

Acer Boldly Goes in Ultrabooks, Tablets

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A *Star Trek: Into Darkness*-themed press event reveals the latest Acer mobile devices-- the **Aspire P3** ultrabook, the **Iconia A1** 7.9-inch tablet and the **Aspire R7**, a Windows 8 laptop/all-in-one desktop combo with an unusual floating hinge.



"With the Aspire R7, Acer has redesigned the laptop with an approach that's based on how people interact with their notebooks and other devices," the company claims, even if the hinge in question somewhat reminds us of 2007's short-lived HP HDX laptop.

Dubbed in promotional materials as an "Ezel," it allows users to move and reposition the R7's 15.6-inch touchscreen as required, from traditional laptop to a tablet-style quasi-flat (awkwardly enough the hinge does not lay the screen completely flat) layout.

The R7's aluminium unibody also carries a low-power Core i5 processor, 500GB HDD, 24GB SSD, Dolby home Theatre audio and x3 USB, Mini DisplayPort and HDMI port.

As mentioned the Acer event hosted two more launches-- the Aspire P3 "ultrabook convertible"

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(read 11.6-inch Windows 8 tablet with keyboard dock and pen support) and the Iconia A1, an Android-powered 7.9-inch Nexus 7/iPad mini rival with a low \$199 price point.

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