

Computer & TV Recycling

By Duane de Long

In California, the “California Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003” requires that consumers and businesses begin disposing products that contain Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) in an environmentally sound manner. This is primarily due to the high percentage of lead, (up to 2.2 pounds per unit) which is dispersed throughout the glass and is invisible.

As you may have noticed if you have purchased a new PC or TV since January 1, 2005, consumers are charged a fee (normally about \$8.00) per unit which is collected by the state from retailers and paid to recycling services for reclaiming these hazardous materials.

So, what do you do with your old hardware? In many areas Goodwill Industries will accept these units and recycle them or, you can have Datacon remove them for a fee of \$35.00 per unit and we will be certain they are disposed of properly. Datacon has a contract with a company called A.S.L., Inc that is authorized by the Department of Toxic Substance Control to process the following: CRTs, Keyboard/Mice, DVD/VCRs, Microwaves, Computers, Fax Machines, Stereos, TVs, Printers, Lab Equipment and much more.

As a lifetime member of the Sierra Club, Datacon and I have always done all that we can to support the “3-R’s” – REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. It’s good for the environment now and for future generations.



The MacPro Server

“One Box Solution” is a Hit!

By Brian Benefield

More data storage. Faster speed...way faster! Less hardware. One back-up for Datacon and digital images. Would you like all of this, and more, at an affordable price? More and more Datacon clients are saying “Yes!”, and benefiting from this technological breakthrough. The MacPro server is Datacon’s “One Box Solution”. With more than two dozen installed this year, the feedback has been extremely positive.

We are seeing a sharp increase in the number of practices moving to digital x-rays. Most of these offices have decided that this presents an opportunity to upgrade the heart of their system, the server, and elected to go with the MacPro because of its ability to host both your Datacon system and the digital x-ray package of your choice. The MacPro with Datacon has been successfully used with Dexis, Schick, XDR and others.

Gone are the days when you needed one server for Datacon and another for digital images. That means your initial investment is significantly lower, the hardware takes up less of your valuable office space, and maintenance costs are reduced. Now you can have all of this on one server that is amazingly fast, backs up in a fraction of the time it takes on older equipment, and has tremendous capacity.

Still looking for another reason to upgrade? How about two hard drives that are constantly mirroring each other? This is commonly referred to as a RAID system. That means that in the event that one fails, your Datacon system continues to perform while the other drive is serviced. How much is that kind of system stability worth to your practice?

If you’re interested in the numerous benefits of our “One Box Solution”, call us today!

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Doctor Associate Office Manager Bookkeeper Office Staff

How to get a list of Patients with Remaining Benefits

How would you like to create a list of patients who need treatment and still have insurance benefits left this year? With this list, you can call to schedule or send letters.

- ◆ **SELECT** *User Defined Lists* from the *Main Menu*
- ◆ **LINE/INSERT** to add a new list, type the name of the list with the current date
- ◆ **"N"** to *"Is this an account list?"*
- ◆ **"Y"** to *"Is this a patient list?"* and **"N"** to *"Any Changes?"*
- ◆ **SELECT** your list>*List Builder*>*Patient*>*Treatment*
- ◆ **SELECT** *Select by treatment plan*
- ◆ Press **RETURN** to *Diagnosis dates* and type from 01/01/07 to today ("Y" gives you the first day of the current year, "D" defaults to today's date)
- ◆ Move to *Include scheduled and unscheduled treatment* and **SELECT** to change to *Only include unscheduled treatments*
- ◆ **SELECT** *Add patients* and wait for the number of patients at the top of the page to change. **EXIT** 2 times
- ◆ **SELECT** *Insurance*>*Private patients*>*Remove selected patient type*
- ◆ **SELECT** *Patients by carrier or plan*>*Remove patients*>*By remaining benefit*> *Where remaining benefit is from 0 to \$200.00* (the scan will search for patients with 0 to \$200 remaining benefits and remove them from your list)
- ◆ **SELECT** *Begin scan* and wait for "Scan complete! Hit any key" This can take awhile, so be patient.
- ◆ **EXIT** 6 times and there's your list!



Did you know...

To exit a word processing document you need to hit **ESC**, then type **"Q"** then **Return** to quit and leave the document as it was when you entered into it. If you want to save your changes you hit **ESC**, **"F"** **Return**.

Fall Back on November 4th

Remember to change the time on Datacon when you come in on Monday, November 5th!

- ◆ From the *Main Menu*, **SELECT** *System stuff*
- ◆ **SELECT** *Change date or time/Fall back*

This is a privileged area, so the Doctor may have to do this.

Did you know...

If you have an Internet connection on your PC, you can now get to our website, datacondental.com, directly from your **Main Menu** on Datacon. Just click on the menu item **Datacon Website** and it will open your Internet connection and bring to our home page.

You can update your pc to our current version of pcLink by clicking on **Downloads** and then clicking on the appropriate pcLink version. Be sure to close your Datacon session before updating pcLink.

Datacon's Hours

Monday Through Friday
8am to 5pm, Pacific Time

Datacon Closed

November 22nd—
Thanksgiving Day

Current

Datacon Versions

Dental Software—3.5N(106)

pcLink—1.9 (05/30/2007)

pcLink for Mac—1.7

TimeClock—2.0(H)

Please call Software Support
if you need an update!



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Classes

October, 2007

Power User Seminar *
Friday, 10/05/07

November, 2007

Analysis Reports
Thursday, 11/01/07

New User Seminar *
Monday, 11/05/07

Schedule Profiles
Thursday, 11/29/07

December, 2007

New User Seminar *
Wednesday, 12/06/07

Airtight Recall *
Wednesday, 12/12/07

* Qualifies for
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