

# Portables to power PC industry

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The XO laptop may have been created to help children in developing nations, but its influence is likely to be felt far beyond the classroom. The PC industry is going to be among the first to feel its impact in November 2007 when, for a week, the gadget goes on sale to almost anyone that wants one.

Before now, few have had a chance to test out the capabilities of the device and compare it to the portable computers - laptops, palmtops and notebooks - available in high street stores and online.

But the sheer amount of features crammed in to the device combined with its low price may mean questions start to be asked of PC makers who typically charge a premium for portability.

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