

HP Presents Elite x3 Windows Phone

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HP launches what it describes as "one device that's every device" at MWC 2015-- the Elite x3, a business-focused Windows 10-powered smartphone able to turn into either a PC or laptop via appropriate accessories.



As one might (rightly) assume the Elite x3 makes heavy use of Continuum, the Windows 10 feature providing users with a PC-style experience on a smartphone through connection of a larger display, keyboard and mouse. Thus HP provides a pair of optional accessories for such purposes, the Desk Dock and the Mobile Extender.

The Desk Dock is simple enough, being a dock providing all the necessary ports (x2 USB, x1 USB-C, x1 DisplayPort, x1 ethernet) to transform the Elite x3 into a desktop PC. Meanwhile the confusingly named Mobile Extender actually is a notebook of sorts complete with 48Wh battery, 12.5-inch display, full-size keyboard and trackpad one can wirelessly pair with the smartphone.

The actual smartphone powering such devices also looks fairly high-end-- it carries a Snapdragon 820 CPU, 4GB LPDDR4 RAM, 64GB internal storage, x2 SIM card slots, Bang & Olufsen noise-cancelling microphones and a 5.95-inch quad HD display.

"Commercial mobility is prime for disruption, and has never seen innovation at this scale," the company claims. "The HP Elite x3 is a revolutionary mobile platform that enables mobility and computing to come together in a truly meaningful way. Together with the strength of our partners, we're propelling the industry forward and turning the promise of mobile productivity into a reality for customers."

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The Elite x3 should start shipping sometime on Q3 2016.

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