

# XO-1.5 to Run Windows 7

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Buried under the XO-3 vaporware hype was more information on the very real XO-1.5 hardware that is a gift to Microsoft. Just read this paragraph from the One Laptop Per Child press release:

The XO 1.5 is the same industrial design as the XO 1.0. Based on a VIA processor (replacing AMD), it will provide 2x the speed, 4x DRAM memory and 4x FLASH memory. It will run both the Linux and Windows operating systems. XO 1.5 will be available in January 2010 at about \$200 per unit. The actual price floats in accordance with spot markets, particularly for those of DRAM and FLASH.

As I predicted, the VIA C7-M processor means Windows 7 on the XO-1.5 and an end to the Open Source roots of OLPC. Yes, I know there's an argument that truly Open Source means open to any operating system, but I reject that Utopian hope.

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