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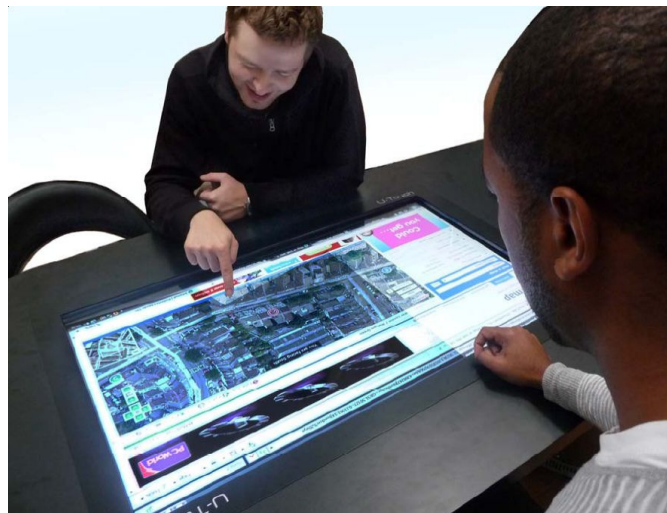
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TeamMate to provide TouchTable solution Interactive system based on popular TeamMate Tutor platform

TeamMate has entered the TouchTable market in collaboration with U-Touch, a specialist provider of large format touch screen solutions. A distinct increase in interactive applications especially in financial services and learning sectors has led to group collaboration and digital interactive devices. A TouchTable is a very natural and real way for People to interact with programme content in a comfortable and effective manner.

The Table itself is a modified TeamMate Tutor with built in 14U by 500 secure equipment enclosure, and desktop outrigger. As with all TeamMate systems, an extensive range of desk finishes is available to blend in with environmental furnishings. The desk layout itself provides additional space for input devices such as a visualiser, pop-up input panel, and control system interface as required. Optional patch panel modules to the rear of the desk are available for comprehensive connectivity and communications to associated devices and peripherals. Whilst the unit is manoeuvrable, once in place can be made static by adjusting the lockdown castor.

The interactive touch technology is based on the popular U-Touch optical imaging technology which uses two modules, rather than surface mounted or perimeter based technologies, making it very cost effective. Once calibrated, the system does not require any further adjustments and any object can be used as a stylus to interact with the programme content. Further still the U-Touch optical technology maintains bright high contrast picture quality, greater accuracy and sensitivity for high demand applications.



Samples are currently being shipped for pilot and proof of concept installations to a diverse application base, including student collaboration, virtual advisory service, high-end video conferencing, and group learning. Initial units are available encompassing the NEC range of LCD covering 32", 40" and 52" diagonal display modules. The U-Touch optical technology is embedded in the display providing a much closer touch point to the screen, reducing parallax issues associated with other overlay technologies.

It is very much early days for interactive touch enabled desks and tables, however with names such as Microsoft entering this sector, the application base will no doubt widen across many market sectors over and above the ones already mentioned. One such area where on going development is underway is with regard to "virtual interactive meeting space" – where a virtual meeting session using video conferencing can benefit from sharing and interacting with virtual documents, as if they were in the same room. Meeting attendees can collaborate with virtual content allowing for a more efficient decision process and call to action.

Marketing Director at TeamMate, Stewart comments, "U-Touch has established a very strong brand as a specialist provider of large format touch technologies, being first to market with many innovative offerings. We are delighted that they have chosen TeamMate as a structural solutions partner for joint development of a range of TouchTable products". Liam Slattery, Managing Director at U-Touch, goes on to mention, "We have been aware of the quality and integrity of the TeamMate product for quite a while now, and joining forces with TeamMate has allowed us to focus on the technology end of matters, letting TeamMate handle the furniture and infrastructure side of things."



TeamMate TouchTable showing 40" display



About TeamMate

TeamMate is manufactured in the UK by Performance Enclosures Ltd. A privately owned company, specialising in the design and manufacture of TeamMate "state of the art" contemporary media furniture - ergonomically designed mobile rack systems, and lectern solutions to the conferencing, corporate presentation and higher education markets. TeamMate is available through authorised reseller and integration partners across AV, IT and video conferencing market sectors. In addition to this, TeamMate also offers a range of support services including consultancy, systems design, factory fit out integration and project management.

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