I'm InTouch

Deluxe: $99.95 per year (full access for one computer)

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Do you wish you could access your home PC when you travel? If so, evaluate I'm **InTouch** (free, 30-day trial), a remote PC access utility that's less expensive than some competitors. I'm InTouch lets you access your PC securely from any Internet-connected PC running Internet Explorer, Netscape, or Firefox. It also provides PC access from your Internet-enabled smartphone or PDA (personal digital assistant) running Microsoft Pocket Internet Explorer and other browsers.

When you're logged in to I'm InTouch from a remote PC, you can perform any function accessible from your PC's Desktop (including opening programs) or view email accounts or files. You can also print from your PC to a printer and receive wireless notifications when email arrives in your inbox. It also serves as a Web conferencing solution, letting you invite up to 10 people to view your PC. In Stealth mode, it doubles as a parental control tool (at setup, choose Stealth mode), letting you remotely view your children's PCs without them knowing you are there.

I'm InTouch is easy to install and configure. When you connect remotely, a toolbar across the top of the remote interface lets you control it and perform various local tasks.

You can disable I'm InTouch when you are at home with a few clicks. As a safeguard, I'm InTouch will notify you when someone logs on to your PC remotely. It will also deny remote access after three unsuccessful login attempts. In our tests, I'm InTouch worked beautifully and had no effect on the host PC's performance when it was enabled. ∎

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