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Day 1 – Endless Mini

The micro-desktop with a lot to offer.

It's Christmastime again! As the holidays approach it's time for Triella's annual 12 Days of Christmas showcasing some of the best technological gifts and tools for the holiday season.

First up is the Endless Mini.

A micro (or mini) desktop, the Endless Mini provides users with a compact and portable device that comes with a library of over 100 free applications and tools that can be used without requiring an Internet connection.

A user can connect the Endless Mini to their computer monitor or TV to access the device's applications and surf the Internet.

The device contains one USB port on the front of the device with additional ports and connections on the back in which users are able to plug in power, an HDMI cable, and a mouse/keyboard.

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Many of the applications provided by the Endless Mini are education-based.

Examples include:

- **Virtual School** – provides information on a variety of topics such as science, math, economics, etc.

- **Music** –create playlists, listen to your personal music library, and supports radio streaming from the Internet

- **Encyclopedia** – contains over 50,000 Wikipedia articles on a variety of subjects

- **Video Editor** – create and edit videos

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The device is powered by Endless OS, a proprietary operating system, and is compatible with Microsoft Office.

There are some components and applications that do not work well with the Endless Mini. Windows applications will not run on the Endless Mini and it is not compatible with all printer models. Graphics cards such as high end, discrete graphic processing units (GPUs), NVidia, and some ATI cards do not work well with the Endless Mini. Systems with dual graphics cards are also not supported and will not work well.

Systems with 32-bit processors or ARM-based processors will not run Endless OS. Chromebooks have a hard time running Endless OS as they are primarily designed to run Google Chrome OS. The user would need to reconfigure the device into developer mode in order for it to accept the operating system.

Click here for the complete list of hardware and computers that will not support the Endless Mini.

One of the main advantages of the Endless Mini is its ability to connect to a variety of data and applications without an Internet connection. While other options such as the Intel Computer Stick and Asus Chromebit are relatively low-priced desktop/laptop options, their functionality is limited without an Internet connection.

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The Endless Mini is also a reasonably-priced desktop compared to others on the market. The 24GB model is **$79.00 (U.S.)** or **106.58 (CDN)** with the current exchange rate.

Subsequently, the 32GB model is **$99.00 (U.S.)** or **$133.57 (CDN)**.

So if you're looking for a simple desktop computer this holiday season, consider the Endless Mini. With its functionality, low price, and educational content, it makes a great starter computer for your kids.

Please note that due to this year's Tech the Halls 2016 Christmas campaign, our 12 Days of Christmas blogs will be spaced out over 24 days. Stay tuned to our [website](#) for our next blog as well as an assortment of new holiday content.

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