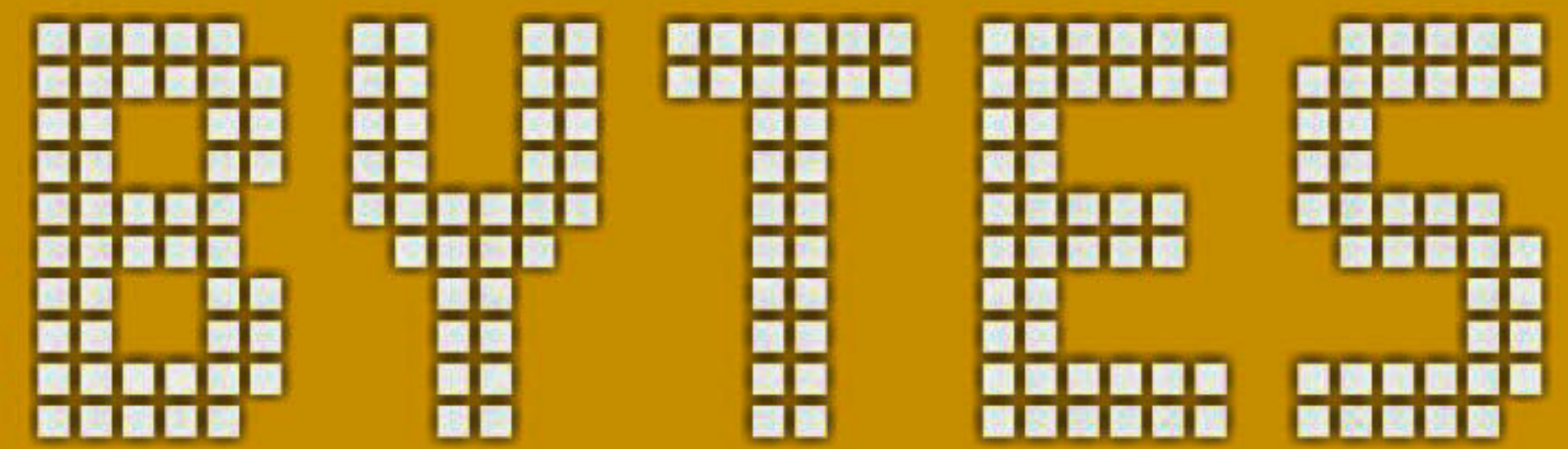




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Best 2-in-1 laptops you can buy in 2016

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Tablets and laptops each have their own perks but at the end of the day, which one you need depends on what you plan on doing with it. Human nature kicks in and we want the best of both worlds. But when it comes down to buying a 2-in-1, it's a tough decision with so many options out there. To help you choose, here's our list of the best ones out there.

Lenovo Yoga 900: One of the best 2-in-1s out there, the Yoga 900 is a top-tier option that'll suit the needs of all users. Packed inside are a 6th-gen Intel Core i7 processor, 256GB SSD and 8GB of RAM. Not to mention the brilliant 13.3-inch display with a pixel density of 1300 x 1800 that gives out amazing visuals. Lenovo's clever watchband hinge holds all of this together to make a sleek, ultraportable device that'll definitely be worth the cash.

Price: **TK. 95,000**



Microsoft Surface Book: The unveiling of Surface Book was one of the biggest announcements of tech last year. It's a beautiful laptop that tops the performance list in almost all categories. You can choose between Core i5 and i7 processors with 8/16GB of RAM inside and ramp up the storage from 256GB to 1TB. Featuring the 13.5-inch PixelSense display and the Surface Pen, as a poweruser, Surface Book is the best hybrid you can buy.

Price: **TK. 118,000**

Toshiba Satellite Radius 15: With a 2.2-GHz Intel Core i5 5200U CPU, 8GB of RAM and a 750GB HDD, Toshiba's Satellite Radius is a sturdy device that'll satisfy the average user when it comes to day-to-day computing. However, the best thing about this device is the beautiful 15.6-inch 4K display. If you're looking for a performance heavy machine then look elsewhere but if you want a decent enough laptop with a big and stunning display so that you can kick back and enjoy movies after a day's hard work, the Radius 15 is perfect for you.

Price: **TK. 81,000**



HP Spectre X360: HP built the Spectre X360 in collaboration with the Windows team and while it's not going to leave anyone awed, it definitely is a standard 2-in-1 to consider. For this price tag, it's very well-optimized and has an above average battery life. Covered with a neat aluminium chassis that gives the entire laptop a fancy look, the X360 has an Intel Core i5, 4GB RAM and a 256GB SSD inside. You can configure the specs if you need more power.

Price: **TK. 71,000**



Asus Transformer Book T300 Chi: One of the thinnest 2-in-1s out there, the T300 Chi is a nifty device that looks like a super-powered tablet and works like a fully functioning laptop. It's ultraportable and has a 12.5-inch display with 2560 x 1440 resolution and an Intel Core M processor along with 8GB of RAM and a 128GB SSD. The battery life isn't amazing but you'll get along fine at the office or at home.

Price: **TK. 71,000**



Dell Inspiron 13 7000: Dell products almost always live up to our expectations. The Inspiron 7000 series is no different. They feature 6th-gen Intel Core processors, 4-8GB of RAM and 500GB to 1TB of storage. There's also a stylus included. The battery life and weight does seem to be a bit of a downer for a 2-in-1 but overall this is a well-designed device at a very reasonable price.

Price: **TK. 59,000**

JUST IN

Lenovo's new range of affordable laptops

Lenovo has released new G4045 AMD notebook in the local market at affordable price. It is featured with dual-core processor, 500 GB Hard Disk, 2 GB DDR3 RAM, AMD Radeon R2 Graphics, 14" LED Display. It has also 4-cell Li-ion battery which gives 4 hours backup to users and with this battery it is weighted 2.1 Kg. For data sharing it has Bluetooth, HDMI port for meeting high definition multimedia and WI-Fi, RJ-45 LAN for internet connectivity.

Price: **BDT 24,000/-** with 1 year warranty



New HP laptop for mainstream users

Computer Source has introduced budget and work friendly laptop for the mainstream workforce. This 5th Gen HP Pavilion Notebook comes with Intel Core i5-5200U Processor (2.2GHz), 4 GB DDR3 and 1 TB HDD. It has also 14 inch diagonal HD BrightView LED-backlit display, B&O play with 2 speakers, true vision front facing web cam with integrated digital microphone, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, card reader, 4 cell battery.

Price: **TK. 46,000/-** and 1 year international warranty



Samsung unveils Galaxy J1 Nxt in Bangladesh Market

Samsung Mobile Bangladesh recently revealed the latest addition to its J series - Galaxy J1 Nxt. This new device key feature is Ultra-Data Saving (UDS) mode which ensures data saving up to 50% and also enhances the performance of 1500 mAh battery. This new handset showcases 1080P Full HD. It also comes up with the latest operating system of Lollipop 5.1.1. The device is powered by 1GB of RAM, and 1.2 GHz Quad-core processors which ensures fast and effortless processing and performance. The phone packs 8GB of internal storage that can be expanded up to 128GB. This gadget offers a quick launch camera with a 5-megapixel primary camera and F2.2 aperture for brighter pictures.

Price: **TK. 6,990/-** and 1 year warranty.



TECH HAPPENING

Bangladesh Bank has awarded PSO license to SSL Wireless

SSL Wireless has been awarded the PSO license by Bangladesh Bank under the Bangladesh Payment and Settlement Systems Regulation 2014 (BPSSR-2014). This license has been awarded to SSL Wireless after going through the regulator's rigorous evaluation process for the payment gateway services operated under the brand name SSLCOMMERZ. It has been operating in Bangladesh by partnering with different banks that play the vital role of acquisition of a transaction and settling the funds with merchants. Since then SSL Wireless has

been leading the e-commerce sector for developing the market. For the last 6 years, SSL Wireless has been continuously working with Bangladesh Bank, BASIS, E-commerce Alliance, e-CAB and Visa to increase awareness of E-commerce services in Bangladesh. Getting awarded the PSO license from Bangladesh Bank is another milestone for SSL Wireless through which SSL will be able to introduce and offer more innovative payment services to the customers and merchants of E-commerce in future.

Apple To Set Up Development Centre In India

There have been rumors swirling around for a while about Apple opening retail outlets in India, but turns out the Cupertino giant has bigger plans for the Asian nation. Apple will reportedly be investing \$25 million in a development center in Hyderabad India, the first the company is about to undertake outside of the US. About this new development, an Apple spokesperson said "We've been

investing to expand our operations in India and are thrilled to have passionate customers and a vibrant developer community across the country." India, with its population of over 1.3 billion is currently experiencing a technological boom with overwhelming internet and mobile penetration rates, hence, it doesn't come as a complete surprise that the Apple is willing to invest in India.

Digital cross border money transfer will enrich people's lives

Transpay, a cross border payment platform, recently launched its operation in Bangladesh. During the inauguration, CEO of Transpay Samish Kumar talked about the outsourcing scene of Bangladesh and how Transpay is planning to make lives easier for the freelancers. Here is the gist of the chit chat he had with Shahriar Rahman from BYTES.

So how big do you think the local market is for freelancers in Bangladesh?

The freelancers and outsourcing professionals of Bangladesh is a huge chunk of the young work force of Bangladesh. The current figures are somewhere around five hundred thousand right now. But this number is growing every day. We noticed that most of our freelancers and outsourcing professionals are associated with affiliate marketing, web development, graphics design and blogging. We are seeing nowadays people from Bangladesh are working in IT overseas. This is certainly great news.

So what services are Transpay bringing for these people?

As you know, we provide cross border digital money transfer facilities. We are bringing that very service in the Bangladeshi market. Using our services, the people from freelancing and outsourcing community can get their hard earned cash directly to the bank without



any hassle.

How is Transpay different from all the other cross border digital money transfer services?

As of now, we have contracts with all the major market places around the world. That is certainly one of our key advantages. In addition to that, we don't have any extra or hidden fees. We know every dime earned by the freelancers is pre-

vious hence we designed our charging structure accordingly. We know accessing internet can be difficult particularly in Bangladesh all the time, so we send SMS each and every time right after every transaction. These sorts of services are unheard from cross border digital money movers until now.

What's the future plan for Transpay in Bangladesh?

We just got started in Bangladesh.

We are planning to go big. The potential for a market like Bangladesh is immense. We have excellent customer service and any dispute can be solved our customer services really fast. In addition to that we are going to launch customized services for this market in the near future. We have already tied up with many banks. Not going to reveal everything now, you will get to see them soon enough.

Is this your first time in Bangladesh?

(Chuckles). No. This is my fifth time in Bangladesh. The IT market of Bangladesh is immense. And the percentage of younger population is quite high in Bangladesh. These people are technology adopters hence has a higher rate of getting involved in outsourcing. So we do see an immense potential in this market.

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Huawei launches GR5 and Mate 8 in Bangladesh



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