

Dell abandons Android tablet in US

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The Dell logo is displayed on the exterior of the new Dell research and development facility on October 19, 2011 in Santa Clara, California. Dell said it would halt sales of its Android tablet computer in the US market, as rival Amazon's new Kindle Fire has heated up in a market dominated by Apple's iPad.

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A message on the Texas-based computer's website said that the seven-inch (17.8-centimeter) Streak tablet powered by Google's mobile [operating software](#) would no longer be sold in the United States.

"Dell remains committed to the mobility market and continues to sell products here and in other parts of the world," the company said in an email response to an AFP inquiry.

"We remain committed to expanding our reach beyond PCs (personal computers) with a targeted set of open, standards-based mobility solutions and services designed for commercial and mobile professional customers," it added.

The Streak 7 failed to gain momentum after its debut at the [Consumer Electronics Show](#) in January. The tablets were priced at \$200 as long as buyers signed contracts with telecom service provider T-Mobile.

Online retail powerhouse Amazon.com has meanwhile reported that its new Kindle Fire tablet was its best-selling product during the Black Friday shopping rush the day after Thanksgiving.

Fire has a seven-inch screen and is priced at \$199, believed to be slightly less than what it costs to make the tablets. Fire also synchs with the growing trove of digital entertainment content available at Amazon.

Dell said Streak 7 continues to be available "in many markets" through partners such as Optus in Australia. A 10-inch (25-centimeter) version of the Streak is sold in China.

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