

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAPTOP AND MACBOOK AND SOME OF THE PROS AND CONS OF EACH

There have always been many controversies and clashes surrounding the differences between laptop and MacBook. Are you planning on getting one of them and you are not sure of which to get or you are not certain of the one that suits your needs? Is the MacBook better than the laptop? Or is the reverse the case? This article will be focusing on the differences and the specifications of each that will help us determine which of the two is truly better and more reliable. Below are the differences between laptop and MacBook.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAPTOP AND MACBOOK

- **Price; Cost and repairs**

The MacBook is on the really high side when it comes to the cost of purchase and maintenance. You can find other laptops with the exact same system hardware and specifications for half the price of a MacBook. And if the device actually does go bad or develops a fault, the cost for repairs is another story due to their premium hardware design and quality. On the other hand, other laptop brands are relatively cheap and quite affordable when it comes to purchase and the cost of maintenance when compared to the MacBook.

- **Operating system**

This is obviously the biggest difference between laptop and MacBook. Laptops operate based on their individual operating systems, like the Windows, Linux, and UNIX operating systems, while the MacBook operates based on the Macintosh operating system (macOS).

- **Keyboard**

Instead of the windows, menu, alt and ctrl keys which are present on laptop keyboards, the MacBook has the command, option and control keys on its keyboard instead and since most people are computer trained using laptops, it is easier for them to navigate laptops more than MacBook.

- **Design**

One of the obvious differences between laptop and MacBook is that of the design. The design of the MacBook is second to none with its slim and sleek look. Other brands of laptops may have eye catching and attractive designs but that of the MacBook is undeniably undefeated. The Apple logo on the back of the MacBook glows also, which is pretty interesting.

- **Apps**

Another difference between laptop and MacBook is that laptops have a wide variety of apps that can be installed, but the MacBook has limited apps available and acceptable on the system, which makes the MacBook less accommodating of multiple apps.

MACBOOK PROS

- It has a very long and lasting battery life with about 6 hours of screen time without charging in between.
- The most unique feature of the MacBook is that it allows you to switch between multiple operating systems. The macOS was built based on the windows operating system and it has been designed in such a way to run on multiple operating systems. It operates on the macOS, the windows operating system, the UNIX operating system and the Linux operating system.

- It is considered the most secure, reliable and valuable brand in the world.
- Its durability is top notch and is lightweight. It can withstand a lot of casualties and still function perfectly fine.
- The screen of this device screams quality. You get to enjoy Full HD view and an amazing on screen experience.
- It has a high quality video editing ability and headphone audio that allows you to have a seamless video and audio experience.
- The large trackpad makes navigation on the system easy and smooth.

MACBOOK CONS

- The device is not upgradable. When you get a particular version of a MacBook, you cannot upgrade it to a higher version as that is how they are designed.
- The device is too expensive and has a high maintenance cost. Not everyone can get the MacBook because not everyone can afford to buy it or afford to maintain it.
- MacBook does not have multiple USB ports like laptops, it has only two USB – C ports available for use, making the device not able to support more than two external hardware devices at a time. You would have to get an external multiple ports device
- MacBook only has a small selection of apps that it supports.
- The device cannot be used for gaming as it does not support gaming apps. If you are a gamer, MacBook is just not the best option for you.

LAPTOP PROS

- Laptops are much more affordable and have a low maintenance cost.
- You get to enjoy easy gaming on laptops because they support multiple gaming apps. This feature is favorable to gamers which means laptops are the best option for gamers.
- Most laptops have multiple USB ports and you get to connect multiple external devices like a mouse, keyboard, and hard drive etc. all at the same time.
- Laptops are upgradable. You can upgrade your systems memory space and other system apps to higher versions.
- Laptops support a wide collection of system apps and can also support many other apps that can be downloaded.

LAPTOP CONS

- Some laptops have too much unnecessary updates.
- Laptops video editing and audio quality are not as good as the MacBook.
- Most laptops have a slow chip and processing power compared to that of MacBook.
- Some laptops start to develop venting problems after a period of time.
- Laptop batteries don't last as long as the MacBook.

ARE THERE BETTER LAPTOPS THAN MACBOOK?

There are a number of other laptops that are considered as the best alternate picks over a MacBook. Check out the best alternate picks to a MacBook here www.digitaltrends.com. Regardless, MacBook is

still considered better by most because it is the most secure in the world and is mostly used by professionals in the workspace, while laptops are better for tech enthusiasts and gamers who tend to work with multiple apps.

ARE MACBOOKS A LAPTOP?

MacBook's are in fact laptops, just that MacBook is a unique name given to this brand of computers manufactured by Apple, to differentiate it from other laptops.

WHICH IS BETTER, LAPTOP, MAC OR WINDOWS? AND WHY?

The term "better" is ambiguous in this aspect. In terms of price, the Windows system is better because it is affordable compared to the Mac system. In terms of expandable memory and upgradable workspace, gaming and tech related activities, the Windows is also better because the Mac cannot carry out any of these activities. In terms of security and for professionalism, the Mac is better for most because that is where its specialty lies.