

A Window to ARMs?

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The Wall Street Journal reports Microsoft plans a new OS aimed at low-power devices-- and non-Intel chip technology.

The new Windows version should add support for ARM designs as well as x86 processors. Discussion on the new software is due this January's CES.

Why the move to ARM? Surely to rival Apple in the tablet market. ARM chips consume less power, making them a favourite with smartphone manufacturers.

According to people close to Microsoft the plans to create an ARM-based Windows are part of efforts to make Windows more modular-- similar to what Apple does with iOS, stripping away OS components unnecessary for smaller devices.

Many analysts say a Windows overhaul is required to make it better suited for tablet devices.

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