

## CompuSchmooze

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All of the documents you scan are sorted into the three categories, and you work with images of the documents on the computer screen. You can tag the documents, enter titles, keywords, and assign them to folders.

NeatDesk uses optical character recognition (OCR) software to convert the printed text

on business cards into editable text in a database so that the contact information you collect at networking events, trade shows and conferences can be added to your online address book. Its accuracy is as good as the industry leader, Corex's CardScan, so it's a very reasonable alternative, especially since CardScan uses a line of dedicated business card scanners that can't be used for anything else.

NeatDesk also does a fine job of scanning ordinary letter-sized documents. It will also scan documents of less than letter size but there are no adjustable paper guides in the document slot on the scanner, so you have to make sure a document that isn't full-sized feeds properly and doesn't jam or turn sideways in the scanner.

Where NeatDesk really

shines is in the receipts module. Its OCR software is specially adapted to recognize common formats used by receipts from thousands of merchants. In most cases, it will recognize the name of the merchant and populate that into the appropriate field in a database. Images of receipts are linked to database images, just like in the predecessor product NeatReceipts, and you can generate a wide range of printed reports or print to a PDF file and email the report, with sharp,

clean images of the receipts attached for documentation purposes.

As a test, I used the product to generate a report for my wife's healthcare spending account, and had no problem submitting the report, with receipts subtitled by the software into appropriate categories, and images attached.

Unfortunately, the software does not work with other scanners yet. You have to buy the NeatDesk dedicated scanner with the software, even if you already have a multiple sheet-feed desktop scanner.

The NeatDesk system is \$399.95 on the company's website. You can also buy a mobile version, and NeatReceipts continues to be available for \$199.95.

Watch a video podcast demonstration of NeatDesk on the CompuSchmooze blog at [www.compuschmooze.com](http://www.compuschmooze.com). ▲ [steve@compuschmooze.com](mailto:steve@compuschmooze.com)

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