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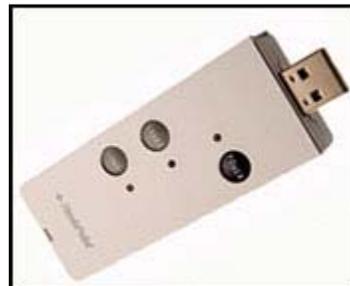
A USB flash drive with a brain

Ever found yourself at a conference or a dinner party without your laptop and someone wants to give you a large file from their USB dongle? Xmultiple out of Simi Valley, Calif., may have the answer.

The company recently began shipping USB transfer devices using its patent-pending FlashPoint technology, which lets users transfer files between flash drives without needing a notebook computer or USB bridge.

The small, lightweight devices are embedded into Xmultiple's ShareDrive line of USB flash memory pen drives. [FlashPoint ShareDrives](#) are powered by a rechargeable lithium ion battery and are available in 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB and 2GB sizes. They range in price from \$69.99 to \$229.95.

In addition to conventional transfers of computer data, the company said the drives have the potential to act as a download agent to transfer mapping software to your car, exchange or transfer data from one cell phone to another or swap MP3 music or photo files with friends at school, around town or at the office.



Credit: Xmultiple

The other added bonus is that users can make backup recordings of other pen drive files or USB-equipped peripherals.

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