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Thread: [MacBook Pro vs XPS 13. Help me choose](#)

The Notorious B.I.G. - March 8, 2016, 10:53 am

MacBook Pro vs XPS 13

I have narrowed it down to these two laptops for college.

Does anyone here have any experience with either one?

MD5 - March 8, 2016, 10:57 am

I'm using the XPS 13, great laptop and have no regrets. I'd choose it over a macbook any day.

Egregious - March 8, 2016, 10:58 am

I'd take the XPS over the Mac any day.

iNk. - March 8, 2016, 11:04 am

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<http://www.apple.com/ie-edu/shop/buy-mac/macbook-pro?product=MF840B/A&step=config#>

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OpDh54 - March 8, 2016, 11:46 am

I heard a lot of bad things of the xps.

Luke - March 8, 2016, 11:49 am

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The Notorious B.I.G. - March 9, 2016, 6:03 am

(Mar 8, 2016 12:49 PM)Luke Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) XPS all day bro, Apple are terrible imho
I wouldn't call Apple terrible. I am a big fan of their design and build quality.

BITW - March 9, 2016, 6:24 am

I am using MacBOOK PRO and Enjoying. I prefer going with MAC.

minimalist - March 9, 2016, 6:27 am

My MBP was a gift from a family member three years ago and it's still running strong. Both are solid choices.

Starchy - March 9, 2016, 6:27 am

I have an XPS 17, and my god, I must've been unlucky, but it seems to always be breaking. If something goes wrong then have fun replacing it. Dell parts are not cheap!

?Opulence - March 9, 2016, 6:27 am

everyone in my CS class used a MBP or air,
I work at an IT company and Dell is garbage IMO

I have a macbook, have had it for 2 years now, it was expensive as fuck, but if I could go back I'd buy it again

get a MBP, you wont regret it. Dell is garbage.

MBP is sexy asf

Made with higher quality parts

OSX GUI is sexy as fuck

You can use a VM for a windows machine (I use parallels, never had any compatibility problems EVER.)

with the MBP you'll get 2GB/s R/W speeds (Dell is barley pushing 500MB/s)

retina display is sexy asf

bitches love MBPs

Also, with a MBP you'll get double the ram it says because it will use virtual ram. I have 16GB and I can use 32GB

OSX is designed for apple hardware, producing performance that a windows machine will never be able to compete with

Sunshine State - March 9, 2016, 6:32 am

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Peeka - March 9, 2016, 8:22 am

XPS 13 without question if you are going for a laptop.

YUNG BoY - March 9, 2016, 8:39 am

If you're making music or similar, Mac for sure.

I prefer Windows on any other topic though.

Maxi - March 9, 2016, 8:42 am

I've actually had them both and the difference is not that big in performance, they both got some flaws but I would just go with the cheapest one. Using a MacBook Pro now though.

?Boom - March 9, 2016, 8:51 am

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OGHF - March 9, 2016, 8:53 am

Everything that isn't apple, go for it!

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Krew - March 9, 2016, 9:00 am

If you want a device that sort of keeps it value after a few years than get a Mac. If you want actual performance, get the XPS.

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Do you think they will be releasing new MacBook pros though?

SIM-2228224 - March 9, 2016, 9:25 am

The XPS has a 6th gen, 3.2GHz core i7, compared to the Macbook's turboboost to 3.1GHz. And I found my touchcreeen useful in situations where I need to take visual notes like drawing diagrams and such, theres great software that makes use of the touch feature for this.

iNk. - March 9, 2016, 9:53 am

I'd lean towards the MacBook Pro. I also have one.. & use it for school and I love it. I've done a little research and not many people are happy with the XPS and as you said earlier the touchscreen is useless.

MBP is reliable and great.. I use mine for regular school shit plus I'm running 3 VM's on it for different classes and still runs really smooth.

OpDh54 - March 9, 2016, 10:47 am

All these HF fags going with the bad product.

Jeep™ - March 9, 2016, 10:51 am

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Julo - March 9, 2016, 1:26 pm

Let me know which one your interested and how much your paying for it and i'll tell you if it's a good deal