Polyana with Persona

Reinstallation of Persona software after dead battery

First of all, the charge on the battery will only last so long without being recharged. The device is never really *off*, but always in standby. You can't leave it on the shelf for two months and expect that anything will still be there.

Second, most of the things that are used by the device are stored on less volatile memory internally. The operating system and its standard components are reloaded from the ROM each time the system reboots from scratch. This means that the calendar, contacts, etc. may be lost, but the programs are loaded up when the device boots up. The client will then have to re-synchronize information from his computer to populate the standard PDA functions with data.

Next, the Persona software is stored on an internal flash disk, sometimes called internal storage, or the like. To reload the software, you can start by launching it from that memory card, or you may have to reinstall it from that memory card.

Use the file manager to locate the program files

At the Polyana desktop screen (if you boot it up from scratch after a dead battery you will have to go through some initialization steps before you reach the desktop), click on the screen, go to the Start menu, Programs, Windows Explorer. When it opens you should see seven folders and some files in a list down the left column. You may have to change the View to show Details. Go into the one that says Flash Disk (or Internal Storage, or the like) by double clicking it or selecting it and pressing enter. Go into the Persona folder. Do you see files there? If you need to, use the menu to select View Details.

Double click on "Persona.vb" to launch the program. If you can't see the file extensions, the type should be eVB Project File, or you can use the view options to show the file extensions. Does the program start up? Is the Persona.vb file in the \Flash Disk\Persona directory?

Add shortcuts to the program in the Start menu and on the Desktop

If it started up, you can go back to that folder, select the same Persona.vb file (single click), Edit Copy the file. Switch folders to \Windows\Programs, and Edit Paste the shortcut to Persona. You can also put the shortcut onto the desktop by holding the <alt> key and tapping the desktop, and select Paste Shortcut from the dialog box that opens.

Reinstall the program from the cabinet file

If you didn't find the Persona.vb file, you may need to reload the program from scratch. Switch to the folder \Flash Disk\Persona\Persona Backup. Locate the file "Persona2.0.CAB" (although the version number might be 1.9, the current file is Persona2.0.CAB, or in the PolyTABLET the file is Persona2.1.CAB). Double click on the Persona2.0.CAB file to begin the installation. Follow the on-screen prompts, saying Yes to questions about re-loading or copying over files. *Do NOT* type a location when prompted; just click "OK" and it will load correctly. Once it is reinstalled, you may have to go back into the previous process to **add shortcuts in the Start programs menu**, or to copy a shortcut to the Desktop.

If you didn't find the Persona2.0.CAB cabinet file, try the Reinstall Persona on Polyana4-new CABinet File procedure.