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May 24, 2011

PC World: First Chrome OS Desktop PC Will Ship in July

By Katherine Noyes

As the U.S. arrival date approaches for the first Chromebooks from Samsung and Acer, hardware maker Xi3 on Friday announced its own entrant in the form of a desktop PC running Chrome OS.

Due on July 4, the new device is apparently the first desktop computer announced so far based on Google's new Linux-based operating system. It's been under development since 2009, Xi3 says, and will be based on the company's patented Xi3 computer architecture.

The low-power machine will run on just 20 watts, according to Xi3. Pricing has not yet been disclosed.

Three Boards for Flexibility

Xi3's ChromiumPC computer will sport an unconventional form factor, with a small, cube-like design. Housed in a tiny chassis measuring just 4 by 3.6 by 3.6 inches and available in multiple colors—including, appropriately enough, a chrome-plated option—the ChromiumPC will be powered by a dual- or single-core 64-bit, x86-based processor.

Inside its diminutive chassis, meanwhile, will be a modular design consisting of three small but interconnected boards: one holding the processor and RAM; a primary I/O module typically housing the majority of the external communications ports; and a secondary I/O module housing Ethernet, video and power connections.

That modular design is also a part of the Xi3 Modular Computer, which was formally unveiled in 2010 and named an Innovations Award Winner in the Computer Hardware category at the 2011 International CES trade show.

A Choice of Operating Systems

Flexibility is one key benefit of Xi3's modular design. In fact, although the ChromiumPC will ship with Chrome OS, users will be able to substitute virtually any other operating system, if they choose.

"The Xi3 computer architecture is designed to support any x86-based operating system, including Windows, Linux, Unix and other open source-based operating systems," said Jason A. Sullivan, president and CEO of Xi3 Corp. "If someone chooses to switch their ChromiumPC to run a different operating system, it's as easy as swapping out one of the three boards inside the computer."

Indeed, such flexibility is also a hallmark of Linux and most free and open source software, and it's exciting to see it coming built into this new desktop PC. Can there ever be too much choice or room for customization? I'm thinking not.

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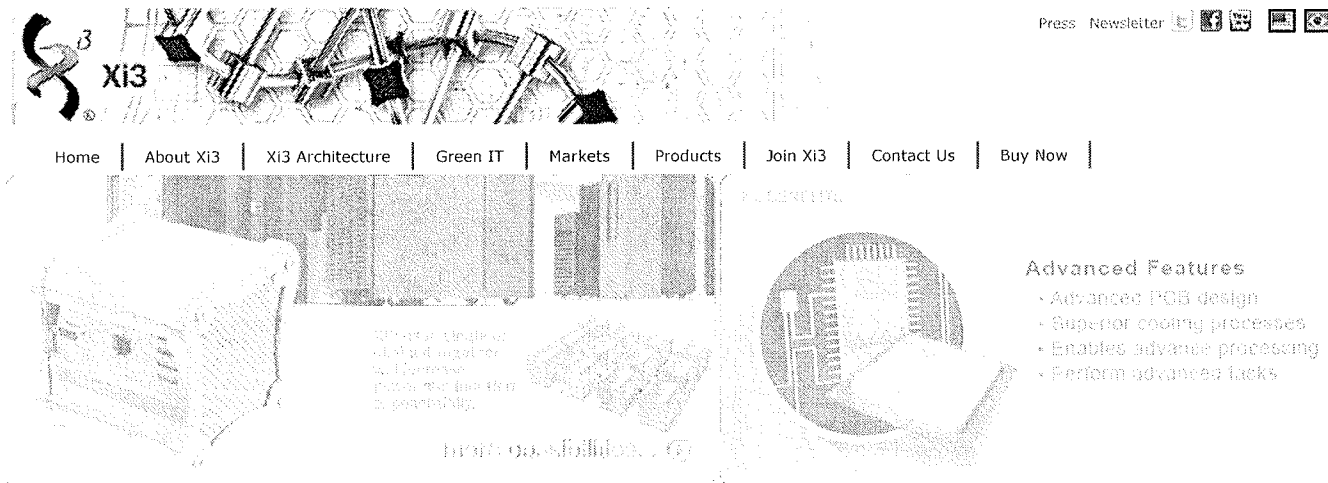
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PCMag.com: Xi3 Announces ChromiumPC Modular Computer with Chrome OS

By Joel Santo Domingo

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Since some users never leave their browser window(s) during compute sessions, a system running Google Chrome as their primary OS is a viable computing model at this time. The Xi3 Modular Computer's interchangeable internal components open the possibility of running other operating systems on upgraded hardware in the future. In any case, the ChromiumPC is built on an x86 processor, so provided Xi3 uses other Windows-compatible components, running Windows 7 (or 8) on a Xi3 Modular PC should be possible.

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May 22, 2011

ZDNet: Xi3 ChromiumPC: First desktop PC to run Google Chrome OS due in July

By Sean Portnoy

While Google made reference to forthcoming desktops running its Chrome OS at its recent I/O conference, the company provided few specifics. Xi3 has since filled that breach by announcing that its ChromiumPC will be the first desktop to run the operating system when it launches in early July.

Xi3 had designed a modular architecture for the ChromiumPC, which means that it consists of processor and I/O modules rather than a traditional motherboard. Further, the I/O modules — one for communications ports and the second for other connectivity — are swappable. Though few specs are known for the ChromiumPC, it will use an x86-based processor — either single or dual-core — and be released in several color choices. Xi3 says third parties are interested in creating their own modules, and flavors of ChromiumPC running other operating systems will also be available.

Xi3 says it will disclose more information about the ChromiumPC — including, presumably, its price — before the launch date, so we'll know more for Chrome adherents to decide if they will want to plunk down some money to get a desktop device to run the alternative operating system.

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