

Blackberry unveils iPad rival

Blackberry smartphone maker Research in Motion has revealed its answer to the Apple iPad, targeting its core business market with a new tablet computer – the PlayBook. Analysts believe it could dominate a market in which the company already has a strong reputation

■ **Network:** WiFi and Bluetooth.

Access to Blackberry secure servers. Tethering to Blackberry smartphone enables 3G capability

■ **Internet:** HTML5 browser supports **Java**, **OpenGL** and – unlike iPad – **Flash**

■ **Operating System:** Uses **QNX**

Neutrino – proven mission-critical OS used on space station and in-car systems

■ **Camera:** 3MP front-facing for video-conferencing, and 5MP rear-facing, capable of HD recording



■ **Screen:** 7in/18cm, 1,024 x 600 pixels

■ **Connectivity:** Micro-USB to attach accessories and micro-HDMI for large screen

■ **Processor:** Dual-core 1GHz ARM processor with 1Gb RAM

■ **To be announced:** Battery life, storage capacity, apps, price

■ **Release date:** Early 2011