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Techville News

Round-the-World Halftime Celebration



December 4th, Techville sponsored a contest for Round-The-World Logistics students of the PCE corporate pilot program. The contest was an exciting way for Techville to celebrate how much the Chinese language students have learned midway through their two month pilot program. Students were asked to recognize, read, and write (using the PCE writing tablet) numbers. They also were required to read aloud either a Chinese nursery rhyme or poem with correct pinyin pronunciation. Prizes were awarded to each participating team, with the winners taking home a special Champions prize.

UPDATE: PENPOWER CHINESE EXPERT

New standard version release

The new standard version is a software package that does not include a Penscanner or Writing Tablet hardware. Although this version only includes the software and program, it can be combined with PCE hardware. It also still contains the same great programs with the 3 main PCE interfaces:

- 1) Chinese-English Translation interface
- 2) Sentence Segmentation interface
- 3) Phrase Database Management

The new standard version can recognize any stroke order when writing a character—no particular stroke order is required. It can even recognize near-illegible writing. It can also be used together with software application such as Office 2007/XP.

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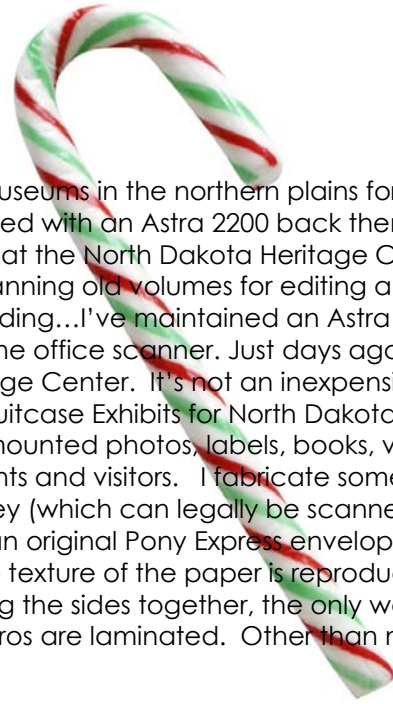
Dates:

December 6
December 13

HUGE SALES on all items!

SUCCESS STORY: Repeat Customer

As member of the museum division of one of the premier historical museums in the northern plains for over twenty-five years, I've been a UMAX scanner user for at least half of them. I started with an Astra 2200 back then and it is still on the job today, used mainly for OCR scanning. Our society headquarters at the North Dakota Heritage Center includes the State Archives, and many times the Astra has made short work of scanning old volumes for editing and inclusion in our quarterly historical journal, thereby saving countless hours of keyboarding...I've maintained an Astra 3400 in my home office for nearly as long, purchasing it because I liked the quality of the office scanner. Just days ago I installed my new (and second) UMAX PowerLook 2100XL-USB in my office at the Heritage Center. It's not an inexpensive peripheral but I get every dollar's worth out of it. We maintain a S*E*N*D program (Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota) for schools, libraries, and small museums, that consist of a single trunk filled with mounted photos, labels, books, videos, and replica artifacts, with the intention of making these items hands-on for students and visitors. I fabricate some of these artifacts in my studio using my large-format UMAX. Items like confederate money (which can legally be scanned), century-old train tickets, an 11" x 17" tree claim form from the 1880s, and once even an original Pony Express envelope. These UMAX scans are so detailed that ancient stains, dirt smudges, and even the texture of the paper is reproduced. By scanning both sides, printing them on thin matte photo paper and sandwiching the sides together, the only way people can tell the difference between my reproductions and the originals is my repros are laminated. Other than my wife's photo and my Mac computer, my UMAX is my favorite item on my desk.



Brian A. - State Historical Society of North Dakota

TIP OF THE MONTH

Power-Cycling

Power-Cycling is perhaps the #1 fix for technical support issues, resolving nearly half of reported problems. Power-Cycling your scanner resets internal components to factory defaults, eliminating potential corrupt data issues. These problems may cause image quality issues, such as blurred images, color banding, color casting and tinted scans.

- 1) Shut down your computer and your scanner.
- 2) Wait 30 seconds for stray voltage on the scanner logic board to dissipate.
- 3) Power on your scanner
- 4) Wait 30 seconds, or until the indicator lights (green lights) remain on and not flashing, whichever is longer.
- 5) Power-On your computer as you normally do.
- 6) Try a test scan.

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