



## United Business Media

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## US High Tech Publishing Statistics: October 2004

### Summary

#### Month of October 2004

The business information market serving the technology industry, measured in terms of advertising page volumes, decreased by 7.6% in the month of October compared to October 2003. CMP Media's continuing technology publications recorded a 10.3% decrease against October 2003.

CMP Media's market share, compared to 2003, decreased – its continuing titles held a share of 27.7% in October 2004 down from 28.5% in October 2003.

#### Calendar Year to October

The market decreased by 6.7% compared to the year to October 2003. CMP's continuing titles, in the year to October 2004, recorded a 4.6% decrease in advertising page volumes against the year to October 2003.

Market share of CMP Media's continuing titles year to date was 27.4% up from 26.7% in the prior year period.

#### Rolling twelve months to October 2004

The market decreased by 7.1% in advertising page volumes in the twelve months ended October 2004 compared to the twelve months ended October 2003. CMP Media's continuing High Tech publications recorded a 4.5% decrease in the same period.

## MARKET SEGMENT – ADVERTISING PAGE VOLUMES

### MONTH OF October 2004

	2004 Pages	2003 Pages	Change 04 vs 03 %	2004 Market Share %	2003 Market Share %
<b>CMP Media</b>					
Continuing	1,711	1,908	-10.3%	27.7%	28.5%
Discontinued	0	129		0.0%	1.9%
<b>CMP Media Total</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>-16.0%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>
<b>Whole Market</b>					
Continuing	6,182	6,552	-5.6%	100.0%	98.0%
<i>B2B Tech Publications</i>	5,470	5,868	-6.8%	88.5%	87.8%
<i>General Business</i>	712	684	4.1%	11.5%	10.2%
Discontinued	0	137		0.0%	2.0%
<b>Total Market</b>	<b>6,182</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### MAJOR CMP TITLES

	October 2004		YTD October 2004	
	+/- Pages	% Change	+/- Pages	% Change
Information Week	-24.9	-9.4	+11.4	+0.5
EE Times	-86.1	-25.1	-127.5	-4.8
Dr Dobb's	+8.0	+24.6	-64.0	-12.9
Network Computing	-9.8	-4.7	-63.6	-4.8
Network Magazine	-26.0	-38.8	-57.7	-13.8
CRN	-41.7	-13.8	-282.1	-12.5
VAR Business	-17.5	-10.6	-67.3	-5.1

## CALENDAR YEAR TO October 2004

	2004 Pages	2003 Pages	Change 04 vs 03 %	2004 Market Share %	2003 Market Share %
<b>CMP Media</b>					
Continuing	14,885	15,599	-4.6%	27.4%	26.7%
Discontinued	0	1,418		0.0%	2.4%
<b>CMP Media Total</b>	<b>14,885</b>	<b>17,017</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>
<b>Whole Market</b>					
Continuing	54,404	56,587	-3.9%	100.0%	97.0%
<i>B2B Tech Publications</i>	49,182	51,006	-3.6%	90.4%	87.4%
<i>General Business</i>	5,222	5,581	-6.4%	9.6%	9.6%
Discontinued	0	1,738		0.0%	3.0%
<b>Total Market</b>	<b>54,404</b>	<b>58,325</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## TWELVE MONTHS to Date

	2004 Pages	2003 Pages	Change %	2004 Market Share %	2003 Market Share %
<b>CMP Media</b>					
Continuing	18,016	18,866	-4.5%	27.1%	26.4%
Discontinued	179	1,771		0.3%	2.5%
<b>CMP Media Total</b>	<b>18,195</b>	<b>20,637</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
<b>Whole Market</b>					
Continuing	66,194	69,042	-4.1%	99.7%	96.6%
<i>B2B Tech Publications</i>	59,523	62,024	-4.0%	89.6%	86.8%
<i>General Business</i>	6,671	7,018	-4.9%	10.1%	9.8%
Discontinued	179	2,407		0.3%	3.4%
<b>Total Market</b>	<b>66,373</b>	<b>71,449</b>	<b>-7.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source - IMS: Auditor

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**BASIS OF COMPILATION OF STATISTICS**

The statistics, which are the main subject of today's release, are independently compiled by IMS/Auditor. The basis of compilation includes:

- pages are hand counted
- supplement ads are counted if in over 50% of circulation
- house ads are not counted
- inserts are counted if bound in publication
- the database will continually be updated as more accurate information arrives

All CMP High Tech publications are tracked. CMP determines the competitive set of publishing titles which are measured on its behalf by IMS Auditor and periodically adjusts the population to ensure that it is properly representative of the changing US business technology advertising market in which CMP competes.

Note: that these statistics represent only total advertising page volumes as counted above, they do not represent paid advertising page volumes nor do they show the revenue yields which the operators in these market segments have achieved.

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