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REMOTE ACCESS SOFTWARE

Grabbing files, working with apps from the road.

You have all your important files on your PC in the office; not on a laptop, but on a bulky desktop computer. That's fine between 9 and 5, but what can you do when you're still in the office at 7 on a Tuesday night and you have at least two hours worth of work to finish by the next morning?

Sometimes, you can just copy the file you're working on to a CD-R or floppy disk and finish them up at home. But, what if you need to access a wide collection of files on the office LAN? What if the files you're using

need a specific application to run, an application not installed on your home PC?

With remote access software, you can use your home PC—or any PC—to control your office PC via the Internet. Although limited by the speed of your Internet connection, remote access allows you operate your office PC as if you were sitting right in front of it, opening applications, accessing files over the office LAN, and even sending a receiving e-mail using your company account. Here's a look at our favorite remote access software.

01 Communique I'm InTouch

I'm InTouch, like GoToMyPC, relies more on the Web than a guest software component. In fact, I'm InTouch doesn't require any guest software component at all. It converts your e-mails and files into Web Pages that can be viewed from any browser on PCs, Macs, Palm OS PDAs, Pocket PCs, BlackBerries, and Web-enabled cell phones.

Because of the lack of a guest software module, though, I'm InTouch doesn't offer the same level of control over a host PC as other remote control solutions. It does, however, allow you to access any type of file on your PC, as well as allowing you to send and receive e-mail as long as you're running Outlook or Outlook Express on your host PC. You can download and upload files or information from your computer to a remote location as well.

For just \$9.95 per month, I'm InTouch is a great value if you'd like to access your files and e-mail from a wireless handheld device.

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