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## PDA Operating Systems: Which One is best for you

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### PDA Operating System Side by Side Comparison

Comparable Features	Palm OS 4	Palm OS 5	Pocket PC 2002
Multithreading (tasks can be performed at the same time)	No	Yes	Yes
32 Bit Processor	No	Yes	Yes
Two Level Security	No (single)	Yes	Yes
128 bit encryption	No	Yes	Yes
802.11b (wi-fi)	No	Yes	Yes
320 x 320 Screen Resolution	No (Sony did figure out how to get up to this resolution)	Yes	Yes
Video/Audio	Weak support	Yes	Yes
Web Browsing	3rd Party	Yes	Yes
Email	3rd Party	N/A	Yes
Handwriting Transcriber	Yes	N/A	Yes
Character Recognizing Input	Graffiti	Graffiti	MS Version of Graffiti
Voice Recorder	No	N/A	Yes
VPN Client	3rd Party	N/A	Yes
Electronic Book Readers	3rd Party	3rd Party	Yes
Microsoft Word & Excel	No	No	Yes
Documents To Go	Yes	Yes	No
Address Book	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calendar	Yes	Yes	Yes
Note Pad	Yes	Yes	Yes
Email	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calculator	Yes	Yes	Yes
Works with PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Works with Macs	Yes	Yes	No
Adobe Acrobat	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Sources:** For more detailed comparisons, please visit below cites

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