

Father Mack/PDAs
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Long before I read Father Mack's article [Commentary, July issue], I mulled over the barrage of laptops (you know, those well-fed calculators that run "Windows"), and considered the coming assault of PDAs, and one question remained constant from the beginning:

How can they sell something so cheap and crappy-looking for so much money? A laptop same as a comparable desktop?!?!

I predict they will either come way down in price, or go the way of CB radios.

Some designers live in the past. Business is getting more frugal. Companies are racking up less and less frequent flier miles, not looking for expensive laptops for employees who live on big jets. There are probably very few indeed who could even USE something like these things, let alone NEED them.

Most would pay \$200 for a decent laptop. In five or ten years, that's what they'll probably sell for. If not, only a few toy-mongers will probably ever own them in significant numbers.

I could be wrong, but that's my bet.