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## Introducing the Lenovo Ideapad Miix 700

### An alternative to Microsoft Surface with a lower price

If you've been watching Microsoft Surface commercials with envy, dreaming of the fun — you could have work you could get done with a lightweight, powerful tablet — if only they were more affordable — we have some wonderful news for you.

Lenovo just announced the release of the Ideapad Miix 700, a powerful, all-in-one tablet computer with keyboard and pen *included*, starting at only \$799.

The new Lenovo™ Miix 700 12-inch tablet with folio keyboard is designed to stand out from the crowd. Recognizably different, the 2-in-1 tablet opens up new ways to work with seamless transition between laptop, stand, and tablet mode. It's ideal for users who value stylish and progressive design but also need to get things done.

Make no mistake, the Lenovo Miix 700 isn't a fun, expensive toy. It runs the full version of Microsoft Windows 10 Professional, which means it can be fully managed just like your network's traditional workstations. It can have up to

*Lenovo's new Miix 700 line is a direct competitor to Microsoft Surface.*



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### Dates to Note:

TAZ Networks will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. Monitoring will continue 24/7 for our Computer Care Advantage Clients.



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### Our Mission:

To provide the highest quality service and technology solutions for our clients, while pushing ourselves to greater knowledge and understanding.

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8GB of RAM and includes up to 256GB of solid-state hard drive storage.

With that kind of storage and computing power, the Lenovo Miix 700 can handle standard business operations and software with ease.

We were surprised to find that many reviewers mentioned the keyboard as a favorite feature. While this detail may seem insignificant, it seems that those who are familiar with and enjoy using Lenovo keyboards will not be disappointed.

Here's a quick list of some of the other great features:

- Three modes (Laptop, Stand, Tablet)
- Touch screen with included keyboard and pen so you can work however you prefer
- Multiple viewing angles from 0 to 150 degrees
- Front and rear cameras with auto-focus and flash
- Multiple input ports including USB, Micro SD, Micro HDMI, and 3.5mm audio
- Digital microphone and stereo speaker

- Thin at less than 8.95mm
- Lightweight at 1.7lbs
- All day battery — up to 9 hours

So, if you're looking for an ultra-light, powerful tablet with a keyboard, that can help you get work done, the Lenovo Miix 700 is worth a look. Give us a call today for a quote.

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## How to Avoid (and Solve!) Incompatibility Problems Between Office and Exchange

In the world of computer software, it's increasingly rare for two products from the same manufacturer to be incompatible.

When the two products are several generations apart, however, the likelihood of problems increases.

We've seen at least two incidents recently where clients have purchased Microsoft Office, only to find out that the version purchased was not compatible with the version of Microsoft Exchange email server on their network.

The basic problem in both cases was that the client was attempting to run Outlook from a current version of Microsoft Office, but their email was being managed by a very old version of Exchange.

Since Exchange 2003 and 2007 are both out of support, if your email is still running on either version, we highly recommend reviewing your migration options as soon as possible.

However, we're here to solve problems, not just tell you about them. We've found that Microsoft Office 365 is an excellent solution to Office/Exchange incompatibility:

1. Microsoft Office 365 includes Exchange Online, which

includes business-class shared email, calendar, and contacts.

2. Microsoft Office 365 eliminates worries about upgrades and version compatibility. You pay one fee per month per user, and it *just works*.

If you're facing an Office or Exchange upgrade, we'll be happy to sit down with you and review how Microsoft Office 365 might be a better option.



*Facing expensive Exchange or Office upgrades? Microsoft Office 365 could be a better solution.*

## The President's Corner – 2016 Planning and Newsletter Changes

The end of the year is upon us, and as we look to 2016 we can tell that it'll be a big year for technology. For many of you, this will mean major technology changes. What do I see for you as potential 2016 technology items?



1. Major rollouts of **Windows 10** across your entire fleet. Windows 7 is pretty much the standard still for most of our clients but that will change in a major way for 2016. Do you need training or are you ready for Windows 10?
2. **Office 365** gets dominant. With Small Business Server going by the wayside, our clients are

moving to cloud-based applications. They are getting used to paying monthly for technology services rather than as a capital expenditure. Gone will be on-premise email as Office 365 dominates our landscape.

3. **Cloud Based Backup.** As data becomes larger and larger, trying to keep track of backups is getting harder. And with the ease of disaster recovery services in the cloud, the majority of our clients are seeing the switch to cloud-based backup is simply undeniable.

What does 2016 have in store for you? Let's discuss it.

### Newsletter Changes

We hope you truly have enjoyed the printed *TAZ Technology Report*. As we do our 2016

business planning, like every year, we review all of our services. One thing that we will be focused on in 2016 is more of an online presence with a renewed emphasis on information published to a brand-new website. Our social media and new email communications also will be focused on driving people to education on our new website. As a result, we have decided to move to a bi-monthly printed newsletter. If you enjoy our newsletter and want to get our new emails please let us know at [info@taznetworks.com](mailto:info@taznetworks.com). We hope you enjoy the new information.

— Tavis



*Tavis Patterson is the President and founder of TAZ Networks.*

## Meet the Tech: Stacie Studer

Born and raised in Iron Mountain, Stacie lived in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula her entire life until last May. That was when she graduated from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor's Degree in Management of Information Systems and joined us here at TAZ Networks.

Stacie spent two of her years at Michigan Tech working in the IT department, assisting with procurement and installation of computer hardware and other electronics.

A variety of retail jobs in high school and college gave Stacie extensive experience with consumer electronics and helping customers, a core skill at TAZ Networks.

Currently, Stacie is working towards a Microsoft Technical Associate certification. She loves cooking, playing video games, and cheering on the Detroit Pistons.

Welcome, Stacie!



*Stacie Studer*



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## Always, Always, Always Verify Before Wiring Money (Even if Your Boss Asks)

Imagine you get an email from your boss, asking you to prepare a wire transfer.

It seems like an odd request, so you check the sending email address — it's correct. It also has the same signature your boss uses when sending from his phone.

The problem is, it's not a request from your boss, but a cleverly-designed scam.

We've written about this scam before. Recently, however, one of our clients received just this kind of email.

Fortunately, the client caught the scam before any damage was done, partly due to an unusual set

of circumstances. The person addressed in the email had recently left the company. Their email was being forwarded to the owner. So the owner received an email, addressed to the former employee, that appeared as if the owner himself had sent it!

Our client contacted us right away, and we took care of it.

The main clue this time was the "Reply-to" email. It was a

generic Gmail account, without the supposed sender's name.

Be safe, be aware, and double-check any odd money requests — even if they seem to come from your boss.

Boss' name      Boss' email  
**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Date:** October 22, 2015 at 11:03:51 AM EDT  
**To:** <[redacted]> Former employee email  
**Subject:** Transfer  
**Reply-To:** [redacted] <[redacted]> NOT boss' email  
[redacted] Former employee  
How is your day going? i need you to initiate a wire transfer for me, Please let me know when you get this so i can send you wire instruction.  
Thanks  
[redacted] Boss' name  
Sent from my iPhone