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Thread: [In Your Opinion: What is the best lightweight windows tablet or laptop for college](#)

Sc00by - September 19, 2015, 5:13 pm

Hello

Have around a \$500 budget for a new tablet or laptop for school.

I'm going to be using it for just writing code in class and also just for my on the go computer.

If you could post your suggestions below that would be great.

I really like the Microsoft Surface, my roommate has one, but i'm not sure if i'll be able to find one with the right specs for the right price.

Thanks!

ITEngineer - September 19, 2015, 6:54 pm

Best College Laptops 2015, <http://www.laptopmag.com/college-laptops>

Packets395 - September 21, 2015, 8:17 am

I would personally not go with Microsoft products, not really a fan of their laptops/tablets. I would consider going with DELL or ASUS laptops, ASUS laptop are excellent for college use (Zenbook is really decent however it is above your budget). You mentioned that you'll be mostly writing code on the computer, do you know which IDEs you will be using?

Esme - September 21, 2015, 12:13 pm

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ITEngineer - September 22, 2015, 4:20 am

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Esme - September 22, 2015, 9:43 am

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ITEngineer - September 23, 2015, 1:58 am

(Sep 22, 2015 09:43 AM)Esme Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) They start a \$499, I don't see a problem.

True, but they usually don't come with a docking station or wireless keyboard. The last time I checked, the docking station and keyboard were not that cheap.