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Just hours after HP teased us with another short video of its Slate tablet, Engadget revealed even more details about the upcoming device, including both its advantages over the iPad and its weaknesses-such as half of the battery life of Apple's tablet. The leaked HP Slate presentation, which looks genuine, elucidates many of the mysteries around the device, starting with the price: \$549 for the 32GB model and \$599 for the 64GB version. In comparison, the introductory price of an iPad starts at \$499 for a Wi-Fi-only 16GB model. The HP Slate will have a smaller, lower-resolution screen than the iPad, coming in at 8.9-inch and 1024 by 600 pixels against iPad's 9.7-inch, 1024 by 768 display. According to the leaked presentation, the HP Slate will feature a SD card reader (up to 128GB) and a USB 2.0 port, together with a conventional SIM card tray (the Wi-Fi+3G iPad comes with a new micro SIM card tray). In addition, the HP Slate features a dock connector used for powering the device, audio, and HDMI out. The iPad does not feature an SD card reader (though there is an optional accessory available for \$29) or a USB port. An optional video-out adapter is also available for the iPad (Slate - 0.57 inches), Due to the smaller screen size, the HP Slate is also slightly shorter and narrower than the iPad (Slate - 9.21 by 5.70 inches / iPad - 9.56 inches by 7.47 inches). The leaked specs also show the HP Slate will be powered by a 1.6-GHz Intel Atom processor with 1GB of DDR2 RAM memory (non-user upgradable). The iPad runs on an Apple-customized 1-GHz chip (A4), with an unspecified amount of RAM memory. iPad tear-downs show that the Apple has 512MB of RAM installed, but apps can only access 256MB. The HP Slate will run on a HP touch-optimized UI, based on Windows 7 Home Premium, though only real-life tests will feature two cameras: a VGA front camera for video calling and a 3MP camera on the back (the iPad has none). It's unknown whether the HP Slate's camera will have a flash or autofocus functions. The beefed-up specs of the HP Slate will have only half of the advertised battery life though. The HP Slate will have only half of the advertised battery life though. The HP Slate will have only half of the advertised battery life though. The HP Slate will have only half of the advertised battery life of the iPad (5 hours on the iPad). The HP Slate will have only half of the advertised battery life of the iPad (5 hours on the iPad). is also non-user replaceable, as with the iPad. What's left of HP to reveal now is the launch date of the HP Slate looks like a worthy competitor to the iPad, though with the iPad selling over 300,000 units in its first day, HP better get its act together fast before it's too late. HP has revealed a host of new notebooks across the EliteBook and ZBook ranges aimed at business users, along with a new Thunderbolt Dock.Let's start with the refreshed ZBook 14u G5 which HP claims is the slimmest workstation in the world at 17.9mm thick, with a weight of 1.48kg. That's trim indeed for a powerful workstation notebook, and in fact it's 28% thinner than the previous fourth-generation 14u. The laptop is built around one of Intel's 8th-gen Core processors (a quad-core model with vPro technology) and boasts AMD Radeon Pro graphics, although the exact spec hasn't been revealed yet. There's also an option on a 4K touchscreen. As for its bigger 15-inch sibling, the HP ZBook 15u G5 runs with either Intel Core i5 or i7 processors (again, 8th-gen) with AMD Radeon Pro graphics, and up to 2TB storage with HP's Z Turbo Drive. Both of these mobile workstations benefit from tight security including HP's built-in Sure View privacy screen. As for the revamped EliteBook models, these are also powered by 8th-gen Intel CPUs with vPro tech, offering up to 14 hours of battery life. There's the EliteBook 830 G5 which replaces the previous 820 G4, offering a 13-inch display in a 12-inch chassis. And HP is also introducing the revamped EliteBook 850 G5 which have a discrete GPU on board in the form of the AMD Radeon RX 540. The EliteBook 840 is also billed as the world's thinnest 14-inch business notebook, HP is further introducing a new Thunderbolt Dock G2 which supports up to a pair of 4K displays, and is the first such dock to offer an optional audio conferencing module. All of these notebooks are expected to arrive in Europe later this month, with the price of the HP ZBook 14u G5 starting at €909 (around £795, \$1,110), and the 15u will kick-off at £929 (around £815, \$1,135). 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It's cleanly and logically designed, available in a large number of desktop and workstation configurations, and carries a three-year warranty. But it's not for those on a budget. Desktop workstations like HP's Z230 Tower are designed for work, not play. This one is powered by the Haswell version of Intel's Consumer-oriented Core processors. The sample HP sent for review has a dedicated graphics processor that's optimized for 3D rendering and CAD operations. It's not gamer sexy, and you pay heavily for having the company assemble the components for you, but it is well designed and imminently powerful and practical. Our test-configuration Z230 (\$2700 MSRP) came with a 3.4GHz quad-core Xeon e3-1245 v3 CPU and 16GB of DDR3/1600 ECC (error-correcting code) memory. Since only two of the four DIMM slots are occupied, you can easily double the Z230's memory to 32GB. ROBERT CARDINThe 5.25-inch drive bays can be used as a carrying handle if they're not occupied by drives. The Z230 Tower has plenty of breathing space and more than enough drive bays, including one internal 2.5-inch bay, two internal 3.5-inch bays (one of which is occupied by a 1TB, 10,000-rpm WD Velociraptor hard drive mounted in a 2.5-inch half-height bays (these make a convenient handle when vacant). The tower configuration sports two USB 3.0 ports and two USB 2.0 ports in front. One of the USB 2.0 ports is always on for charging mobile devices. The front panel also has microphone and headphone jacks. Support for legacy devices comes in the form of two PS/2 ports and one serial port. The Z230 Tower's case opens easily via latches on the side of the unit, and it has plenty of cable clips to keep things neatly arranged inside. HP even provides a large retainer clip to hold the graphics card in place. This isn't absolutely necessary for the smallish Nvidia Quadro K2000 that HP selected, but it will be very handy if you move up to a larger card that might stress the motherboard slot with its weight and bulk. If internal expansion is not important, you might want to opt for HP's less-expensive "small form factor" (SFF) model to maximize desktop (or under-desk) space. ROBERT CARDINHP's Z230 Tower Workstation is clearly designed for work, not play. The HP-proprietary motherboard doesn't have a ton of open slots. The single PCIe 3.0 x1 slot/x16 connector, one PCIe 2.0 x1 slot/x4 connector, one PCIe 2.0 x1 slot/x4 connector, one PCIe 2.0 x1 slot, and one PCI 32-bit. Performance The Z230 scored 242 on PCWorld's WorldBench 8.1 test suite, which is pretty good for a system that doesn't have an SSD. But you should keep in mind, not CAD. The Xeon processor offers what Intel refers to as its "Uncore" technologies, including extra memory channels and advanced floating-point instructions that are not available in its Core family of processors. When it comes to moving lots of information quickly, and calculating that advanced math used in CAD and computer modeling, those features make a difference. OS, software bundle, and warranty The Z230 ships with a minimal amount of software, including Cyberlink's Power2Go and MediaSuite for multimedia authoring and disc creation, and PDF Complete for handling that file format. You can order it with a wide range of operating systems, including several versions of Windows 7 (our evaluation unit came with 64-bit Windows 7 Professional), 64-bit Windows 8 Pro, SUSE Linux Enterprise Desktop 11 with a 90day license, or a one-year license for Red Hat Enterprise Linux Desktop/Workstation that you can install yourself. The standard warranty on the Z230 is a three-year, next-day service plan with free telephone support. A one-year plan is also available if you want to minimize your investment. The Z230 is nothing if not versatile. You can configure it as anything from an entry-level desktop, to a high-end desktop, to an entry-level workstation. I was particularly impressed by the design of the midtower case and the fit and finish. The three-year warranty isn't bad, either.

