

**Microsoft's New Expansion**

Microsoft is taking their ambition to be a device and services company quite seriously. Right after their acquisition of Nokia's mobile phone services, which would make them a device company, they had come up with a brilliant idea of offering X Box music on the web for free. This expansion beyond Windows 8 and X Box game consoles for free, would actually help them to compete with other music consoles like Pandora, Spotify and iTunes. Its quite an acknowledgement, how the music service hasn't done much to drive sales among the Windows 8 operating system. Windows 8 Users have already enjoyed X Box Music, as it is the default music in the operating system. Microsoft's idea of making it available to a wider audience, was a good one, because after experiencing the free music, many won't mind spending a few bucks on getting it. The music service would save favourites and playlists over PCs and window phones and also X Box game consoles. This service would also allow the user to choose from 30 million tracks and also stream them for free. Downloading certain tracks, which can't be streamed due to copyright issues, is also provided by this music service. Microsoft is taking this move of expanding its music console, by launching apps for iPhone and Android phones so that they can have access to X Box Music. November 22nd onwards, the X Box 1 users can play games listening to X Box music. Something, which never happened before ■

**Lenovo Flex 2, Multi-touch Screen DUAL-MODE Laptop**



The new dual-mode Lenovo Flex 2, the 14.1-inch laptop creatively flip 300° for stand mode, a convenient way to make presentations and provide a more comfortable touch experience. Beyond the dual mode flip functionality of the

Flex 2, this laptop features a soft-touch black cover. Opening the screen lid reveals clean lines and a keyboard design with backlighting. The notebook is available with 1366 x 768 or optional Full HD 1920 x 1080 multitouch display. Lenovo promises the Flex offers up to nine hours of battery life for extremely mobile users. In addition, this laptop is having 1.7 GHz Intel 4th generation Core i3 processor, Intel HD 4400 graphics, 1 TB of storage, and 4 GB DDR3 RAM. With Windows 8.1 OS, the notebook has a price-tag of Taka 60,000/-. For contact : 01977476501 ■

**China Develops Windows and Android Killer**

China is once again taking a nationalist stance on technology, this time, with its own PC and mobile operating system. The goal is to decrease China's reliance on U.S. software companies. The state-controlled Xinhua News Agency reported the announcement on 25 August last, citing U.S. surveillance as one of the reasons Chinese engineers are developing their own operating system for desktop computers and mobile devices. The new software would compete directly with Microsoft (MSFT, Tech30) Windows and Google (GOOG) Android. It would be available to China's consumers and government personnel alike. The operating system is slated for release in October, Xinhua reported. This isn't the first time China attempted a homegrown OS. One of its top military engineering universities launched something called Kylin in 2001. The Chinese Academy of Sciences released the China Operating System, COS, in January of this year. But they haven't caught on like Windows ■

**Sept 19 iPhone 6 Release**



One week after the scheduled September 9 iPhone 6 intro, release date of the device is thought to follow immediately and there are fresh indicators to support that such will be the events to unfold next month. The most solid sign, perhaps, that the next iPhone is touching down very soon is the latest development over at U.S. telco Verizon. The carrier, according to Apple Insider, has run out of iPhone 5C stocks, specifically the 32GB variant. As of this week, the handset is on stock-out status and a source cited by Apple Insider claims that the product has been retired silently. That means the high-capacity mid-range smartphone from Apple will not be making a comeback anytime soon. The move, the report said, can be interpreted as one of the preparations currently in play for the iPhone 6 arrival this coming September ■

**CyberoamOS Gets Updated**



Cyberoam, a leading global provider of network security solutions, announced a major update to its CyberoamOS network security operating system, which forms the

basis for all of Cyberoam's integrated security solutions – Cyberoam Next-Generation Firewalls and UTM appliances. The new CyberoamOS 10.6.1 is a mega-release covering 60+ features and enhancements focusing on security, simplicity of use, enhanced network visibility, Cyberoam dynamic DNS service, API support for managed security and integration with 3rd party systems and business continuity.

The key highlights of CyberoamOS 10.6.1 include: Simplified and effective IPS configuration for SOHO / SMB with ready-to-use IPS policy templates that come with Firewall Rule style naming convention, solving the struggle of 'which IPS Policy to apply' for SOHO/SMBs along with easy troubleshooting Easing the burden of complex enterprise deployments by enabling High Availability in combination of Route & Bridge mode Providing building-blocks of interoperability for enterprise customers with Cyberoam API, enabling ready integration with any existing authentication servers, wireless controllers, custom developed application, guest portals (hotspot solutions) and workflow automation, thereby delivering seamless single sign-on for enterprises and facilitating interoperability with other third-party systems through least administrative hassles and support costs Helping MSSPs augment managed security delivery with Cyberoam API, which allows integrating and managing Cyberoam security appliances with their existing policy managers, enabling MSSPs to derive greater competitive advantage from existing business processes ■

**HP Recalls 6 million Computer Cords For Fire Risk**



Hewlett-Packard (HPQ, Tech30) and federal regulators on 26 August last recalled 6 million power cords sold between September 2010 and June 2012 with some HP and Compaq notebook computers, as well as certain docking stations.

They warned the cords could overheat and catch fire. Of the 29 reported cases, two involved burns and there were 13 claims of property damage. The Consumer Product Safety Commission warned the recalled power cords should be unplugged immediately. HP provided an online tool for customers to determine if their cord is recalled ■