



Steve Holden's Radio Weblog



some thoughts on technology and life ... ✉

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I just did something crazy and not well thought out. I took all my Weblogger.com data and just cut-n-pasted it into Radio Weblog. Some day I'll organize it.

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About Me (Posted on 5/11/01 at 12:28:22 PM.)

Welcome to my weblog ... my name is Steve Holden. My long time user name is 'sholden' so it is my handle for this site.

During the majority of the work day (0630-1630) I work for the U.S. Navy as a "civilian computer scientist" at [SPAWAR System Center San Diego \(aka SSC-SD\)](#). I mostly do systems engineering stuff with a heavy emphasis on being an systems architect, information assurance guru, integrator of new technologies, and visioneer for a variety of DOD customers.

From Jan'91 through Aug'97 I worked for Science Applications International Corporation ([SAIC](#)) on a series of Command and Control (C2) projects at **NRaD** - the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Division (RDTED) of the Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center (NCCOSC). This organization is now [SSC-SD](#). SAIC is a great company and I was extremely torn about leaving. But my new job gives more opportunity, in the long run, to work on the stuff I am really interested in, and I get to play a greater decision

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maker role as a civil servant than as a contractor.

From June 1994 until January 1998 I published **NewtNews** -- a weekly newsletter about Apple's Newton handheld technology [no longer hosted anywhere that I know of - you can search [Google](#) for my USENET posts of the newsletter]. I stopped publishing the newsletter in a weekly format in January 1998 to devote time to finishing my thesis at [San Diego State University \(SDSU\)](#). My plan was to update the NewtNews WWW site with Newton related information in smaller tidbits on a daily basis. Then [Apple](#), under the leadership of Steve Jobs, killed the Newton project at Apple. This also effectively killed off all potential advertising revenue for NewtNews, so going back to the larger weekly newsletter was not an option after I finished my thesis.

However, I do work as the [Mobile News Editor](#) for [Pen Computing's WWW site](#) that contains the same kind of daily news items with a more generalized handheld and wireless focus that use to be found in the traditional NewtNews newsletter.

I did by the way complete my Master's thesis for a Computer Science degree at [SDSU](#) in Spring/Summer 1998. My thesis topic was "Software Agents: A study of definitions and infrastructure issues."

I spend the rest of my free time -- with the **LOVES** of my life - my wife Christy; my oldest son Conrad Vaughn born 16Feb99; and my youngest son Spencer Steven born 26May01. I also enjoy running, cooking, and doing as little home improvement as possible on our house which is near [SDSU](#).

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Top Ten Handheld Stories (Posted on 1/6/02 at 6:26:19 PM)

The following are my current top ten handheld related stories (not any particular order):

#1.) [Infinity Software's](#) powerOne Graph and powerOne Finance v3.0 calculators are now available.

#2.) [AvantGo](#) has announced that they have over 4.5 million registered users of its AvantGo mobile Internet service.

#3.) [iambic](#) has announced: TinySheet 4.0, Action Names Datebook 5.0, and a new game called "Bump Attack Pinball."

#4.) [CNET](#) is reporting that Palm will appeal the recent Xerox patent ruling.

#5.) [Aportis Technologies](#) has released BrainForest Professional Edition v1.1 (outliner for the Palm OS devices) with support for desktop sync with Macintosh OS X systems.

#6.) [Enfour](#) is shipping "Psion 5mx PRO J - the first fully native Japanese Symbian OS device."

#7.) [Research-In-Motion \(RIM\)](#) has announced a new agreement with [Nextel](#) to develop RIM's new BlackBerry Wireless Handheld so that it will operate on Nextel's iDEN network.

#8.) [Hewlett-Packard \(HP\)](#) has announced plans to use [Bitstream's ThunderHawk technology](#) on HP's line of Jornada personal digital assistants (PDAs).

#9.) Work in Washington DC?!? Then you might want [Fall 2001 Capital Source](#) for your Palm or Windows CE handheld.

#10.) TBD

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Old Weblogger Data (From 02-15Jan02)

- The [JETLOG 24x7](#) PowerNapping Springboard module for the Handspring Visor device that turns the handheld into a Power Napping Enabler.
- The [SCOTT eVEST](#) will be featured at the fashion show at [CES](#) this year.
- [Women surpass men as e-shoppers during the holidays](#)
- [Dr. Dobb's 'The MIT Lightweight Languages Workshop'](#)
- [SnapStream](#) offers a software solution for Windows and Windows CE devices to record/view videos of TV shows and other audio/visual inputs.
- Another good use for [VMWARE](#) - [Virtual Honeypot](#).
- [TechTV](#) is a pretty good channel. The [screensavers](#) is a good example of cool technology TV program.


[PC World](#) examines new handhelds: [Sharp PDA](#), [Minolta Digital Camera](#), and [Royal Linux PDA](#).

- [InfoWorld](#) examines the recent agreement by Palm to use Broadcom's Bluetooth technology in upcoming new devices.
- [W2KNews](#) recently published a newsletter article with home automation links: [SMARTHOME](#), [HomeSeer Technologies](#), [Stu's Home](#), and [Home Automation Book](#).
- New magazine is out called [Connected Home Magazine](#).
- Samsung has a new mobile phone that includes standard PDA capabilities. [[PC World](#)]
- More information on Windows CE .NET via [Enterprise Magazine](#).
- [President Ronald Reagan's Inaugural Address, January 20, 1981](#).
- [Wireless Week](#) is reporting that "wireless data company Motient has filed for reorganization.
- Sprint PCS Business Connection service has been announced at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) and should enable users to access email and files stored directly on a users work system. [[Infoworld](#)]
- [WirelessWeek](#) is a good source for the latest mobile news from CES.
- Microsoft has reportedly announced Windows CE .NET -- an embedded OS for mobile applications. [[PMN](#)]
- [PenRight!](#) has released v2.1 of MobileBuilder, a rapid application development environment that makes it possible to build vertical solutions for Palm OS, Pocket PC, Windows CE, Windows, and DOS capable handheld computers.
- [TidBITS](#) has a great overview of MacWorld 2002 San Francisco.
- [Nokia](#) is reportedly working on a new 6340 handset that supports: GSM 1900-MHz, TDMA 800/1900-MHz, & AMPS networks; WAP browser; ewallet; picture messaging; PIM features; and games. [[PMN](#)]
- Fuel cell technology is a big deal for

Japanese electronics makers.
[[siliconvalley](#)]

- [PC World](#) has an article about the new NEC Pocket PC handheld.
- Anonymous FTP configuration pointers: [iss.net](#) and [cert.org](#).

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