

## 1. Satellite Forms Version 6.1 Announced!

We are pleased to announce that Satellite Forms 6.1 is coming soon. SatForms 6.1 is primarily a maintenance release, with some minor additional new features as well. This release will be made available as a free update to all registered SatForms 6.x owners, who will be contacted when it is released. SatForms 6.1 is currently in beta test, with a planned release date in the next couple of weeks. Full details will be posted on release.

## 2. Announcing Support for Windows CE.NET

We are pleased to announce that starting with version 6.1, we will be supporting the use of Satellite Forms on Windows CE.NET 4.2 devices that meet specific screen and processor hardware standards. Windows CE.NET 4.2 is a common option for many industrial-use handhelds, such as ruggedized barcode or RFID enabled devices in a PDA-like form factor. Microsoft is encouraging device manufacturers to use Windows CE.NET on these devices, while Windows Mobile for PocketPC is targeted for consumer devices.

For Windows CE.NET devices to be supported by Satellite Forms, they must have:

- Windows CE.NET 4.2 or higher OS
- Screen dimensions of 320x240 (QVGA), 240x240, or 320x320 [QVGA is most common size]
- ARM-compatible CPU, such as Intel PXA processors

### Satellite Forms 6.1 supports these platforms:

- PalmOS 3.5 and higher, including PalmOS Garnet 5.x
- Microsoft Pocket PC 2002/2003/2003SE
- Microsoft Windows Mobile 5.0 for PocketPC
- Microsoft Windows CE.NET 4.2

## 3. Palm Windows Mobile Treo Announced

Palm Inc. has announced a partnership with Microsoft and Verizon Wireless to deliver a Windows Mobile powered Treo smartphone early in the new year. The announcement signaled the first time that Palm will deliver a device that uses the rival Windows Mobile OS instead of the PalmOS, though Palm was quick to assure customers and developers that they are not abandoning the PalmOS. Palm Inc. views this new device as an opportunity to target new corporate and enterprise markets, not as a replacement for existing PalmOS based Treo smartphones or PDAs.

We are pleased to announce that **Satellite Forms will enable you to develop applications for Treo smartphones on both the PalmOS and Windows Mobile PocketPC platforms!**

See more about Palm's announcement here:

[http://www.palm.com/us/company/?creativeID=RFB\\_windows\\_20050927](http://www.palm.com/us/company/?creativeID=RFB_windows_20050927)  
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/5/palm.mspx>

## 4. Satellite Forms KnowledgeBase coming

A new Satellite Forms KnowledgeBase is in final preparation stages, and will be added to the SatelliteForms.net website in the next few weeks. The KnowledgeBase is a searchable database of technical information including a list of known software bugs and suggested workarounds, as well as several How-To guides that expand upon the standard documentation. You will be able to browse or search the KB online, or download it to your PC as a searchable help file or a PDF document. Look for it on [www.satelliteforms.net](http://www.satelliteforms.net) soon!

## 5. Philip Leitch joins the development team

Experienced extension developer Philip Leitch has joined the Satellite Forms development team, and is working on porting additional PalmOS SatForms extensions to PocketPC, as well as developing new extensions. Philip brings considerable extension and handheld and desktop application development experience to the Satellite Forms development team, and we welcome his contributions, working remotely from Australia! Philip is currently working on porting the popular Strings extension to PocketPC.

## 6. New Palm devices Launched

Palm Inc. (formerly PalmOne) released two new PDAs last week: the T|X and the Z22. The T|X looks very attractive for business use, improving on the Tungsten T5 with the addition of WiFi (802.11b) wireless networking, at the expense of the "drive mode" flash memory, at a tantalizing list price of US\$299.

## 7. Quicky Tips & Tricks

Need to display signatures captured on the handheld in your desktop application? Use the Satellite Forms Ink View OCX to display signatures from both the PalmOS and PocketPC platforms, synced to the desktop using the SatForms HotSync ActiveX control for PalmOS or the ActiveSync ActiveX control for PocketPC. **-- SFI --**