

# RIM Working on a Tablet For November Release

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According to Apple Daily Quanta has won a bid to manufacture a 9.7 inch tablet for RIM. The tablet, called BlackPad, will have Bluetooth, WiFi, and front-and rear-facing cameras and will also be compatible with 3G using a BlackBerry phone.

In a document discovered August 9 in a Chinese tech news story, [RIM's](#) BlackPad will be running [Android](#), and that it will come out sometime in November.

There have also been rumors circulating for months that the [BlackBerry](#) Tablet would not be running BlackBerry OS 6. The Chinese document discovered August 9 seems to confirm what OS will be running on RIM's

BlackPad.

Why would RIM use Android instead of running BlackBerry OS 6? This is a major change from tradition but could be because RIM may not have an OS in place in time to compete with other manufactures that will have their own tablets out in time for this holiday season.

According to Apple Daily, Quanta who won the bid to manufacture the tablet plans to ramp up production for 2 million units starting in September for a November release and another 8 million planned for 2011. The price is targeted to be \$499.

None of this has been confirmed by RIM but news sources all seem to be in agreement about the [tablet](#)'s capabilities, OS, and release date.

**More information:** [tw.nextmedia.com/applenews/art...122/IssueID/20100809](http://tw.nextmedia.com/applenews/art...122/IssueID/20100809) (in Chinese)

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