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Mobile Computing Using the PPC for Managing Information in an Academic Environment

Like many workers in information- or knowledge-rich professions, university academics in Australia are increasingly overloaded with information in the form of messages, notes, papers, publications, books and so on. They have to handle, process, store, and make decisions on the information received on a daily basis. Conversely, university academics are also expected, at times under pressure, to produce more of these types of information that in turn, increases the pressure on their peers in academic circles to handle the ever-increasing amount of information. The amount of information 'balloons' year after year.

The technological development that fosters the information explosion also produces new means of coping with it. The potential of the Pocket PC to assist academics in meeting the increasing demands upon them has been investigated by the author, who reports on the findings in this paper. The investigation took the form of a case study of attempts to use a pocket PC to handle information demands in an academic setting and to produce academic products including this paper.

