

HP Ipaq 212 (AU) 210 (USA) Enterprise Handheld



After reading eBooks on my HP 112 PDA for almost 6 months straight; I discovered that HP had released a new model, known as the HP Ipaq 212 (AU) 210 (USA) Enterprise Handheld.

By this time, my eyes were starting to get a bit sore from reading 8-12 hours a day, so I decided to buy a new PDA with a larger screen. After a fair bit of haggling, I managed to pick up the 212 for AU \$470. They are currently selling in the USA for around \$450.

Now this PDA is a bit larger and heavier, but the screen is 4" which for a PDA is the big momma. The screen resolution is amazingly clear with VGA resolution of 640x480. Again it is a touch screen design which runs on Windows Mobile 6. With a bigger screen, even if you don't have any fingernails, you will be able to use it without the stylus.

The set up is much the same as the HP 112 and took no time at all to master.

While this PDA is thicker and bigger than the 112, it still sits nicely in my hand. It does tend to weigh my pants down a bit when I have it in my pocket, but for sitting in a lazy-boy and reading it is great.

Software is already installed for Office Mobile, consisting of mobile versions of Excel, PowerPoint and Word. There is also a PDF viewer (which I use to read PDF books), calendar, organiser, contacts list and a mobile version of Windows Live Messenger. Again, I downloaded MobiPocket via the built in WiFi.

This device comes with a mini-USB cable for charging and sync. There is also a

This PDA has both a Compact Flash card slot, as well as an SD card slot. This means you can effectively have a 32GB card in each slot for a total of 64GB of flash storage.

I have also installed Microsoft Reader on this PDA and it runs fine. I use this program when files are only avail in MS format. I downloaded it

from: <http://www.microsoft.com/reader/downloads/pc.msp>

eReader was installed from <http://l-book.com/tech-support.html>.

Overall rating

Speed 5/5

Value for money 5/5

Ease of use 5/5

Reading experience 5/5

IMHO this is the Queen of dedicated PDA's.

Kudos

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