

HP releases dongle-less Wi-Fi mouse

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(PhysOrg.com) -- When it comes to the computer, the mouse has become an essential piece of equipment, even when you are on the go. A wireless mouse allows you to do what you need to in order to get your work done. Keeping the doodad that allows your wireless mouse to connect to your system, known properly by the name dongle, can be a bit of a task. As it is with any small part that piece that dongle can be lost quite easily.

Many companies solve this problem by putting a spot onto the mouse where the dongle can be attached. Usually you will find them an opening



in the side of the case or a groove on the bottom that nestles around the mouse. <u>HP</u> however has done away with the dongle altogether. They are creating a <u>wireless signal</u> mouse that does not have a dongle at all.

The mouse replaces the signal receiving dongle with the Wi-Fi connection that is already a part of your <u>laptop</u>. This is good news for two reasons, first because you do not have to remember the dongle and second, because you will have a free USB port once again. This is, of course, not the first mouse without a dongle attached to it. The Bluetooth mouse has been sans dongle for several years now, but this is the first one to run on a <u>Wi-Fi</u> connection.

The battery life for this mouse is stated to last up to nine months, which if it were true would give it a <u>battery life</u> that is twice that of the standard Bluetooth mouse. The mouse features five customizable buttons and a four-way scroll wheel with a thirty-foot range. The mouse, which will be on sale for \$49.99 to the public, is expected to come to the stores near you in June.

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