

# CADZOW NEWS

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## HELLO, GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME

Did you know that all our prior newsletters are archived in our searchable Knowledgebase at <http://www.cadzow.com.au>? Sometimes these articles are expanded to be more informative. So if you find these newsletters interesting or worthwhile, browse through the archive for the latest information.

### CRAZY CRAZY CRAZY: Cripes! We've Gone Balmy! \*FREE\* office equipment!

Okay, calm down. We have an overhead projector that is surplus to requirements and it's free to the first in to give it a good home. It's a Kodak Deluxe II and comes with two replacement globes. There are some catches, though: (a) this is for your own use and not for resale, (b) you have to pick it up from our office at Eastwood and (c) you have to donate \$20 to your favourite charity. (Curse these endless legal ranglings!) Please register your interest by email.

### CADZOW SOFTWARE: Budget Reporting

Over time Budgets will be enhanced but beginning in Cadzow 2000 10.10.024 you can set up budget figures for analysis groups, organisations and stock items (later departments, sales people and even jobs). The budgets engine is very powerful and supports budget reporting by day, week, fortnight, month, 4-week, quarter, six-month, calendar year and financial year, for invoicing, purchasing, purchase orders, bookings and quotations (values and quantities).

Budget data entry supports multiple line items for each budget value so you can split the amounts to make it easier to understand. For example, a purchasing budget for a supplier might be \$37,000, consisting of \$7,000 for one contract and \$30,000 for another, but in the future you might not remember how this value was derived. So you can use Cadzow 2000 to calculate budget values from source information using annotations rather than calculate them offline and then transcribe them back.

Another great feature of the budgets engine is that you can enter defaults, so if you have a weekly budget of \$500 you can enter **Period Type: Weekly, Year: 2004, Period: 0** and **Amount: \$500** and that amount will be applied to each period automatically instead of entering one line item for each of the 52 periods. The periods which differ can be entered as exceptions.

### COMPUTING: Windows XP Service Pack 2 lands

Microsoft has released Service Pack 2 for Windows XP.

Service Packs are usually benign collections of bug fixes wrapped into a single, easy to install package, but Service Pack 2 is almost a new operating system release due to the substantial work Microsoft has done to counter years of increased hacking, phishing and virus/worm attacks.

In addition to innumerable internal tweaks and reworkings, Service Pack 2 also includes new versions of Internet Explorer (with popup blocking), Outlook Express, Media Player, DirectX and Movie Maker, a significantly revamped firewall and Automatic Updates will be turned on by default.

Because Service Pack 2 is not merely a collection of fixes, it is expected to create its fair share of disruption to other applications (see <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=884130>) and many vendors will need to update their products to work properly. So you may find yourself in an update frenzy for a while.

While the Internet would be a safer place if everybody installed Service Pack 2 immediately, the reality is that this will not be the case. Businesses will need to test Service Pack 2 with their line-of-business applications, or at least obtain assurances from their suppliers, and home users may be intimidated by the

inevitable warnings that will flood from the media. It may take a year or more before enough XP systems are updated to have the intended effect.

However, in the next six months, the most useful application of Service Pack 2 will be on new machines so they can be shipped from the factory fully patched, firewalled and secured "out of the box". So if you buy a new machine, ensure it has Service Pack 2 preinstalled.

For existing systems, if Windows XP has the latest patches, up-to-date antivirus protection and a firewall on the internet connection, your need for Service Pack 2 in the short term is not as great.

Nevertheless, Service Pack 2 is an extremely important update and you need to make time to deploy it in your organisation soon. It should be easy to obtain, despite its 260Mb size, since most computer magazines will have copies, Microsoft will be posting free CDs and of course if you have broadband it's not a huge problem to download. Cadzow 2000 CDs issued from now will also have a copy.

**Using Automatic Updates:** <http://kb.cadzow.com.au:15384/Cadzow/?Id=1119>

**Cadzow 2000 compatible with SP2:** <http://kb.cadzow.com.au:15384/Cadzow/?Id=1304>

## BUSINESS: Melissa Cadzow a "Woman of Distinction"

In July, the **Asia Pacific Business Council for Women** held its "Fashion, Passion and Women of Distinction" Gala Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom.

Hosted by Nikki Dwyer, one of the highlights of the evening is the presentation of the "Women of Distinction" Awards. This year Cadzow TECH Pty. Ltd. CEO **Melissa Cadzow** was awarded in the Private Sector category for her contributions to Information Technology.

Part proceeds from the event went to the **Youth Breast Cancer Association** and **Hanson Centre for Cancer Research** (<http://www.geocities.com/ybca25231>, <http://www.hansoninstitute.sa.gov.au>).

## COMPUTING: Microsoft Announces Free SQL Server 2005 Express

Microsoft SQL Server is Microsoft's premium data storage platform, available for single servers or large "clustered" arrays of servers for very large databases. Microsoft also developed a free, cut-down version of SQL Server called MSDE (Microsoft Data Engine) that was based on the same technology but limited in its capacity. However, MSDE is difficult to use, difficult to update and is too badly cut-down to be really useful.

In recognition of this, Microsoft has announced that the SQL Server 2005 family will include a free version called **SQL Server 2005 Express** which is identical to full versions of SQL Server except it is limited to one CPU, 1Gb RAM, databases of 4Gb and does not support the various enterprise-grade features such as Analysis Services, Reporting Services, Data Transformation Services or server-side replication.

For many SQL Server installations, these limitations will be too great. But for many situations, small-scale databases currently running under Jet (.MDB) or MSDE can be upgraded to SQL Server 2005 Express to gain the reliability and power of SQL Server for free. This is a very attractive proposition and when SQL Server 2005 Express is shipped it will be used as the primary data store for small Cadzow 2000 databases. We are currently testing beta versions in our lab so we'll be ready to go when it's released next year.

## COMEDY, Great Moments In

**Tony:** I'm going to carve a new life for myself. You recommend Australia?

**Bill:** Yeah, it's a great country, Tub. Full of youth, vim, vigour, energy. Work hard and play hard. Always on the go. Get things done. Bags of zip.

**Miss Pugh:** Why did *you* leave?

**Bill:** By the time I was twelve I was exhausted.

*"The Emigrant", Hancock's Half Hour, by Ray Galton & Alan Simpson (1957)*

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