

Adobe Steps into Making Creative Hardware

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Photoshop maker Adobe makes first steps into the hardware business with "Project Mighty" and "Project Napoleon"-- a pressure sensitive stylus and a small digital ruler designed for use with the company's tablet applications.



The Project Mighty is a so-described "cloud pen" with sleek, Apple-style industrial design. It connects to tablets and the internet via Bluetooth and allows one to not only draw more naturally on tablets, but also bring up content from the cloud (such as drawings, colour swatches or settings) with the press of a button.

Adobe does not provide exact specs for the pen, but says it includes a rechargeable battery, Bluetooth LE connectivity and an unspecified amount of built-in storage.

Meanwhile the Project Napoleon looks like a 3-inch ruler (hence the name) but is actually more of a digital protractor. It creates a digitally projected edges, making the accurate drawing of shapes and lines on the display easier.

A preview video (linked below) has Adobe VP Michael Gough using the two devices on an iPad equipped with a modified version of the Ideas iOS app.

At the same MAX launch event Adobe got plenty of flak from the online creative community after revealing its plans for Photoshop, Illustrator *et al*-- future Creative Suite (CS) versions will

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no longer be available as boxed copies. Instead CS will be folded into Creative Cloud (CC), the online subscription-based service Adobe launched earlier last year.

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