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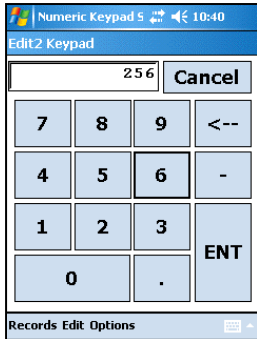
1. Windows Mobile Numeric Keypad Control

MobiTech Systems Inc. (MTS) of Austin, Texas has just released a new Windows Mobile Numeric Keypad control for Satellite Forms. Numeric Keypad is a popup keyboard custom control extension to optimize numeric data entry. When invoked with a tap on the edit field, Numeric Keypad pops up over the current form, providing a full-screen, calculator-like keypad. The user enters the desired value by tapping on the keys, and the result is written back into the active field when the keypad is dismissed. A sample project and demo version enable you to test it out with ease. The Windows Mobile Numeric Keypad control is available for purchase through PalmDataPro by itself, or bundled with the PalmOS version for a special discounted price. Check it out at http://www.palmdatapro.com/itm00156.htm and note that the Satellite Forms Anniversary Sale discount of **25% off the regular price** is available until February 20th!

2. Professional Development Services

Since its debut more than 10 years ago, Satellite Forms has been designed to be easy to use so that non-programmers can quickly build mobile business applications from scratch, while still offering the sophistication and extensibility that seasoned developers need to tackle complex projects. Regardless of your experience, you might encounter times when you could benefit from expert assistance to help you finish a project on time, modernize a legacy application to work with current hardware, or even to turn a raw idea into a fully realized mobile solution. We can help. In addition to listing contract application developers in the Satellite Forms Solutions Guide (let us know if your firm would like to be listed), we also offer professional development services on a contract basis. If you are looking for professional application development services for projects of any size, at any stage of the development cycle, drop us a line and we'll be glad to discuss your needs.

3. The Palm Pre and webOS Platform

The news was eagerly anticipated for months, and industry speculation was rampant, but Palm Inc. managed to surprise nearly everyone with the announcement of the new **Palm Pre** smartphone and **webOS platform** at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month. While the press attention and stock market reaction has been overwhelmingly positive, the chorus of "Wow!"s was soon joined by some "What?"s and "Why?"s, especially from PalmOS app developers and users. One of the biggest shockers was that the Pre will not run existing PalmOS applications; instead developers will be forced to write new applications for webOS. What does this mean for SatForms app developers? Well, unless a PalmOS emulation layer appears from a third party (perhaps StyleTap or even ACCESS), SatForms PalmOS applications will not run on the Pre smartphone. Will we be able to add webOS support to Satellite Forms, so that you can use SF to build applications for the Pre? At this point we just don't know: Palm Inc. has not yet released the technical details of how to program applications for the webOS, so we are forced to wait until that information is revealed.

4. Handheld Industry Tidbits

- Janam Technologies is expanding their industrial barcode scanner lineup again with the heavy-duty gun style XG100 scanner powered by WinCE 6.0. Satellite Forms supports barcode scanning on the Janam XP20 & XP30 PalmOS-powered scanners, and the XM60 & XM65 Windows-powered scanners, and we aim to support scanning on the XG100 as well. See more at http://www.janam.com
- A Satellite Forms barcode scanner control for Datalogic WM/WinCE-powered handhelds is currently in development.
- Customers are reporting that the Palm TE2 and TX handhelds are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.
- Healthcare app developers take note: Socket Mobile has a "hospital-grade" version of their SoMo 650 handheld made with antimicrobial materials, and the Unitech PA600 MCA handheld has a waterproof antimicrobial housing, high frequency RFID reader, and 2D barcode scanner.

5. Satellite Forms Anniversary Sale!

We're celebrating the fourth anniversary of acquiring the Satellite Forms business from Intellisync Corp, and to commemorate the occasion we're having a sale! The Satellite Forms Anniversary Sale is on now, with 25% discounts off all full version licenses, upgrades, support packages, even shipping. All products at PalmDataPro.com are now on sale too. Hurry, because these great sale prices are **only available until February 20, 2009**.

6. Power Tip: Time-Stamping Data Entry

Often when you're capturing mobile data, you'd like to know exactly when the data was recorded. You can add edit controls to your form, linked to date and time fields in your table, and have the user fill them in. You could use some simple script commands to fill in the date & time edit controls automatically so the user doesn't have to, for example:

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edDate = SysDateToDate(GetSysDate)
edTime = SysTimeToTime(GetSysTime)
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Or, you could use the **Auto Stamp Control** to do all the work for you! Add an Auto Stamp Control to save the date into a Date type field, and add another to save the time into a Time field, all without any scripting at all. With the Auto Stamp Control, you can save time saving the time!

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