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Thread: [So, Just bought a new Mac Book.](#)

Minnesota Nice - August 24, 2013, 2:06 pm

Well, just bought a new Mac Book Pro (13" retina, 3.0GHz i7, 512GB SSD). Needed a new laptop and decided to treat myself for once.

What do I do first? Any apps or tricks I should know about? Mostly be using this for editing video/photos.

ItsATumor - August 24, 2013, 2:11 pm

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Well aside from typing papers and all that school shit, mostly working with Final Cut, Premiere, Photoshop, Lightroom, and using it for music.

It has as much RAM as I could get, it wasn't expensive and I can't add it later since it's a Mac.

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RAM is almost never an issue on Macs because not too many programs are RAM intensive. The things that are the best for Macs are: Editing, School Work, Developing apps. Most Macs are sold for these reasons and things that fall out of these boundaries need custom machines which are PC's. VMware, and Parallels are PC virtual machines and can run any programs the Mac can't. One last thing I would recommend is smcFancontrol. It's an app that controls the fans in your Mac and also monitors the temperatures. Setting the normal speed to about 4000 RPM will make the Mac sit at about 120F most of the time. If you get above 220F somehow shut off the computer immediately.

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