

World's first truly foldable smartphone

Samsung has begun mass production of the world's first foldable smartphone, the *Galaxy X* – capable of transforming into a tablet

■ **Rumour mill:** Leaks out of Asia say device will fold out into small tablet-sized computer from one of two possible hinged, multi-screen designs

OPTION 1: Three-screens

Closed position: External screen shows familiar app icon display (adds extra weight, thickness and load on battery)

Opened

Samsung first showed mock-up of foldable phone during **E3 2013**

Multi-tasking: Larger screen size allows user to operate more than one app at once – previously something only tablets could do with any level of success

Price:
\$900

OPTION 2: Two-screens (with visible sidebar)

Closed position: No external screen (thinner, lighter, better battery performance)

Entertainment: Watching movies on large fold-out screen is obvious selling point, but success will depend on invisibility of screen divide

Hinge: Set off-centre (one screen larger than other) so **sidebar** can be viewed when closed

Sidebar:

Can show data like time, signal strength, battery life, notifications, caller IDs, music playlists, etc – without having to unfold phone