

Tadpole® and Sun™ in Education

TADPOLE OFFERS NOTEBOOK SOLUTIONS SUITABLE FOR UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WORLDWIDE. WITH OUR TALIN x86 NOTEBOOKS RUNNING JAVA™ DESKTOP SYSTEM AND OUR COMET ULTRA-THIN CLIENT (A WIRELESS NOTEBOOK VERSION OF THE SUN RAY), TADPOLE OFFERS A FULL RANGE OF SUN COMPATIBLE NOTEBOOK OPTIONS THAT ARE IDEAL FOR USE BY STUDENTS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN.

The Value Proposition

Like most people, students of all ages need mobility in their work. Whether they are working in the classroom, the dorm, or the local coffee shop, they need their computer with them at all times. This means students require notebook computers.

At the same time school and university campus goals include lowering business costs, reducing complexity, improving security, and interoperability.

Tadpole has the notebook solutions that will address all these needs.

Sun Ray

The Sun Ray desktop is an ideal solution for most student campuses. Sun Ray's are already used in many schools and universities, where central management of applications & data for optimum security, lower s/w license costs and the ability to provide students exactly what they need with targeted learning plans are all key factors. Problems of users accidentally or even maliciously introducing viruses, or performing illegal downloads onto school or university machines can be completely eliminated.

Tadpole complements the Sun Ray solution with Comet, a true Sun Ray in a notebook. This is not a software emulation of Sun Ray. Instead, Comet is a true ultra-thin client that has no memory or storage. It is fully interchangeable with a Sun Ray desktop, plus, it includes wireless networking. This means users can roam freely anywhere within a school or university campus and continue to work wherever there is wireless access to the campus network.

Java Desktop System

Java Desktop System and Sun Rays are being evaluated and deployed by schools, colleges and universities all over the world.

In a Microsoft® environment, notebook computers are inherently difficult to manage. In a school or university environment students will often load their own software and data files. Often they will compromise campus security with viruses and they will expose universities and schools with severe litigation possibilities as a result of illegal file sharing of music, videos, games and software.

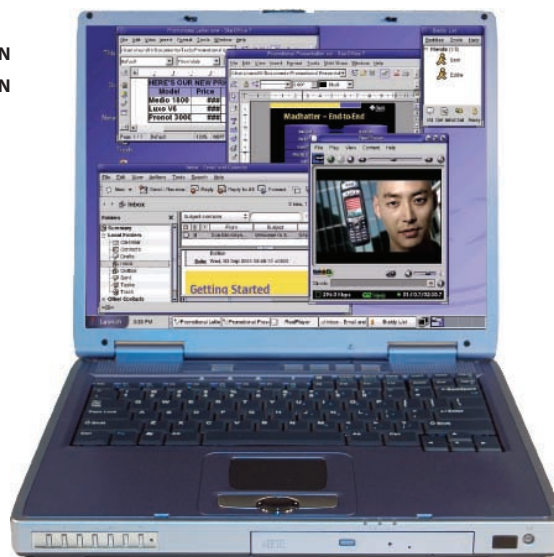
With Sun Ray and Java Desktop System this can all be avoided.

x86 Notebooks with Java Desktop System

Complementing Tadpole's Comet product is Talin, a range of x86 notebooks running Java Desktop System. From the entry level Talin to the high performance workstation version there is a Talin product for everyone.

The same Java Desktop System that can run on Sun Ray and Comet desktops runs standalone on Talin notebooks. Tadpole has taken the lead as Sun's first OEM of Java Desktop System to provide full support on a range of notebook computers.

The underlying Linux operating system, means risks of poor security and viruses virtually become a thing of the past. And with the next release of JDS providing sophisticated administration features, it will be possible to manage user privileges for installing applications or downloading data. Properly administered systems will eliminate risks of virus transmissions & prevent users from making illegal downloads.



COMET - THE NOTEBOOK SUN RAY

- 100% INTERCHANGEABLE WITH DESKTOP SUN RAYS
- WIRELESS NETWORKING
- LONG BATTERY LIFE
- EASY TO REPLACE
- LOW INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS
- SECURE
- AFFORDABLE WITH ONE/STUDENT VS. ONE/DESK

TALIN - NOTEBOOKS WITH JAVA DESKTOP SYSTEM

- FULL SUPPORT ON A RANGE OF X86 NOTEBOOKS
- SECURE VIRUS FREE DESKTOP
- LOW SOFTWARE LICENSING COSTS
- SOPHISTICATED MANAGEMENT FEATURES
- STAROFFICE 7.0 PRODUCTIVITY SOFTWARE
- MOZILLA WEB BROWSER
- EVOLUTION E-MAIL CLIENT
- LINUX OPERATING SYSTEM
- GNOME DESKTOP

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