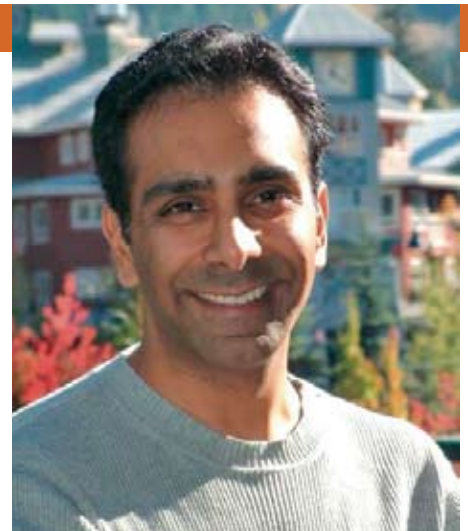


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The Tech List for Your Office

Quite a few gadgets/
software programs have
come across my desk
and, while some of them serve
no other purpose than wasting
time, some can make worklife
seem, well, less like work.

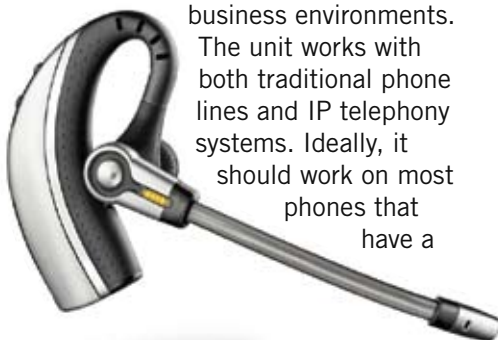
Here are some products to
enhance your productivity and
hopefully make your day go a little
easier.

Plantronics CS70N Headset

Most of us spend a lot of time on the phone during the day. We can hold a phone next to our ear and eventually get a kink in our neck, or we can utilize a unit like the CS70N. The wireless headset has a top-of-the-line, noise-cancelling microphone for clear speech, even in environments with distracting background noise.

The CS70N is perfect for a wide variety of users and business environments.

The unit works with both traditional phone lines and IP telephony systems. Ideally, it should work on most phones that have a



standard external line out (a small plug on the side or bottom of the phone). There is a compatibility-check section for your existing phones here: http://www.plantronics.com/north_america/en_US/products/cat29880043/cat29880054/prod5810004;jsessionid=LVJXJ55QURFGOCQBGNUCFFAKAEZWSIVO.

The included Plantronics HL10 handset lifter gives you remote call answer/end capability.

SRP \$559
www.plantronics.com

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and hopefully make your
day go a little easier.**

DYMO LabelWriter Twin Turbo

Use a label printer once, and you're hooked. You'll be labelling everything in sight. Watch out, doggie!

This latest unit from DYMO can print two label sizes at a time. Two trays can hold different-sized labels. Silent, direct thermal printing means you never need toner or ink. The unit prints about 1 label per second, all set up on your PC or Mac and sent to the unit through a USB connection.



High-resolution printing means crisp text, graphics, photos, and bar codes.

Includes easy-to-use DYMO Label Software that makes it simple to design labels and manage address books. Included are add-ins for instant printing from Microsoft Word, Outlook, QuickBooks, ACT!, Goldmine, Palm Desktop Version 4 or later, WordPerfect, and more.

SRP \$199
www.dymo.com

Logitech Cordless Desktop Wave

Until mind-reading computers become the norm, most of our major input will be through the keyboard. Why not use one that's comfortable?!

The Logitech Wave keyboard is just that, with a wave to contour to the



natural shape of your hands. Combined with the ergonomic mouse, the set is perfect for the heavy-use desktop.

To make life even easier, it's cordless, has programmable F-keys, an extended battery life—up to 15 months for the keyboard and 6 months for the mouse—and is reasonably priced.

Do not, I repeat, do not use the Wave as surfboard . . . !

SRP \$99
www.logitech.com

Fujitsu ScanSnap S510

You have a document in your hand, but not in your computer. This is one time that a bird in the hand is not worth two in the bush.

The ScanSnap S510 can scan documents at speeds of 18 double-sided pages per minute. With the push of a button, it performs advanced automatic functions such as colour detection and blank-page detection and scans your document to a

searchable PDF. You can easily convert your documents to digital format (PDF or JPEG).



The scanner connects to the PC via a USB port, allowing for quick installation and use! The updated S510 now offers a new Quick Menu function, providing a simple method for selecting scan profiles.

The unit is Microsoft Windows Vista compatible (a Mac version is also available). Included in the box is the latest version of Adobe Acrobat, Version 8 Standard.

SRP\$549
www.fujitsu.ca

Fujitsu ScanSnap S300

Brand new in the market, from the leader in high-end business scanners (50-percent share of the market), the ScanSnap S300 is the younger brother of the S510.

The S300 can scan 8 doubled-sided pages per minute, has a 10-page automatic document feeder, and automatically detects paper sizes—from business card to legal size.



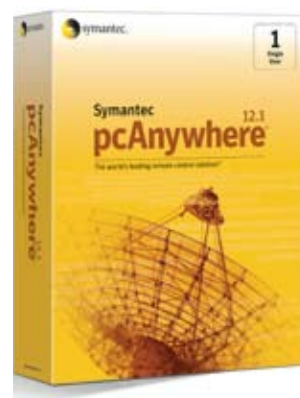
What do you do if you forgot to download a file or submit an EFS file at the office?

It will auto-correct skewed images, delete blank pages, correct page orientation, auto-detect black and white or colour documents, and best of all, manage your scanned documents with ScanSnap Organizer.

The unit can be powered with the included power adapter or—for the ultimate in portability—the 11.2" wide x 3.2" high x 3.8" deep unit can be powered right from a USB connection.

Included in the box is "OrganizeMY Electronic Filing Cabinet For Dummies."

SRP\$300
www.fujitsu.ca



Norton pcAnywhere v.12.1

If your scanner and notebook computer are portable, chances are you may spend some time out of the office. What do you do if you forgot to download a file or submit an EFS file at the office?

PcAnywhere 12.1 provides a feature-rich, secure, reliable remote-control solution that allows you to access your files AND desktop from almost anywhere. What this means is that you can actually control your desktop from a remote location—just as if you were sitting in your chair.

Setup is easier than you think, because the software guides you through the process. And you can use it for almost all versions of Windows (Vista, XP, 98SE).

You'll still be able to work from home, even if you have the flu . . . wait—that might *not* be a good thing!

SRP \$149
www.symantec.com

I am sure that in the next little while, there will be more great—and not so great—gadgets/software programs that I get my hands on. I will be a filter for you, advising you which products are worth whipping out the chequebook! ▲

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