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## TOPIC: MAKING IT MORE ACCESSIBLE

The buzzword for the next generation of IT hardware and software has to be simplicity. This is the key to spreading the IT revolution.

In the IT world, there has been a tendency to concentrate on features at the expense of ease of use. It is noticeable that some smaller scale IT companies are now beginning to appreciate the need to make things simpler and more universally accessible. Two programs I have been using recently demonstrate this well. Both SketchUp (a 3D drawing package) and Print Pilot (photo montage) are quick to learn, intuitive, and cheap to buy.

Perhaps as hardware costs go on falling, we may return to the concept of 'one tool, one job'. The multi-tasking capabilities of current computers are as much a problem as an asset. They incur virtual navigation skills and cause conflicts. It is rather like having a 'one size fits all' vehicle and expecting it to be a good family car, bus, lorry, or bicycle according to user choice!

The average computer is still too expensive, too demanding, and too bulky. Vive la révolution!