

## Clear the desk: the evolution of work space

*How the EkaPad gave me a clean desk top and saved my sanity.* by George Forester, EkaTetra

Once upon a time in the dark ages before desk top computers, when there wasn't much available except minis and Teletype terminals, I had a very small programmable handheld (HP 41C), recording tape, and a tablet of paper. With this I was able to program a quite complex pricing model, due financial forecasting, and keep monthly account books. My desk was quite neat & uncluttered.



*My first programmable computer, adding machine, and memory. Just simple and - simple.*

And then the Mac came out. Spreadsheets, word processing and publishing were now possible, so I jumped in. I must admit that 15 years before I had an IBM mag card typewriter which allowed me to produce letter perfect typed documents, and 3 years before I had a CPM desktop for words and spread sheets (but it was a command line machine). The Mac SE allowed me to produce every kind of document I needed - it was wonderful!



*With the Mac SE and its large keyboard, and a MOUSE!, and disks, there wasn't a lot of room left for my stuff. Notice that 140 MB !! hard drive (\$1400 new).*

Of course it got worse. Technology & computers started to take over. Here is my desk with a REAL BIG desk top Mac.



*It's getting pretty crowded. Mac Proforma, keyboard, hard drive, mouse, programming books.*

Then for a short while I got a smaller machine; it didn't stay long; a daughter in college.



*This seemed somewhat better. Mac Portable.*

I kinda liked the idea that I could carry around my computer. (I had a back pack made for my Mac SE, a sort of portable hunk.) Now I could actually have a good computer that was also easy to take with me, so I got a Mac Powerbook. It fit on my desk ok too. Good size screen as well.



*This is how it was when I started work on the EkaPad. Note the prototype center left.*

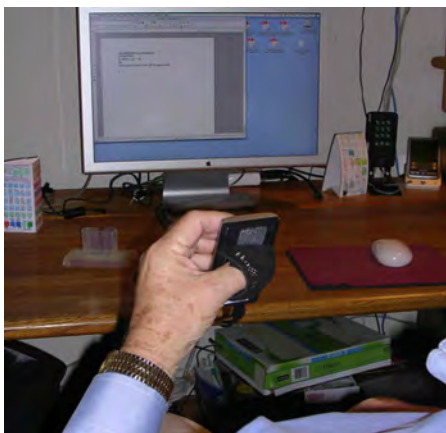
Then I got a flat panel Cinema display. Wow -- and a wireless keyboard. I couldn't wait for the USB EkaPad to get born.





Now it has happened - The USB EkaPad was complete! I had a whole desktop back.

It's comfortable to hold the EkaPad in your lap ... and even walk around when chording



So if you want to get a really good workspace, get an EkaPad. You'll have room for your folders, books, and even your coffee mug, which if you spill, won't even go into your EkaPad.

Join the evolution. Get an EkaPad in your hand - either hand.