

Mac versus PC?



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Dec 22, 2009 What are the best reasons to get a MAC, versus the second best reasons to get Mac? Is it true that Dells get over 50 million viruses a day worldwide?



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Jun 26, 2009 1. **Re: Mac versus PC?** Dec 23, 2009 7:38 AM

I don't know about the 50 million stat, but I don't think it's fair to lay that on Dell's lap. I'm sure HP, IBM (Lenovo) and all other Windows based hosts suffer the same. Sadly PCs don't operate like cars where we just gas it up and go. We the corporate support staff and or SOHO users are responsible for updating the OS/ apps/ AV etc to mitigate those risks.

As far as Mac vs PC it depends on the environment you work in. I work in a large corporate (Windows) environment, but have started using Apple regularly for the past year and have just committed to dumping the windows machine at home too. Windows machines have plenty of annoyances such as multiple wireless configuration utilities, one built-into Windows and one from vendor of the wireless NIC (Intel, Broadcom etc). Training/ explaining how to overcome these things to general users is a pain in the rear for everyone, thus for the simplicity standpoint Windows sucks. Mac wireless (as well as many other mac-centric items) works quickly and easily almost every time. Apple scores in the simplicity department.

If you need to integrate with corporate apps, Active Directory, MS Exchange etc, Windows is (for most people) the way to go. If you're the type that can handle and are willing to deal with these challenges (VMware will help overcome some), a Mac will be a good choice.



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At one point, I lived on windows and did most of my computing on windows boxes. Then one day, a few years ago, I bought a MAC in order to do FinalCut Pro video editing. I literally had the MAC G4 laptop in the box for over 1/2 a year, waiting to get to the video project. Eventually, we got around to the project, and we stated actually using the machine. What I discovered over time was:

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1. My system admin time I spent on the MAC was zero, the machine just updated itself perfectly and I never seemed to have driver issues or reload issues. The box just seemed to work, all the time.

2. It has a unix shell and complete posix compliant OS underneath. So you get a great GUI machine, plus unix built in. All the unix stuff is there, things like uuencode, compress.. top.. you name it, the OS was really starting to impress me.

3. The GUI grows on you, as you learn how it works, you just get very powerful results from the desktop features. spaces, expose.. once you get the hang of it, it is amazingly productive.

4. Multi-media with my other devices, cameras, ipod, and now iphone was smooth and amazing, not like my windows experience at all.

But really, the biggest thing for me was the "zero" admin needed to keep the computer going. I have 4 kids and a wife, and back when I was running windows, I spend 1 day a month doing admin on all our machines. Over time, I switched to MAC, and now admin is a thing of the past. I got 1 saturday back, and I can't remember the last time I had to do admin on any of our machines now. All my kids and my wife now run MACs, and it's wonderful.

Bill Gates, and Steve Ballmer can have their software back, I will take my saturday back.

Eric

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