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HANDS ON REVIEW

Symphony GoFox F15 A long way to go

THE 'FIREFOX OS'

Firefox OS is the newest Linux kernel-based open-source OS in Bangladesh. It is being developed by Mozilla, the non-profit organization famed for its Firefox browser. Symphony GoFox F15 comes with the Firefox OS 1.4. The UI in this version is not exactly the most "up-to-date" one, but with time this web based OS will definitely grow on you. Most smartphone functionality is present in this version but still a few are missing. To sum up, Firefox OS might feel a bit undercooked considering Android is in its 5th iteration and iOS on its 8th. But we see a strong future for Firefox OS. Most of the high profile apps are already in. And with the growing amount of apps development particularly in Bangladesh we believe the app famine will soon come to an end.



The 3.5 inch TFT HVG display is no retina display but it will render all details fluidly enough. Small lettering while browsing the net appears slightly jagged but very readable. The brightness works well even in bright sunlight.

The snapper on the back is a 3.2 MP basic camera that struggles to take pictures in low light. The front facing camera is 0.3 MP unit which isn't particularly recommended for flattering selfies.

The single core 1GHz processor doesn't stutter from the regular usage. By regular we mean updating the BYTES Facebook page regularly, attacking all the statuses on social media and listening to music. Then there's calls.

The shape is a timeless design. Simplicity is key here. The back side has a light rubberized texture that also comes with an extra glossy cover. The phone is easy to hold. The minimalist design consists of a simple power button on the right and a rocker button for volume on the left.



VERDICT

The GoFox F15 is a budget phone that has the usual features wrapped around something a little different. How different? The Firefox OS is new and it serves as a web interface that is capable of launching other web apps directly from the interface. Also the release cycle matches closely with the desktop version. The phone has average specs wrapped up in an attractive price and a decent design. It should serve well as a fuss-free, rugged device for people on the go. It performs excellently as a music device and serves to while away the time as a browser.

Price: Tk. 4650/-

There's 512MB of ROM and 512MB RAM with an expandable memory of upto 32GB. That should serve well enough for what this phone is - a good everyday music device. Store all your music or just ace the radio. The ear pods fit snugly and the sound is loud and clear without distortion.

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The 1450mAh Li-ion battery may sound small by today's behemoth standards, but it is quite the power pack considering the low power consumption from both the processor and the display. We've easily managed to pass an entire day with Wi-Fi usage. As expected, 3G does take a toll but only if you're constantly on Facebook which is a big data and power hungry app.

TECH HAPPENING

Dell Introduces PowerEdge 13th generation server portfolio

Dell recently unveiled its most advanced and easy-to-manage portfolio of PowerEdge servers, designed to help customers worldwide address and optimize the evolving spectrum of application and workload requirements. The new Dell PowerEdge portfolio - which begins with five form-factors across blade, rack and tower servers - provides customers with choice in how they address industry trends including cloud computing, mobility, big data, and software-defined. These are factors that more than 80 percent of IT decision-makers report as investment priorities for the next 12 months, according to the Future Ready IT survey, recent worldwide research commissioned by Dell and Intel.



Aamra Open House 2014 held

Aamra Open House 2014 was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Lakeshore Hotel, Dhaka. Open House is the annual networking event hosted by Aamra Companies dedicated for its customers, partners, vendors and stakeholders. The multifaceted event, in its fourth edition, is an opportunity to meet and network with valued customers, partners, vendors and stakeholders in a relaxed environment. The day-long event attracted around 2000 invited participants from across all industries and positions.



Bangladesh re-elected as an ITU executive member

Bangladesh finally got elected in the ITU Council for the term of 2015-2018. To enlighten the nation about this tremendous achievement, ICT Division recently arranged a press conference in Bangladesh Secretariat. Bangladesh was able to secure 115 votes in the election. Due to the resulting no. of votes, Bangladesh obtained 7th position among the 13 vacant positions. The State Minister for ICT Division of MoPT & ICT Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak spearheaded the campaign alongside the team of delegates from Bangladesh. The delegation consisted of BTRC chairman Sunil Kanti Bose, Parliament permanent standing committee members, MoPT & ICT secretary and joint secretary, BTCL chairman, high ups from telcos etc. State minister also informed that a specialized ITU cell will also be formed particularly to address all ITU related issues.



KASPERSKY SECURITY UPDATE

Why it is better to purchase an antivirus directly from the Authorised Reseller

- 1. Non-existent/blocked/invalid license code**
Anyone can produce a combination of letters and numbers that look like a software code, as well as post an offer for a blocked, invalid or out-of-date code. A buyer is essentially unable to check the validity of the code prior to the purchase. This is something that fraudsters have constantly been using when trading invalid codes in '3-for-1' bundles. Having purchased such a code, a user is likely to see a "the code you entered is not valid" message.
- 2. Multi-user license**
There is also another scenario: a culprit posts an offer for a valid license code for, say, three users, but sends the code to several buyers simultaneously.
- 3. Pirated license**
A cracked code is a time bomb: a pirated code might be accepted by the software but will surely be banned afterwards by an anti-piracy system, disabling regular updates of antivirus databases and eventually exposing your machine to newer samples of malware.
- 4. A license with false features**
It is well known that one license can be activated on several devices, depending on the type. This tactic is actively used by fraudulent sellers: they will sell a license



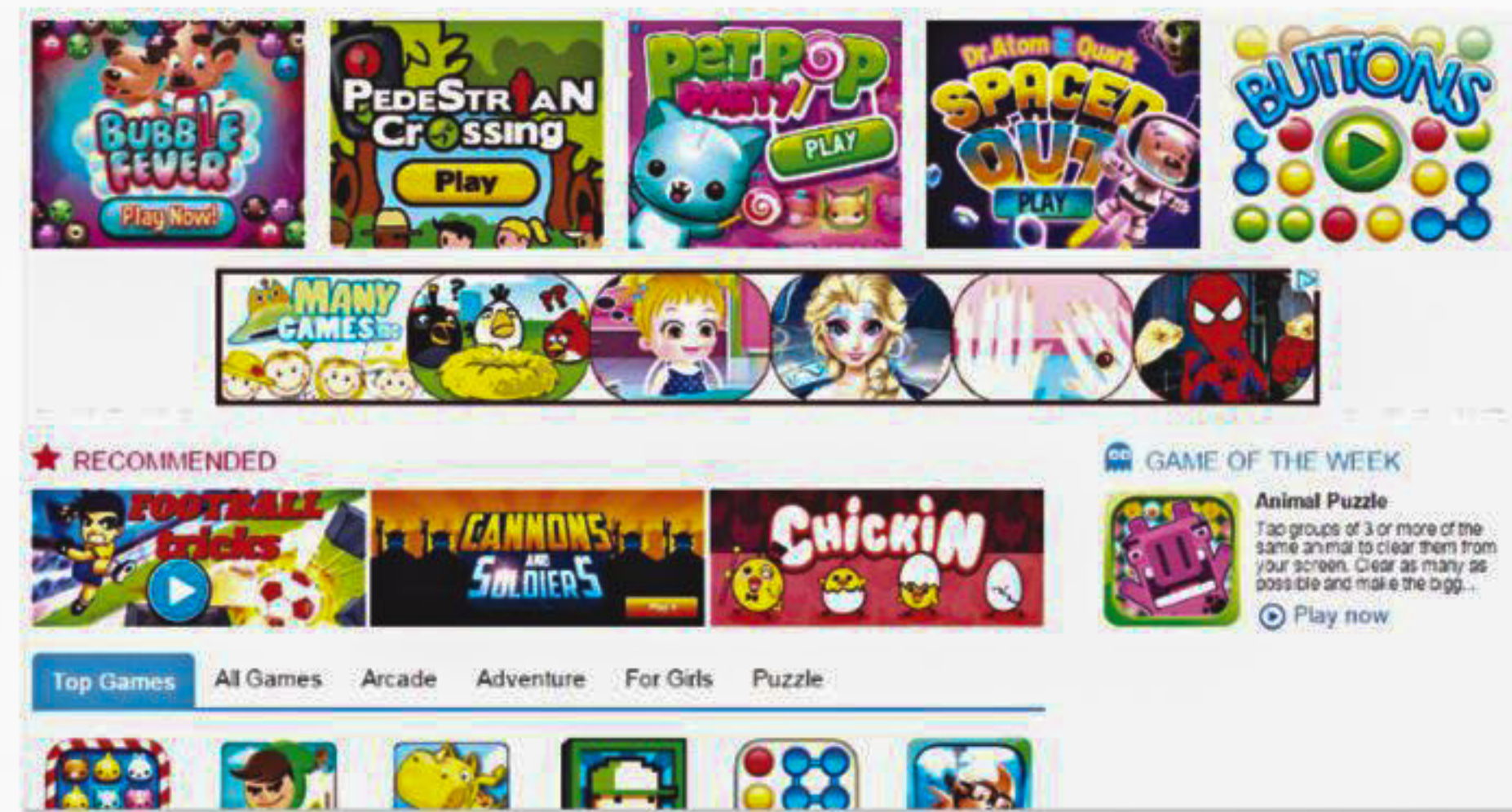
for 2 machines as a product that is for 5 machines, which is, predictably, more expensive. By the time the buyer has activated the code on all devices and discovers the ugly truth, the sellers are nowhere to be found.

5. License valid for another region
One of the most unpleasant options is the purchase of a license restricted to a certain region. Licenses for different regions vary in price but the code can be activated only in the corresponding region. So a code for a license specifically designated for South Africa cannot be activated in any other country.

SITES MUST SEE

Tutu-the rabbit- a new gaming portal in town!

Currently there are nearly 174 Crore 70 Lac gamers worldwide, amongst which mobile device based gamers are near about 120 Crore. With a view to tap in to that market, MCC started an initiative recently. They are bringing out Bangladesh's first HTML 5 based online gaming portal: TUTU - the rabbit'. By accessing the portal from PC, laptop or any other form of handheld device, a user can play all the games for free. Mr. Ashraf Abir, CEO MCC Ltd, on this occasion said: 'We, at MCC, want to utilize the developing mobile games industry of Bangladesh. This portal will soon become the test-bed for thousands of game developers.'



JUST IN

Lenovo Flex 2, Multi-touchscreen 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. Opening the screen lid reveals clean lines and a keyboard design with backlighting. The notebook is available with 1366 x 768 HD 1920 x 1080 multi-touch display. Lenovo promises the Flex offers up to nine hours of battery life for extremely mobile users. In addition, this laptop has 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.



Price: Tk. 60,000/-

ASUS Unveils TUF Series Sabertooth Z97 Mark 2 Motherboard

ASUS has today unveiled the TUF Sabertooth Z97 Mark 2 motherboard, which is built around the latest Intel® Z97 Express chipset. The new TUF Sabertooth Z97 Mark 2 motherboards support up to the latest 5th-generation Intel Core™ processors. The robust TUF motherboards have upgraded thermal management with the brand new TUF ICe cooling for precise fan control and thermal monitoring. Other features include the comprehensive Thermal Radar 2 cooling control, including the innovative Dust Diverter reversible fan technology and VGA Fan Control, making TUF motherboards cooler, more stable and even more reliable.



Price: Tk. 18,500/-

TECH BITS
The iBox Nano 3D printer is almost as cheap as it is tiny



Google bringing services to easily share files between Android and iOS



Gmail for Android is ready to handle all your email accounts



Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo crashes after launch



Hungary's internet tax axed after public protests

