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## What About Tablets Now?

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The sudden death of the HP Touchpad tablet sparked a firestorm this week that only got worse when the company dropped the price to only \$99 and sold off nearly all of the rest of its inventory.

Granted, the Touchpad was at best a lackluster me-too product in a field that has now become saturated. Reviewers found it bloated, slow, and lacking in any breakthrough features that would differentiate it from the glut of tablets running everything from iOS to Android to Blackberry's new QNX operating system. But the sudden withdrawal of a tablet by a major manufacturer has suddenly called into question the whole viability of tablets as a business device.

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