

Walton Launches New Prelude R1 Laptop



Local computer and laptop maker Walton has launched its new laptop of Prelude R1 series in country's tech market. The laptop, model number WPR14N34GL, will cost only 22,500 BDT and is specially manufactured considering the purchasing ability of students and youths.

Liakat Ali, in-charge of Walton

Computer project, said the 'Made in Bangladesh' labelled low cost laptop has been manufactured at its own production plant in Chandra of Gazipur with technology support from world's tech giants Intel and Microsoft and country's Bijoy Bangla. One of the most amazing features of the laptop is its multi-language keyboard with built in Bangla font which will help users to write in Bengali easily using the device.

The attractively designed Golden color laptop features a 14.1-inch HD display, 1.1 gigahertz Intel Apollo lake N3450 processor, 4GB DDR3 RAM, Intel HD Graphics 500, 1 terabyte hard disk drive with 5000 mAh battery and 2 mega pixel HD camera.

Abul Hasnat, Product Manager of Walton Computer, said currently they are offering 32 models of laptops, 13 models of desktop PCs, 2 models of full HD monitors along with various models of pen drives, gaming and standard keyboard and mouse.

Mentionable, customers can buy any Walton brand laptop and desktop PC at 12-month installment facility paying 20 percent down payment along with EMI facilities. Walton provides maximum 2 years warranty for its all models of laptops while 3 years warranty for desktop PCs. ♦

AMD's New \$55 Athlon Chip Targets Budget PC Builders



The new Athlon 200GE chip will arrive later this month. It packs both AMD's Zen architecture and Radeon Vega graphics, making it capable of playing certain games at 720p.

AMD is targeting budget PC builders with a new Athlon chip that'll retail for only \$55.

The Athlon 200GE will pack both your computing and gaming graphic needs on a single chip. The product features AMD's Zen core architecture, which is also used in the company's Ryzen-branded chips, along with built-in Radeon Vega graphics. The 200GE is designed for entry-level users in the PC desktop space, so don't expect a huge amount of performance. The chip itself features two cores, four threads with a 3.2 GHz clock speed, and a 5MB cache.

Nevertheless, AMD claims the new chip offers higher performance over rival Intel Pentium processors. According to the company's benchmarks, the Athlon 200GE offered up to 67 percent more GPU performance than Intel's Pentium G4560 chip. The Athlon 200GE is also capable of playing certain online games at 720p, but often at low settings. The company offered some benchmarks, which showed the chip running DOTA 2 at 65 frames per second and Overwatch at 59 FPS.

Meanwhile, Fortnite came in at 49 FPS. When compared against Intel's Pentium G450, this can amount up to 84 percent performance increase. AMD also says the new chip is efficient at carrying out everyday tasks such as word processing, web browsing, and video conferencing. The Athlon 220GE will arrive at retailers on Sept. 18. You can integrate the chip in AM4 socket-equipped motherboards. The new chip will also be used by PC makers including Dell, HP, and Lenovo. In addition, AMD has promised to release more silicon under the Athlon line. They'll include the 220GE and 240GE, which are set to launch in the fourth quarter of this year. ♦

Apple Inc bans Alex Jones app for 'objectionable content'

Recently Apple Inc said that it had banned from its App Store the Infowars app belonging to popular U.S. conspiracy theorist Alex Jones after finding that it had violated the company's rules against "objectionable content".

The move makes Apple the latest tech company or social media platform to take action against Jones, a deeply controversial right-wing radio talk-show host who has suggested that the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre was a hoax, among other sensational claims.

Apple said the guidelines Jones violated bar "defamatory, discriminatory, or mean-spirited content, including references or commentary about religion, race, sexual orientation, gender, national/ethnic origin, or other targeted groups, particularly if the app is likely to humiliate, intimidate, or place a targeted individual or group in harm's way."

Representatives for Jones could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters on Friday evening.

On Thursday, Twitter Inc permanently banned Jones and his website from its platform and Periscope, saying in a tweet that the accounts had violated its behavior policies.

In a video posted on the Infowars website on Thursday, Jones said in response: "I was taken down not because we

lied but because we tell the truth and because we were popular."

Last month, Twitter banned Jones and Infowars for seven days, citing tweets that it said violated the company's rules against abusive behavior, which state that a user may not engage in targeted harassment of someone or incite other people to do so.



Apple said at the time that the Infowars app remained in its store because it had not been found to be in violation of any content policies, although it had removed access to some podcasts by Jones.

The podcasts differ from the Infowars app by allowing access to an extensive list of previous episodes, subjecting all of those past episodes to Apple's content rules.

The Infowars app contains only rebroadcasts of the current day's episodes, subjecting a much smaller set of content to the rules. Apple said it regularly monitors all apps for content violations.

Google parent Alphabet Inc, Facebook Inc and Spotify Technology SA have also removed content produced by Jones.

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