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The Everyday Computer User: Scribbler Tablet PC

I purchased my first computer twenty two years ago, an Osborne . Since then I have been searching for the ideal portable computing device. I have owned numerous laptops, minicomputers, and desk tops from Gateway, Micron, and presently a Dell Dimension 4600C. My home has a wireless network, and I had been using a Sony Laptop outside of my home office area. The Sony was not ideal for portable computing throughout the home. The open, L shape of the laptop was cumbersome to use for reading, typing, it was the “best” of it’s time. I accepted the limitations of a open laptop with a short battery life until I picked up a copy of PC Magazine in the Spring of 2004.

I am a physician who specializes in pediatrics, the care of infants, young children and adolescents. In the early morning, prior to leaving for the hospital, I use my computer for checking my patient census, and their laboratory reports. After dinner I use the computer for e-mail, reading journal articles, and medical news. This would encompass two to three hours an evening.

The article in PC magazine was about a Canadian Computer Company’s product, the ElectroVaya Scribbler Tablet PC. I read the article at least twice. Then I did a Google search about the ElectroVaya computer. After researching the Scribbler I was ready to purchase one. In July my son was going to the University of Hawaii for two semesters and needed my Sony laptop. The timing was perfect, I gave him the laptop and ordered my Scribbler Tablet.

The unit is superbly constructed, and worked upon arrival. The ElectroVaya tablet exceeds my expectations of what is the best in a portable computer. It is lightweight and has a long battery life. The screen is bright, and it is very easy to read the NY Times on line, or any other newspaper or article without getting tired of looking at a computer screen. The wireless network is quick and very responsive. I do not have to plug in the unit as I did with the Sony, it lasts all day. My best time was seven and a half hours on a weekend day. I did purchase the docking station for recharging, loading software, and using it as my photo printer computer station. Last week I was away and had a chance to use the Scribbler on the road. The unit recognized the hotel wired network without any input on my part. At the meetings I used the pen input for note taking to refer to when I was home.

My summation is that I am still a novice with my Scribbler Tablet PC. Microsoft did an excellent job with the software for tablet PC’s. ElectroVaya has made a unit that is easy to use, long battery life, and compliments the Microsoft operating system.

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