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Walton Walpad Pro THE GAME CHANGER

We get tons of emails from our readers asking for a single device with the mobility of a tablet but with the convenience of a PC. To those readers, we have something just right for you. Behold the first ever local OEMed Windows tablet: Walton Walpad Pro. How well does it fare compared to the ones that are already in the market? Keep reading to find out:

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:

The design of the Walpad Pro is fairly simple. The tab is made out of plastic with bezel around the screen. The bezel isn't exactly thin making it easier to hold without accidentally touching the screen. The shortest two sides are ruggedised for increased ease in operating the tab in landscape mode. The volume rocker and power button are on the top left. Close to those on the left side are the HDMI, 3.5mm audio port and Micros USB port. The back camera is also situated here. Thanks to the compact physique it comfortably fits in tight spaces and is extremely easy to carry. And paired with the optional keyboard it transforms into a nano-netbook.

DISPLAY:

The Walpad Pro boasts an 8.9-inch IPS HD screen with the industry standard 1920 X 1200 resolution that can contest any Android tablet in the market. The brightness of the screen was great although the colour accuracy could be better. Most of the colours popped out so it's highly likely that you won't notice the difference. Another significant issue that we stumbled upon was the size of the fonts and icons. The screen boasts high resolution images making the icons and font size noticeably smaller. If you are using multiple tabs on a browser then it might even induce claustrophobia! So if you are facing the same problem, make sure you make the font size and icons larger than the usual size.

OS & SOFTWARE:

The main difference between Walpad Pro and other tablets lies in the OS. Walpad Pro runs on Windows 8.1 (32 bit) version. And it's going to get the Windows 10 upgrade, so that's something to be excited

about. In addition to that you will be getting a one year subscription of Office 365 Personal. In the test lab we were having trouble opening MS Excel, MS PowerPoint and even Outlook. But it was short lived after downloading several updates. In this tab you also get 1TB of cloud space in One Drive. Though Windows App Store lacks the rich ecosystem of the Play Store, yet most important desktop tools can be found very easily.

PERFORMANCE:

This is the exciting part. The tab sinuously handled most of the computing tasks we threw at it. We did basic document editing, browsed the net, played HD music videos and attended a couple of Skype

webcam. They are good for video conferencing or making Skype video calls. You can always try downloading third-party apps to improve the quality of the pictures.

BATTERY:

A Li-Po 6000 mAh battery gives the tab

enough juice to run for more than 5 hours with average use. The depletion of the battery can be slowed by dimming the brightness and avoiding processor intensive tasks. This Atom processor powered tab can run for up to 6.5 hours straight if you restrict your activities to document editing, listening to MP3s or reading PDF files.

VERDICT:

We loved the Walpad Pro. It's a slate that packs enough muscle to keep you productive for a good amount of time (better than many laptops). The IPS display was evenly lit and was responsive to every touch. The processor handled tasks beyond our expectations. **The Windows 8.1** is the key attraction of the tablet putting it ahead of the competition. The optional keyboard is a must have (separately sold, Tk. 2,500/-) to make the most out of this device. For the specs it offers at only **Tk. 18,690/-**, it is definitely a strong contender for the title of the best local tablet on the market right now.

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SPECS

- Display:** 8.9-inch IPS HD panel (1920 X 1200)
- OS:** Windows 8.1 (32-bit)
- CPU:** Intel Atom 1.3 GHz Quad core
- GPU:** Intel HD Graphics
- Camera:** Rear 5 MP Autofocus & Front 2MP
- ROM:** 64 GB, **RAM:** 2 GB
- Sensors & Features:** SIM Support, GPS Support, Micro HDMI, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Office 365 Personal, 1TB One Drive, OTG Support etc
- Battery:** 6000 mAh

PRICE: Tk. 18,690/-

calls. We installed Adobe Photoshop and the processor delivered enough horsepower to do a few light Photoshop edits. We opened side by side windows to check how it handles multi-tasking. To our surprise, it handled it quite well. We even installed our office favourite 'Need For Speed: Underground 2.' We managed to play a couple of races smoothly without any hiccups. But the tab did start to heat up. All in all, the performance was satisfactory. Hats off to the Intel Atom 1.3 GHz Quad core processor and 2 Gigs DDR3 RAM.

CAMERA:

The Walpad Pro has two cameras: 5MP rear camera with auto-focus and a 2 MP front unit. And both of the cameras produce subpar photos. Actually the cameras work as a two-way

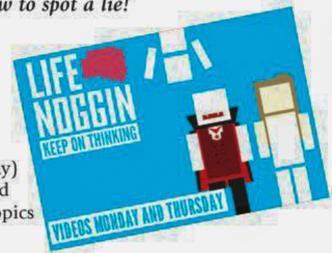
BYTES TOP PICK

TOP 5 YOUTUBE CHANNELS TO GET SMART

Today we bring you a list of top 5 YouTube channels to get smart. These channels will enlighten you on various topics; ranging from human evolution to communism to how to spot a lie!

LIFE NOGGIN

NO. OF VIDEOS: 57 Videos
NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS: 76.K+
STARTED ON: March 31, 2013
TOTAL VIEWS: 3.77 Million+
FREQUENCY: Twice a week (Monday & Thursday)
VIDEO TOPIC: Probably one of the best animated educational series covering contemporary topics i.e. science, pop culture, history or art.



CRASHCOURSE

NO. OF VIDEOS: 419 Videos
NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS: 3.21 Million+
STARTED ON: May 19, 2006
TOTAL VIEWS: 249.76 Million+
VIDEO TOPIC: This is one of the oldest yet most entertaining channel where you can learn about world history, biology, ecology, astronomy, chemistry, government and politics.



BRAIN CRAFT

NO. OF VIDEOS: 63 Videos, **NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS:** 101K+
STARTED ON: Aug 26, 2013,
TOTAL VIEWS: 5.61 Million+
FREQUENCY: Once a week (Thursday)
VIDEO TOPIC: This particular channel of PBS talks mostly about psychology, neuroscience and why we act the way we do. The charming hostess of the show Vanessa Hill comes with a new video every Thursday. Do take a look.



TEST TUBE NEWS

NO. OF VIDEOS: 528 Videos, **NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS:** 585K+
STARTED ON: Jan 23, 2013, **TOTAL VIEWS:** 74.05 Million+
FREQUENCY: Almost two every week
VIDEO TOPIC: If you have smart, inquisitive questions about life, society, politics and anything else happening in the news, then this is a must subscribe channel for you. Many complicated issues are discussed here with insightful facts and amazing figures.

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NO. OF VIDEOS: 1972
NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS: 3.58 Million+
STARTED ON: Dec 6, 2006
TOTAL VIEWS: 434 Million+
FREQUENCY: Everyday
VIDEO TOPIC: One of the most viewed channel on YouTube. Here you get to learn about the best ideas from the trusted voices and convention-breaking mavericks, icons and geniuses, all giving the talk of their lives in 18 minutes. Videos are posted everyday so tons of stuff you can learn...everyday!



IS PAYPAL

REALLY COMING TO BANGLADESH?

If you are really in hurry then the short answer: **NO, not anytime soon.**

But if you have some time then here you go: the hoopla about PayPal started when a team of delegates led by State Minister of ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak went to PayPal Headquarters at San Jose, California, U.S. to discuss Bangladesh Government's policies & regulatory reforms which are now much more aligned with PayPal's operating principle. After the meetings the State Minister announced on his Facebook that Xoom (not PayPal), a US based digital money transfer or remittance provider, was going to start its operation in Bangladesh in the next quarter. The confusion started to arise when some media started to (mis)interpret this as PayPal's decision to launch its services in Bangladesh. But it must be mentioned that on July 1, 2015, Paypal announced that it is acquiring Xoom for about \$1.09 billion.

important market with great opportunity. While we do not comment on future plans, we can confirm that we are evaluating ways to improve our product offerings to best serve the needs of merchants and consumers in this (Bangladesh) market. In addition, we are not able to comment on future plans for Xoom, as the acquisition is still in process."

This isn't the first time Xoom is launching its service in Bangladesh. Back in 2003, Xoom started its instant online-to-offline money transfer service in Bangladesh, along with its local market distribution partner, Instant Cash -- a subsidiary of India's conglomerate, The Patel Group. The service was discontinued due to slow growth and low volume of transaction from July 16, 2008 in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Morocco, and Nepal.

Industry experts and freelancers opined that the scenario will be different this time because Xoom is going to be a PayPal owned company. Countries that weren't in compliance with PayPal's regulation will now be getting certain benefits of PayPal via Xoom.

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TECH HAPPENING



Airtel and BCC partner up to establish Cox's Bazar as a digital surfing city

Airtel Bangladesh in partnership with Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) has signed a MoU to enhance the global brand image of Cox's Bazar, facilitate tourism and establish Cox's Bazar as the Digital Surfing City through Private-Public Partnership. Mr. S. M. Ashrafur Islam, Additional Secretary and Executive Director, Bangladesh Computer Council and Mr. Ashrafur Haque Chowdhury, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Airtel Bangladesh signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. Present at the signing ceremony were, Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, State Minister, ICT Division, Shyam Sunder Sikder, Secretary ICT Division and S M Ashrafur Islam, Executive Director from ICT Division. PD Sarma, MD & CEO, Ashrafur Haque Chowdhury, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Sandipan Chakraborty, Chief Technical Officer and Ms. Rubaba Dowla, Chief Service Officer from Airtel Bangladesh Limited.

KASPERSKY SECURITY UPDATE

Security do's and don'ts: KEEPING WEIRDOS ASIDE

How much time do you spend scrolling through your friends pages on Facebook? You can obviously tell a lot about their lifestyle and pastime thanks to all those check-ins, selfies and status updates, which they publish every day. If you examine attentively, you'll easily find their family members, friends and even their true loves as well. Anybody can perform all these actions just as you do, but with malicious goals: to hack your account, infect your PC with a virus or steal valuable data like your gaming accounts or photos and video recordings to demand a ransom for bringing your files back to you. With that said, we have to recommend that you to become sort of mysterious person -- for strangers at least. Keep secrets!



easily intercept anything you send through an unsecure channel.

- Don't let strangers see everything that's on your social network pages -- you don't know which weirdos might be looking at you. Likewise, you don't need everyone to be able to see everything you do. Use the site's settings to make sure your page is visible for 'just friends.'
- Don't accept every friend request without question. It's better to have a smaller group of true friends whom you know and you like talking to, rather than a huge crowd of strangers -- some of whom might even be dangerous.



TECH BITS

Twitter is erasing stolen jokes

China will lift its nationwide game console ban



Apple and Nike work out settlement terms for FuelBand lawsuit



Gogoro starts shipping its Smartscooter in Taiwan



Samsung Pay doesn't work on rooted phones

