®** Display with **Gorilla® Glass** (Optimal for Outdoors)
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