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78.9m PCs WW will carry DisplayPort in 2011, IHS iSuppli says-- with global 2011 shipments growing by 154.6% from 2010's 30.9m.



According to iSuppli DisplayPort is already going through rapid growth. Last year's expansion totalled 136.5%, while the analyst predicts a 137% increase for 2012, before 2013's 46% and 2014's 62% growth, with 400m DisplayPort-enabled devices shipping by 2014's end.

Pushing forward the momentum for DisplayPort is Apple, whose desktops and laptops carry the interface since 2009, alongside early adopters Dell, HP and Lenovo.

The 3 major CPU and GPU vendors-- Intel, AMD and NVidia-- are also integrating DisplayPort in their current offerings as they signal a 5-year horizon to finally end their VGA support.

DisplayPort is more attractive to vendors as a less bulky and simpler display alternative, particularly for mobile PCs and graphics cards-- 41.8m notebooks/laptops and 14.7m graphics cards will ship in 2011 carrying the interface, according to iSuppli.

DisplayPort's going will be slower in the monitor segment, which has longer refresh cycles and legacy support requirements for video and graphics devices-- meaning it will remain a common interface on monitors for yet some time to come.

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