

CNN Titles Apple Tablet as 'The Everything Killer'

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CNN gives Apple tablet rumors a refresh

It's been a while since we've heard anything about Apple's supposed plans for a tablet. Just when I think I'll be able to go the entire month of November without hearing about it, CNN carries a report that cites analyst Laura DiDio who has a few details about the device.



DiDio says that the device will pack a 10- 12-inch touchscreen, a high-end graphics card that will enable "stunning resolution," and a webcam for video conferencing on the go. More interestingly, DiDio seems to believe that Apple, "learned its lesson" in charging \$599 for the first iPhone and pricing out many potential customers.

CNN also spoke to David Wertheimer, executive director of the University of Southern California's Entertainment Technology Centre, who believes the device will be an "instant hit" with the ereader and netbook crowds.

"The Tablet will be awesome, and my guess is that it will be an instant hit for people who loved Kindles and people who want netbooks," said Wertheimer.

However, it seems not all analysts and entertainment pundits are as taken by the device as DiDio and Wertheimer. Zeus Kerravala, an analyst with Yankee Group, told CNN that these multi-function devices are better for ad-hoc purposes, like quick and dirty tasks, adding, "They're not for any prolonged, high-performance use."

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I have a hard time believing Apple is going to be releasing a 12" tablet for \$599 or less but if they DO launch it for that price I'll be buying one. Don't have anything really portable in my arsenal (cell phones don't count) and this would seem to fit the bill nicely. Browse the web with finger input on the couch, watch videos, listen to music, or hook it up to a bluetooth keyboard/mouse and treat it like a regular netbook.

The "everything killer", however, sounds absolutely ridiculous. Really? Everything? They are using the word everything? As in it's a gaming laptop killer as well? Come on

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