

HP's Leap Motion keyboard to sell separately

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The latest news about Leap Motion came from Engadget on Friday, signifying a company strategy to bring gesture control to more people via more gateways. HP's Leap Motion keyboard will be sold separately for \$99 and will be compatible with all Windows 7 and Windows 8 PCs. As of this month the keyboard will be available for sale individually, according to Engadget's senior editor Richard Lai.

"At Computex, Leap Motion told Engadget that as of this month, you'll be able to purchase said keyboard for about \$99, and it'll work on any Windows 7 or Windows 8 PC as long as you have the software installed," he said, be it the current version or, coming up some time in the future, the V2 update with skeletal tracking. The V2 public developer beta made news just weeks earlier, released to developers but drawing wide interest in its potential; the new version of this motion tracking software is precise in how the software can now track joints and bones inside fingers. CEO Michael Buckwald, in blogging about the version for developers, said it marked another chapter in the company mission to let people interact with applications similar to the way they do in the physical world. "This means taking things like sculpting a lump of clay, snapping together

building blocks, or learning to play an instrument – the types of actions 99% of people just won't or can't do on a computer with traditional input devices – and making them possible and instantly accessible to anyone who knows how to do them with their physical hands in the real world," he said.

Computer users eager to try out [gesture control](#) from Leap Motion have had a choice of a \$74.99 device for plugging into a computer, or trying it inside the special edition HP Envy 17 model or inside an HP keyboard in a number of HP models. Now, as of this month, according to Friday's report from Engadget, you can spend \$99 for the [keyboard](#) alone.

In 2013, Leap Motion made several moves to widen awareness and appreciation for its product. In December, HP launched Leap Motion technology with a number of HP desktop and all-in-one platforms, with the systems made available with keyboards featuring built-in Leap Motion sensor technology. Earlier that year, HP had launched the HP Envy 17, embedded with Leap Motion's technology.

More information:

www.engadget.com/2014/06/06/hp... keyboard-standalone/

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