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The mobile market is showing no signs of slowing down, both in terms of innovation and in terms of penetration. Even consumer groups who are traditionally averse to new technology are now starting to look at buying smartphones in the near future. Tablet computers are not far behind, with the popularity of the iPad in particular driving the products rapidly towards the mainstream.

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In this report we answer the key questions:

Definition

In this report, laptops, netbooks, old-style tablet computers with swivel screens and physical keyboards, as well as ultrabooks, have been broadly categorised as 'laptops'. The term 'desktop' refers to computers intended for use at one location and includes, but is not limited to, tower computers and all-in-one computers. 'Tablet' refers to the new style of tablet computer popularised by the arrival of Apple's iPad, and describes computers in a slate or slab format, with touch screens and no physical keyboards.

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