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Thread: [Apple vs. Microsoft](#)

terrahigh - May 24, 2023, 4:07 am

what do you like more, Microsoft or Apple?
Please say in the comments why!

?{ RadioActive Hack }? - May 24, 2023, 8:17 am

As companies I guess I like MS more. I love the Apple ecosystem even though I've never owned a Mac. The way apple products interact with each other just hits something deep inside me that I just love.

If we are talking about OS, windows is just trash. OSX, I haven't had enough experience with it to really judge. There are some features that interest me, but as a whole idk. Linux master race. <3

Prepper - May 24, 2023, 8:21 am

I am a windows kind of person, but I find windows to be more buggy and less refined than Apple products. And Apple usually is a bit more secure although that isn't a big deal if you don't do stupid shit.

For example Windows Security/Defender is still broken from like 2 updates ago where core isolation isn't working properly.

I believe Apple also has stronger privacy policies compares to Microsoft.

Undead - May 24, 2023, 8:45 am

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webdev77 - May 24, 2023, 8:53 am

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Yeah, I think you're probably right about that. There's a perception that Apple is better in terms of privacy. I've also read that Apple is now trying to compete with Google by getting deeper into the data collection and advertising business.

Deany - May 24, 2023, 9:23 am

(May 24, 2023 04:07 AM)terrahigh Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what do you like more, Microsoft or Apple?
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I like macbooks. Please don't crucify me. Thank you.

terrahigh - May 24, 2023, 10:16 am

apple is easy to use but windows is for the more advanced. do you not agree?

webdev77 - May 24, 2023, 10:59 am

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Tell me these are wrong.

Quote:1- The App Store sends detailed analytics about you to Apple.
2- There's no way to stop it.
3- Analytics data are directly linked to you."

<https://www.theverge.com/2022/11/21/23471827/apple-app-store-data-collection-analytics-personal-info-privacy>

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<https://www.notebookcheck.net/MacOS-Big-Sur-is-spying-on-everything-you-do-and-sending-the-data-to-Apple.504381.0.html>

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Tbh I don't have to do any research to know that Apple doesn't care about your privacy. As a company they don't give a shit about their customers so why would they protect your privacy? These are the people that are screwing over independent repair shops and customers that are sold self destructive planned obsolescence garbage.

BiNBo - May 24, 2023, 11:51 am

From a systems administration point of view, I prefer Microsoft's environment. While it can be a little convoluted, the MDM/MAM allows me to do whatever I need device management wise. Their other admin tools make managing things like mailboxes, data loss prevention, and user licensing pretty simple as well among other things. That being said, their environment works best when it's being supplemented by better maintained 3rd party solutions for certain needs. Granted all of this is just my opinion. When it comes to daily usage as far as devices and operating systems go, I prefer windows for my workstation(s) but iOS is better for my mobile needs personally.

Royal ! - May 24, 2023, 12:02 pm

Why are you even comparing the two?. No point.

Pootje - May 25, 2023, 3:11 am

I like Apple more compared to Microsoft

webdev77 - May 28, 2023, 2:47 pm

(May 28, 2023 02:44 PM)Animal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have better things to do than read those articles. Apple products are the choice of the elite, from billionaires to journalists to politicians. Do you really think they would use them if Apple was tracking everything? Apple only collects some data to make their services better, not to spy on their users like you think. You should stop watching conspiracy nonsense at night and get some beauty sleep.

Yes. Because you don't have other options. Take your pick of iOS or Android. Both track you in various ways. Why are you so hell bent on defending a multi-trillion company that doesn't care about you?

You are calling me a conspiracy theorist yet you refuse to read facts presented right to you from well known sites?

Poppy Harlo - May 28, 2023, 3:28 pm

Apple's hardware is pretty good, but I think windows is trying to be more 'universal' as an OS.

ACCOUNT - May 28, 2023, 3:40 pm

Without a doubt, Apple provides an exceptional blend of software and hardware. I've tried Android in the past, but found the experience lacking. While Android provides "root" access enabling full control, it also presents potential privacy risks and vulnerabilities. The apps from Google's Play Store simply don't have the same level of security as those on Apple's platform, and which Google has had its fair share of controversies surrounding data tracking even when it's supposed to be disabled.

If you own an iPhone and are interested in modifying apps, consider investing in a developer account which is now much more affordable, or alternatively, a signing certificate service that costs a fraction of the previous price.

Since the introduction of the Silicon chips, I've committed fully to Apple and haven't had any regrets. MacOS and iOS are, without any disrespect intended, designed with user-friendliness in mind, catering to people of all technical backgrounds. It's highly unlikely to encounter a Remote Access Trojan (RAT) or a keylogger on macOS, although you must still exercise caution to prevent accidental installation of intrusive software. MacOS diligently prompts you for permissions when downloading apps, providing an added layer of protection.

While Windows outperforms macOS when it comes to gaming, macOS excels in a variety of areas, from software development to artistic creation to routine tasks, making it an impressive platform.

Addressing Linux enthusiasts, I agree that Linux is commendable, but it's worth noting that macOS, with its Unix base, is capable of performing virtually all tasks that Ubuntu, Debian, or even Kali Linux can handle, especially after installing brew. It's true that some Linux systems might outdo macOS in server performance, but when it comes to out-of-the-box graphical user interface (GUI), macOS takes the cake.

Given the choice, I would much prefer to teach a grandmother how to check her emails on macOS than on Windows any day.

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It appears you may not be entirely familiar with iCloud. It offers tracking capabilities, but only if you choose to connect your iCloud account with your device to enhance its security. For instance, if your MacBook or iPhone gets stolen, iCloud allows you to track their location. Moreover, it provides additional security measures such as firmware locking, SOS, and remote wiping. This is done with the intention of safeguarding your data, thanks to encryption measures that can't be easily bypassed.

I acknowledge that both Microsoft and Google adopt similar security strategies. Nevertheless, it's worth noting that, given physical access, one can often infiltrate systems running Windows (even those with Bitlocker enabled) or Linux, as well as many Android devices. While older iOS devices were indeed vulnerable to exploits (primarily due to Intel's components), most users have since upgraded their devices. Additionally, the interest in jailbreaking seems to be waning as more and more people are abandoning this practice.

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ReoRomerez - June 2, 2023, 10:44 am

For Personal use i think Apple probably. More clean less distracting, not being a living advert like in win11

SIM-5360240 - June 2, 2023, 11:34 am

Hate both but use apple more so apple

Kavalli † - June 2, 2023, 11:44 am

I feel like those two are completely separate now. Microsoft is taking over IT and enterprise applications, while Apple is more consumer use.

ChronoBiff - August 5, 2023, 12:07 pm

I prefer Apple for its hardware, such as its laptops. However, I prefer an Android over an iPhone. For example, I just switched recently from a 14 pro max to an s23 ultra. I don't think I'll ever be able to go back to an iPhone unless there is a life-altering app that is only available for ios. which even then I'm not sure would be enough.

Edit: Yes I did sort of throw Android into the discussion. Microsoft and Apple have different visions and ambitions, so it was hard for me not to.

Fresku - August 5, 2023, 12:49 pm

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Biggs - August 5, 2023, 1:05 pm

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(Aug 5, 2023 02:47 PM)SVUDetective Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What phone are you rocking? What's the name of your carrier?

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(Aug 5, 2023 02:52 PM)Fresku Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Carrier doesn't matter, but I'm rocking an OPPO A98, works perfect.

Fair enough. Wasn't sure if you only had a few major carriers like it is in the USA.

Oppo is a great brand. I just wish they had more reach, especially with respect to North America variants. I know they can work with specific bands that only exist on T-Mobile and/or ATT, but I have no recourse if something were to go wrong with the phone. Seems like the A98 is a very solid choice.

Yin Yang - August 5, 2023, 3:20 pm

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ChronoBiff - August 5, 2023, 6:16 pm

(Aug 5, 2023 03:20 PM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I prefer MS when it comes to PCs. But I do like the iPhone.

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Yin Yang - August 5, 2023, 10:19 pm

(Aug 5, 2023 06:16 PM)Special Victims Unit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What specifically do you prefer about Windows? Like the interface, ability to run more programs?? I like the interface and I have a gaming/custo build.

I also like Xbox Cloud and being able to play on pc as well.

Bastille - August 6, 2023, 2:25 am

That's a wide topic, if we speak about the operating system I prefer Windows because it's more

open there are more software and tools available and it's better for videogames, however MacOS is more reliable (better if you work on specific software such as GFX, video, ...) and the ecosystem is better (smartphone, tablet, other computers, services, cloud, ...), besides for a new user MacOS is easier to get in, it's more friendly-user.

grilledservices - August 6, 2023, 4:55 am

Definitely depends on usecase imo. The Apple ecosystem is pristine, everything works together so well which is just something you dont get with Windows. As for MacOS, the limitations do get annoying, I enjoy messing around with things on Windows (could all be possible on Mac, just don't really play with it).

For personal use, Apple all the way. For business or anything that requires decent control, Windows.

My opinion :)

Daga - August 6, 2023, 12:27 pm

MS because its easy upgradable