

# Intel predicts the death of mobile computing as we know it

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(PhysOrg.com) -- The folks over at Intel have come up with an interesting prediction, one that may make all of you feel a little bit foolish for buying a laptop, and a netbook or a tablet. They are predicting that as time goes on the form factors in the mobile device market will break down and the distinctions between the devices will be largely a moot point. Companies will instead make multi-purpose smart computing devices.

This prediction is based on the statements of Rama Skukla, the vice president of Intel's architecture group. During his keynote address at SEMICON West, a conference that takes place regularly in San Francisco, he stated that "tablets are disappearing", and that the current types of devices we would be using in a decade from now "could not be described".

His remarks went off to say that, "The lines between a [netbook](#), laptop and tablet are disappearing faster than designers today realize. It's going to be very difficult to see where one device goes and the next one takes off."

Of course, he also has some other ideas about the future of technology. It was strongly implied by his remarks that he thinks that the [personal computer](#) will become outdated and that the future of PCs will be more like personal syncing grounds, connecting the users to an individual cloud of information that can be shared at will. While that concept is intriguing it could easily make the more security minded consumers out

there nervous, since all data that is on the cloud is data that can be breached by determined [hackers](#).

In order to be read for these changes Intel is expecting to make major advances in processors over the next five years, including raising graphics performance by a factor of 12.

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