GADGETS

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Let's face it. Everyone could use a hand in doing business, especially when you may serve as the CEO, secretary and everything in between for your company. Here is a collection of modern technology that can help.



RingCentral

Think those phone systems with receptionists and multiple lines are out of reach for your small business? RingCentral allows companies with as few as one employee to have the professional technology like the big companies without the same big expense. At RingCentral's heart is cloud-based technology that offers auto-receptionist, flexible extension structure, multiple voicemail boxes, extension dialing and call transfers to link employees through a centralized automated phone system. It even syncs smartphones and tablets, giving a team the freedom to work virtually anywhere. The result is improved communications with customers, who will think everyone is sitting in the same office, and a boost in worker productivity. For more information, go to www.ringcentral.com.

HAND Stylus

With the growing popularity of smartphones, tablets, e-readers and other touch-screen devices come sore fingertips from using them all the day.

And if your fingernails are long, count on scratching the screen. Help is here with the HAND Stylus, which features the world's smallest retractable, replaceable tip that provides accuracy and precision. A key difference between this and others is the HAND Stylus tip rotates so it wears evenly. Because the stylus edges are smoothed for comfort and the tip retracts to prevent scratches, the HAND Stylus can easily be tossed into a book bag, briefcase or purse. In addition, it's made from recycled or recyclable materials. How much? \$29.95. To find out more, go to www.handstylus.com.

JukeBlox

Do you have music on the smartphone or tablet you use for work? We won't tell the boss. Do you want to listen to it just about anywhere? Chandler-based Microchip Technology Inc. offers JukeBlox from SMSC, a company it purchased earlier this year. With system-on-a-chip and software design kit for networked audio, SMSC is making the connected home a reality and enabling consumers to access their local or cloud-based music library from any device and any room in the home. Offering integrated Wi-Fi support, the JukeBlox software platform enables music streaming to virtually all home audio equipment, A/V receivers, radios, wireless speakers and portable music player docking stations. Some of the big names in consumer electronics, including Denon, Pioneer, Harman-Kardon, Nokia and Philips, are using JukeBlox technology in their products. There's more to say but then it gets complicated. If you just want to rock, get the details at www.smsc.com.