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Infotech**'Mobilis' PC @Rs10K! Encore, Encore!****Reuters**

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New Delhi, May 11: Encore Software Ltd said on Tuesday it would launch a range of cheap desktops costing between \$230 to \$280, three years after it launched the \$200 "Simputer," a handheld device.

"Mobilis", a Linux-based 'Mobile Desktop' and two of its variants have been developed by Encore Software, which also built the low-cost handheld "Simputer" and which critics say has met with modest success.

"The "Mobilis" would cost between 10,000-12,000 rupees per piece initially but the price may come down with large volume production," Vinay Deshpande, chairman and CEO of the Bangalore-based Encore Software, told Reuters.

Production would start in two-three months, he added.

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