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Both DigiTimes and Windows Central report Microsoft plans to use the Surface brand for another PC form factor--- the All in One (AIO), a device reportedly created as an alternative to the next generation Surface Book.



The DigiTimes source claims Intel Kaby Lake CPU shipment delays have led to Microsoft postponing the launch of the 2nd Surface Book to H1 2017, thus the need of a different PC product for H2 2016. It also says the Surface AIO can have a "strong impact" on the global AIO PC market, one currently going through the declines felt in the rest of the PC industry.

According to DigiTimes Research 2016 global AIO PC shipments are to total 12.6 million units, down from the 14m shipped in 2015.

Meanwhile Windows Central says Microsoft is testing a trio of different AIO displays-- 21-inch at HD resolution, 24-inch at 4K and 27-inch at 4K. No confirmation whether all 3 devices will hit the market is available as yet, since the project is still at the stage where it might not make it to production if it fails to reach Microsoft's high standards.

As for looks, Windows Central describes the Surface AIO design as "elegant" and "something that you will want to be seen in your living room."

Also given a mention by Windows Central is the Surface Book-- apparently Microsoft plans to replace the fulcrum hinge found in the first model with something allowing the device to close flush (like a regular laptop) while still allowing users to easily detach the display from the keyboard for tablet-style use.

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