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10 Innovations that are here to stay

Hundred Dollar Computer [with photo of XO]

Finally, a laptop with conditions to create massive access for poor children to informatics is ready. The result of 6 years of research by scientists at MIT and other international technological centers, the XO was presented in November by its conceiver, the American engineer Nicholas Negroponte. The little computer is a marvel of technological innovation. It does not depend upon access to electrical energy in order to function, having a manual system for re-charging. Its display, 60% less expensive than conventional ones, is visible even under strong sunlight.

WHY IT IS HERE TO STAY

No one managed to make a micro as inexpensive and innovative as the XO. Negroponte has already closed pre-agreements for supply with 6 countries, including Brasil.