Be independent, be mobile, become part of the ubiquitous chording community.
Easily transform kludge keyboarding into EkaPad single handed harmonious simplicity.

Eight years ago, we believed the world would soon be ready for a really good, portable, single-handed data entry device that people could carry with them.

The EkaPad's twelve keys and easy to learn one-finger, two-finger and three-finger “chords” make single-handed data entry a reality. All characters found within a standard operating system are supported, including alphas, special characters, commands, and numerals in cell phone and 10-key layouts, with storage for 99 text strings (like passwords or addresses) and 99 keypad shortcuts.

The EkaPad and its accompanying EkaHand form an ergonomic system which lets you use the EkaPad comfortably in one hand. The EkaPad hangs effortlessly on your thumb, ready to accept key strokes and chords. It does everything your computer keyboard can do, and much more - all with just 4 fingers.

EkaTetra's EkaPad isn't tied to a legacy technology or an adaptation of a desktop keyboard. It is a completely new approach to entering text (and all keyboard characters) into computers of all kinds.

Earlier attempts at making keyboards smaller include Graffiti I and II, MessagEase, Fility, T9, tiny Qwerty, half Qwerty, Twiddler, the BAT, Orbit, sliding Qwerty, tap-tap-tap, Qwerty on screen, SMS, voice recognition, FrogPad, Moltron and others. Even though many devices which accept data fit easily into one hand (cell phones for example), almost all of the above partial solutions require either a flat surface for the device or two hands (often with stylus) to enter data.

When working at your desk, the EkaPad can rest in the EkaStand, which allows you to remove your bulky old-fashioned keyboard and recover your desk's top. EkaPad and UMPC make a highly mobile pair.
USB EkaPad technical specifications

**Multiple operating systems:** USB EkaPad plugs into any computer with a USB port. The EkaPad can be Configured to either Macintosh or Windows OS with just 3 chords, and can be switched from one to the other at any time when plugged in.

**Size:** 9.8x5.4x1.5 cm (3-7/8x2-1/8x9/16 inch) **Weight:** 48 gm (1.7 oz) **Color:** Case: Titanium/black; Keys: gray; Symbols: white.

**Case:** polycarbonate, very tough. 12 keys, 9+1 character keys and 2+1 prefix keys: silicone rubber, ≈60 gms force.

**Adjustable & comfortable positions:** EkaPad snaps to EkaHand with Dual Lock™ mushroom interconnects.

**User memory:** ShortCuts 99 four-chord keyboard shortcuts; Keeps 99 text strings, maximum storage 50,000 characters.

**Personalize:** User can configure these features: select OS - Macintosh or Windows; select Last-finger-up or First-finger-up entry mode; chose the number pad layout right for the task – phone pad, game pad, right or left hand ten-key configuration; select the length of time (0-9) required to initiate hold-down for character repeat; make a Remote, or application specific layouts, by creating sets of single finger ShortCuts; password protect Keeps.

**Symmetric design:** can be used equally easily by either hand. **Ergonomic:** key shapes, key boundaries, natural finger position.

The EkaPad Package

The EkaPad Package is a complete traveling package. The EkaPad zips in the Travel Pouch along with the 1 meter cable, the EkaHand (with Sweater Guard), Crib Card, and CheatSheet. The Package includes Tools CD, Desk Stand, and OnRamp.

EkaPad Accessories

**Cables** Each cable has a standard USB connector on one end which plugs into a computer USB port and, on the other end, a Mini (5pin) USB connector which plugs into the EkaPad. Three lengths are available: 1 meter, 1.5 meter and 4 meters. The longer ones allow the EkaPad to be used when the computer may not be close to the EkaPad.

**EkaHand** The EkaHand wraps the user's thumb with a hook and loop strap and then snaps to the back of the EkaPad. In order to accommodate a variety of thumb shapes the Eka-Hand has been designed with an ergonomic non-symmetrical shape and works with either right or left hand. With the EkaPad/EkaHand combination, hands of different size and shape can be comfortable using the EkaPad for extended periods.

**Desk Stand** A two piece clear plastic or wood stand for holding the EkaPad with EkaHand and cable when using EkaPad on a flat surface.

**Travel Pouch** A zippered padded neoprene pouch large enough for EkaPad, Cable, EkaHand, and Cheat Sheet.

**Learning Tools** These tools are supplied on a CD and can be downloaded from the ekatetra.com website and include a Cheat Sheet, Crib Card, Exercise and Chording Books, Reference Book, and How To guided tours. Both display and print pdfs are on CD.