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## WHAT IS A TABLET PC?

A Tablet PC is a notebook computer combined with an electronic writing pad. Open the Tablet PC as you would normally open a notebook computer and it functions as a conventional notebook. Swivel the LCD display so the exterior side faces you and your notebook becomes a writing pad. Using the stylus "pen" provided with the Tablet PC you can write freehand as you would on a legal pad. Microsoft's new XP-Tablet Operating System can search freehand text and includes very promising handwriting recognition capabilities.

HP, Toshiba and Acer are expected to ship Tablet PC's on or about October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Acer TravelMate PC100 is receiving early praise. I've worked with computers for 25 years and it's rare that new technology changes the way I work anymore, but the Tablet PC may since it will eliminate the numerous writing pads I go through each year and improve my ability to access meeting notes.

## VERISIGN REGISTRATION NEWS

VeriSign, the Internet Domain Name registration company, has issued new user access names and passwords for managing your accounts. For most of our clients LANsultants is your technical contact with VeriSign and the new password has been provided to our office. If you have or do receive a letter from VeriSign referring to your new Account Password please forward a copy of this letter to LANsultants so we can update our records.

If you would like to be removed from our fax newsletter please fax your request to 215-875-7346.

John, the president of LANsultants will be on vacation from October 10<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>. All administrative inquiries should be addressed to Jim Bennett or Chad Hughes. After trekking through Patagonia, biking in France and dog sledding in Alaska the wife has more than earned a conventional trip to Rome.

## NEVER SAVE DATA LOCALLY!

Recently we found that a client was saving confidential files on a local workstation because they believed this to be more secure than the file server. In fact, saving data locally is both less secure and far more vulnerable to irrevocable loss.

- Your server is equipped with a tape backup drive which copies your server data each work night to tapes which should be saved off-site. Workstations are not typically backed up. If the workstation hard drive failed or critical files were deleted there would be no tape copy to recover the data from.
- On all but the smallest networks your server is a specialized computer which uses more reliable components and additional features to provide superior protection to your data against data loss due to hardware failure or electrical problems.
- Properly implemented, security is generally superior when files are stored on the network rather than on a workstation. File and directory access can easily be restricted to specific users with specific passwords.

## SYMANTEC NORTON ANTIVIRUS CORPORATE USERS NEWS

Most clients who have procured NAV Corporate through LANsultants have also procured 2<sup>ND</sup> Year Renewal and Gold Level Software Maintenance & Support. Among other features this program includes periodic upgrades to NAV Corporate. It has been LANsultants' policy, to control costs, only to install these upgrades when there is a specific feature of value to your computer system.

At some offices implementing upgrades to NAV Corporate 8.0 will require upgrading any PC's running MS-Windows95 to Windows98 or MS-2000 Pro.