



e-pens Mobile Notes

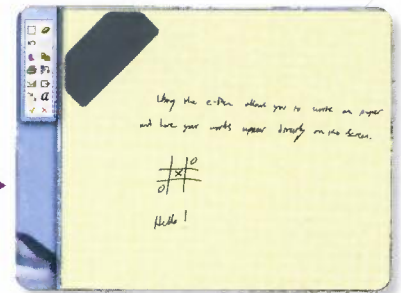
Capturing information when you're away from your PC has long been something of a challenge. Unless you have a device like a PDA, it's usually involved lots of retyping at some point. Mobile Notes enables you to capture your handwriting when you're out and about then upload it and convert it to text when you get home.

The kit consists of a pen and a small sensor module. Clip the sensor to the top

of a notepad and it captures everything you write, and you can charge it up via your USB port so you can use it on the move. Whilst it's plugged into your PC you can also use the pen instead of the mouse. The pen itself is quite chunky and comfortable to hold. It's powered by two button batteries inserted in the base and comes with a refill that actually writes and a stylus that doesn't. There are two pieces



You can capture handwriting and simple diagrams straight onto your PC



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of software - a notes application that captures data from the sensor, and MyScript, which translates handwriting to text. It also adds a Tablet PC input panel to your Office applications, so you can write directly into Word.

It's a bit fiddly to set up, but once you have it working the results are pretty impressive. You can capture simple sketches and diagrams as well as text. Don't expect the text conversion to cope too well if you write like a doctor, though. At first glance you'd be forgiven for thinking that this is something of a novelty item, but for students or anyone who needs to capture notes it's remarkably effective.

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Verdict	A clever and effective gadget, though a little expensive for what it offers

£89.99



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