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## The XP connection

If you need a compelling reason to upgrade to XP, missing out on the mobile revolution could be just the excuse you're looking for... unless you're a PC purist, of course

A reader emailed us recently to complain. He's not happy that we cover products other than PCs. The offending items, it seems, are "digital cameras and projectors, GPS, video converters, DVD/DVX players, mobile phones and MP3 players". According to our reader, these devices should appear anywhere but in the pages of *PC Advisor*.

Quite obviously, he's a strict PC purist. Not for him the delights of 5.1 surround sound pumping out his MP3 collection as he works. The family photo albums will remain resolutely paper-based and movies are destined to be watched in the living room only.

Now don't get us wrong, we're not knocking the choice to keep your PC use nice and simple. Indeed daily word processing, emailing and web surfing are workload enough for many PCs.

But a PC is capable of serving many other purposes and, if you've got the processing power, we say you should flaunt it. Certainly, if you've got XP, then

you need to spread your wings a bit to make the most of the operating system.

XP more successfully integrates PC-related technologies such as digital imaging than previous versions of Windows. There's better support for networks, too, including wireless connections. Why has

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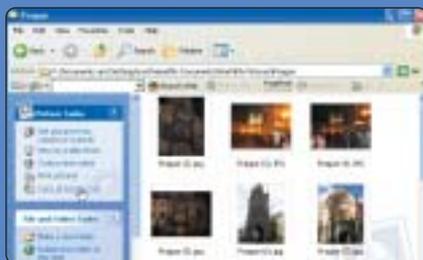
Microsoft added all this functionality? Because the PC has to adapt to survive.

Take, for example, email, the subject of our XP Advisor feature this month. Email is a great invention, but it's even better when you can take it with you – and thanks to XP you can synchronise your message, calendar and contact information on the move simply and effectively.

The 21st century PC has finally realised its potential as a digital hub and, we're happy to say, the software is here to support it. ■

### Burning CDs

Windows XP's drag-and-drop CD burning feature is one of the new operating system's most welcome new facilities. The task of copying files to disc is now so simple you don't need dedicated software to burn a quick backup.



↑ Open the folder containing the files you want to burn to CD. Select those you want to copy, then choose Copy to CD from the lefthand taskpane or, to copy all files, simply click Copy all items to CD



↑ Go to Start, My Computer and double-click your CD drive to see the files you've specified waiting to be copied. Choose Write these files to CD



↑ The CD Writing Wizard will now appear. Give your CD a name if you wish, then follow the steps, clicking Next when prompted and then Finish