

# Microsoft unveils “Surface” tablet computer

Microsoft has unveiled Surface, a tablet computer to compete with Apple’s iPad. The touchscreen device will be available in two distinct versions – one running Windows RT, the other with Windows 8 Pro

## MICROSOFT SURFACE

**Display:** 10.6-inch HD touchscreen with 16:9 aspect ratio. Pro version has full (1080p) HD

**Magnetic cover:** Snaps on, doubles as keyboard and trackpad. 3mm-thick cover uses touch-sensitive keys. Optional 5mm-thick version has raised keys. Device also supports pen input

## Kickstand

Folds out for hands-free viewing. Rear camera angled at 22 degrees so it stays level when stand is deployed

## Front camera



**Available**  
Autumn 2012  
(RT version),  
Pro version  
90 days  
later

## Connectivity

USB 2.0 (USB 3.0 on Pro version), MicroSD, Micro HDMI (Pro has Mini DisplayPort), MIMO antennae for WiFi and cellular communication

COMPARISON	Surface RT	Surface Pro	iPad 3
Display	10.6-inch HD	10.6-inch full HD	9.7-inch
OS	Windows 8 RT	Windows 8 Pro	iOS 5
Processor	Nvidia Tegra 3 ARM	Intel Core i5	Apple A5X
Weight	676g	903g	652-662g
Thickness	9.3mm	13.5mm	9.4mm
Storage (GB)	32 / 64	64 / 128	16 / 32 / 64
Battery (Wh*)	31.5	42	42.5
Price	tbc	tbc	From \$499