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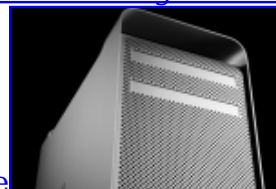


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Remember the so-called “[\\$10 laptop](#)” project the Indian government was spearheading early last year, that turned out to be a basic standalone storage brick? Something similar this way comes, in the shape of the [Humane Reader](#): a low-cost 8-bit display device that uses your TV as a display and cheap PS/2 peripherals, it can store around five thousand texts - including local Wikipedia mirrors - but costs just \$20.





The handiwork of Human Informatics, the Reader is designed for homes and schools that have no budget for PCs and no internet connection for downloading content. It's built using three Atmega328p microcontrollers complete with an SD card reader and microUSB port; display output is via a composite video port. There's also infrared support, audio and four hardware buttons.

Interestingly, the expansion headers are compatible with [Arduino](#) shields, opening up various avenues of flexibility. No sales availability as yet - Human Informatics are looking for a partner to help them commercialize - but the estimate is that in bulk they could get the price down to just \$15 per unit.



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No offense but I'm not seeing it.

While it's 5x more expensive at \$100+ I'd say just go to ebay and buy a 7" Android tablet from one of those Asian vendors.

There are plenty of us who remember PCs costing well into the thousands of dollars. I'm very ahppy with the current price point we're getting to. The destitute can afford more than you think they can (and those who are really hard up can probably buy an old Palm Pilot or 486 for what this thing would cost).

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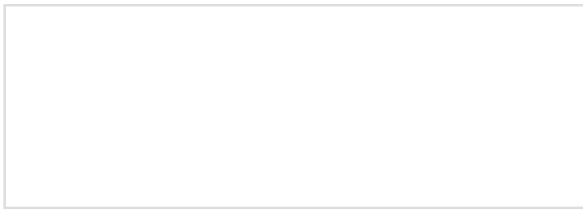
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




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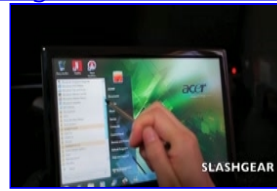
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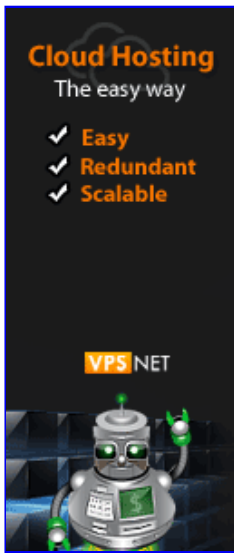
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