

News advisory



HP Extends the Boundaries of Workstation Computing

LAS VEGAS, April 24, 2006 – HP today introduced four new Intel-based workstations that enhance the performance and extend the boundaries of workstation computing beyond the office.

The new desk-side HP xw6400 and xw8400 workstations feature dual-core Intel® Xeon™ processors⁽¹⁾ along with easy expandability, while the HP Compaq nw8440 and nw9440 mobile workstations offer the power of a workstation with the convenience of a notebook to video editors, engineers, designers and animators.

Unveiled at the National Association of Broadcasters Conference, the workstations deliver the performance and affordability users need to handle the most demanding applications.

“HP recognizes that performance-hungry users work in a variety of environments, and these powerful workstations provide the right set of tools to get the job done whether they are in the office or at a job site,” Jim Zafarana, vice president and worldwide marketing manager, Workstation Global Business Unit, HP. “Less power consumed, less space required, yet more than double the performance gives users the ability to take workstations where they’ve never gone before.”

Designed for users in digital content creation, print and electronic publishing, financial services, and manufacturing industries, the HP xw6400 Workstation sets a new standard with what has been taken away – size, power demand, heat and noise – making this midrange workstation ideal for efficient power and space-constrained environments. Featuring Intel’s newest dual-processor/dual-core technology with the Intel 5000X chipset, the xw6400 desk-side workstation provides a small and powerful solution with the flexibility needed for easy service, upgrading and maintenance.

The HP xw8400 Workstation incorporates up to two next-generation dual-core Xeon processors to provide the design and power for demanding visualization and computing needs. Targeted at professionals in engineering, broadcast and video editing, design, and oil and gas exploration, the xw8400 is delivered in HP’s innovative, tool-less chassis.

Workstation performance, notebook mobility

The HP Compaq nw9440 Mobile Workstation is HP’s most powerful mobile workstation to date. This high-performance workstation frees users from the confines of their desk with its powerful NVIDIA Quadro FX 1500M graphics controller and 17-inch widescreen display. New Intel Core Duo processors allow users to simultaneously run multiple applications to help them accomplish more in less time. The raw power and capabilities of the nw9440 are packaged in a highly refined, thin mobile form factor starting at only 7.5 pounds and 1.3 inches thin.

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The HP Compaq nw8440 Mobile Workstation has a thin-and-light design, with a low starting weight of 6.0 pounds. Users can easily work beyond the office without giving up performance as the powerful nw8440 features Intel Core Duo processors, high-performance ATI Mobility FireGL V5200 graphics and a high-resolution 15.4-inch widescreen display.

HP is working closely with Microsoft to ensure that both mobile workstations fully support the forthcoming Vista operating system. Both workstations also are compatible with all of HP's business notebook accessory solutions.

Both of the mobile workstations additionally have been put through the same rigorous independent software vendor certification process as HP's full line of desktop workstation products to help ensure that they can reliably run some of the most demanding applications that span many business segments.

Finally, critical data and users are protected through a breadth of security offerings, such as HP ProtectTools, integrated biometric fingerprint sensors and smart card reader, TPM 1.2 embedded security chips and enhanced BIOS security.

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⁽¹⁾ Dual-core is a new technology designed to improve performance of certain software products. Check with software provider to determine suitability. Not all customers or software applications will necessarily benefit from use of this technology.

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