

Asus' Computex 2012: All About Windows 8

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Asus goes all out with the Windows 8 device announcements at Computex 2012-- with x2 tablets, a tablet/laptop hybrid, a convertible notebook and even a dual-booting (Win 8-Android) All-in-One PC.



The Windows 8 tablets come in 2 varieties-- Tablet 600 and Tablet 810, both with Transformer-style detachable keyboards.

The Tablet 600 runs on Windows RT, carries an Nvidia Tegra 3 quad-core processor, a 10.1-inch 1366x768 Super IPS+ display, 2GB RAM and an 8MP camera, while the Tablet 810 features a "next generation" Intel Atom processor, an 11.6-inch 1366x768 display, 2GB RAM and 64GB of storage.

Then there is the "first convertible notebook," the Transformer Book-- a Windows 8 notebook with a detachable touchscreen in either 11.6, 13 or 14.6-inch sizes. It carries a 3rd generation Intel Core processor (i7, i5 or i3), SSD-HDD hybrid storage, 4GB RAM and USB ports.

The company also presents an All-in-One PC/tablet hybrid-- the Transformer AiO, a dual OS 18.4-inch device running both Android and Windows 8. It is also dual form factor, as users can detach the display from the base and use it as either a wireless display or a gigantic tablet.

And last (but not least) is the Taichi, which Asus describes as an "incredible fusion of notebook and tablet." Basically a laptop/tablet hybrid, it has displays on both sides of the lid and features dual 13.3 or 11.6-inch IPS 1900x1280 displays, Ivy Bridge Core i7 processor, 4GB RAM, SSD storage and x2 USB 3.0 ports.

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When closed, the Taichi functions as a tablet (with multitouch and stylus input)-- and when open it works as a regular notebook, complete with full-sized backlit keyboard.

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