

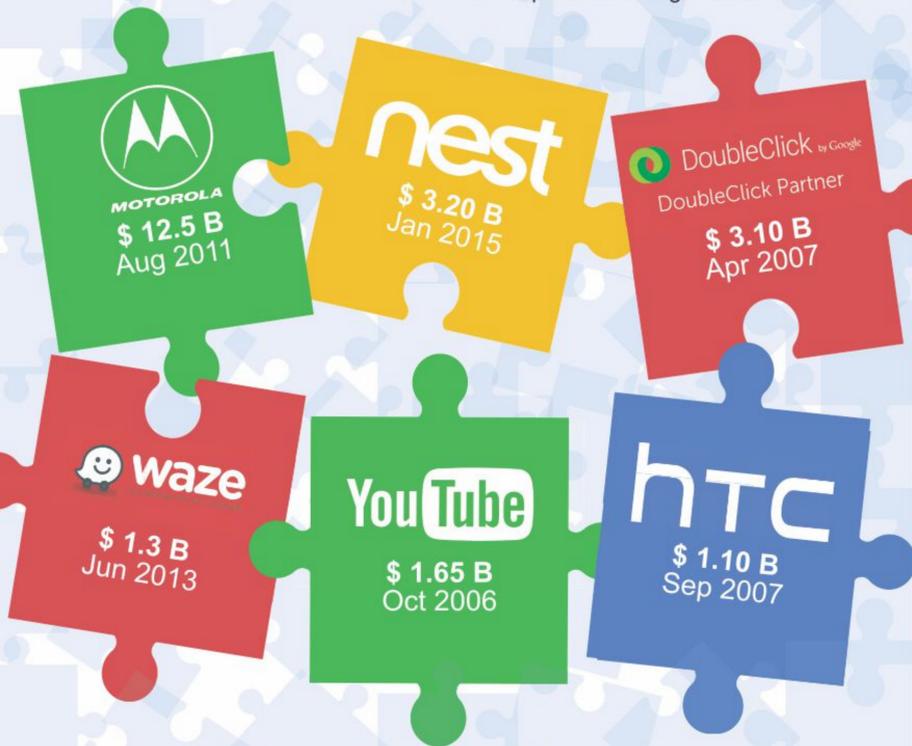


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# GOOGLE'S SHOPPING SPREE

What's up with Google

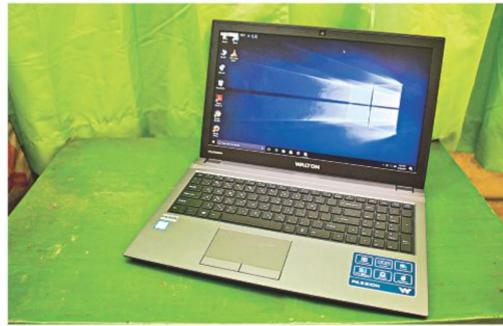
Google has been on a shopping spree ever since it set its sight on entering every digital sphere there ever was. In light of the recent purchase of HTC, we have compiled a list of the top six acquisitions Google has ever made.



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HANDS ON REVIEW

## WALTON WP15703G LAPTOP



Finally, after using and abusing without mercy, I am writing the review of Walton's Passion WP157U3G laptop. Me and my colleague, both used it for a month or so. I focused on the aesthetics whereas he tested the performance by pushing the laptop to its limit. This is my first encounter with this locally assembled gizmo and here's my take:

The Walton Passion WP157U3G, to be honest, doesn't look or feel like a device worth the price tag it comes with. It's bottom & front is made out of plain black plastic with a "smoky ash" hue. The logo of Walton is prominently visible on the back of the front screen. Initially, the body might feel a bit flimsy but it actually isn't. Rather it would be able to withstand any minor bumps and dents.

The keyboard reeks the budget vibe from the very moment you touch it. But does it mean it isn't any good? Absolutely not! I loved scripting and typing on this laptop. The travel time was decent. And when pressed, every key went all the way down- which was weirdly satisfying. It isn't backlit which isn't expected on this budget either so we weren't disappointed.

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### VERDICT

Although, the laurel of first ever proper local brand to bring out a laptop goes to DOEL, but there is no doubt Walton is a close second. The laptop we reviewed here was a mid-range product of Walton that comes with a price tag of Tk. 35,990/-. For the price tag it comes in, the laptop certainly does provide some value. Is it the best configuration you can buy now within this price-range? May be not. But is it a device that is still worth trying? Definitely YES!

It's a good attempt by a local brand but it would have been better if it was set at a slightly more affordable price point.

Despite that, you get a decent load of specs. The 15.6 inch HD display offers 1366 x 768 worth of pixels. It gets you through all your regular bits of work. Load up Photoshop CC and you can carry on with most of your work unless the files get really big. Even then the 4GB of DDR4 RAM will cough up enough backup to get your files processed in time. The gripe coming from anyone attempting to use these displays for graphics work will be that the pixels are far too visible. You need to go all the way to Full HD at 1920 x 1080 pixels for that. Despite that, this will still serve as a pretty capable tool for your average graphics needs. It also comes with 1TB of HDD space. And if that works, your video entertainment, browsing and MS Office suite work will be well served.

Battery under full load seemed to offer 2.5-3 hours on average. It does take a long time to fully charge though. The laptop is surprisingly light for its bulk mostly due to the plastic construction. At just a little over 2 kg, it is easy to carry around. Your connectivity is vooered on all counts with USB 2.0, 3.0, Type C port along with a 9-in-1 card reader.

The Intel® HD Graphics 620 is capable of running some strangely heavy games like Watchdogs 2 and GTA V but those systems require at least 8GB of RAM. The Walton isn't it then. But, all is not lost. Coupled with the 7th gen i3 processor you CAN play DOTA II and Mafia 2 on this albeit at lower settings if you want a good frame rate. If stealing cars is your thing, try GTA IV.

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### JUST IN

## Intel mobile brings P11 smartphone with 5,000 mAh battery



Intel Mobile has brought a new smartphone, P11, to guarantee long lasting battery backup.

Intel P11 features a 5,000 mAh battery which can be used in Super Power Saving Mode. In addition to that, through the Smart Power Bank Management feature one can charge other mobile devices. With onefull charge, P11 smartphone can stay in standby mode for up to 50 days. The smartphone runs on Android 6.0 (Marshmallow) and includes 5.0 inch display, 1.3GHz quad-core processor, 1 GB RAM, 8 GB internal memory, 5 megapixels back (autofocus) and 2-megapixel front camera.

Price: Tk. 5,290/-

### TECH HAPPENING



## Samsung handovers state of the art lab to Dhaka Mohila Polytechnic Institute

Samsung recently handed over a state of the art laboratory under its "ARISE" program to the Dhaka Mohila Polytechnic Institute in a ceremony at its own premises in Agargaon. The ARISE (Advanced Repair and Industrial Skill Enhancement) is a six-month long training program for the final year students, to develop basic technical skills and personality development. Samsung provided this training

free-of-cost and also renovated the laboratory with the training material.

Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest and Mr. MD. Alamgir, Secretary, Technical and Madrasah Education Division, Ministry of Education was present at the event as special guest.

## SAP demonstrates power of digital transformation in Bangladesh

Aligning to the nation's Vision 2021, SAP last week announced its commitment to help drive the Digital Bangladesh initiative by working closely with the local government and corporates. The company showcased capabilities of digital transformation for Bangladesh's public and private sectors through 'Reimagining Digital

Bangladesh' and 'Digital Transformation Forum' events organised in Dhaka recently. SAP has been present in Bangladesh for more than 18 years and has a strong network of more than 10 partners throughout the country that includes SS Solutions, Ezatech solutions, BS Corporation and more.

## Local youths launch app for home & office security

A Smart security solution app called 'Security365' has been launched by two young entrepreneurs of the country. In this system, whenever a guest come to your office or house, he has to input his/her name, mobile number, person to visit information and a photograph of the visitor is also taken. After the information is inserted, the system sends a system generated 4 digit password to the visitor's mobile number which he/she has to confirm to the

device operator at the building entrance. This mobile number verification confirms the person's identity as all the mobile number has been biometric registered by the government recently. Muhammad Abdullah Al Hadi, ex-student of EEE department of BUET and AhammadReyad, ex-student of CSE department of Dhaka University has developed the system from their personal interest to boost the security of the nation.

## i-Life launches new laptop



iLife Technologies Inc. has introduced Zed Air H2 laptop in Bangladesh market by their exclusive distributor Surovi Enterprise Ltd this Saturday at a press conference. Mohammed Nasir Uddin, Country Sales Manager of iLife, Mohammad Masum, Chairman Surovi Group & Abdul Quyum Khan, Head of Business also were present in the program.

## Jabra corporate night held

With live demonstration of some professional grade Head set and Speaker series of Jabra, Tech Republic Limited introduced itself as an exclusive distributor to the representatives of corporates, enterprises and MNC in Bangladesh. This Jabra corporate night was held in a local restaurant at Gulshan last night. Dr. Amitesh Punhani country market-

ing manager (India & SAARC), Manoj Pathak, Enterprise Business Manager (BD & West India) of Jabra, H.M Foyez Morshed, Managing Director, Moshir Rahman Raju, Chairman, Kazi Ekramul Goni, Director and Mehedi Hasan, Head of Corporate Sells of Tech Republic were also present at this event.

