Subject: Laptops/Notebooks as Desktops?
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Well, i've had my MacBook Pro for about 6 months now, and it's really great.

However it's getting rather hot...

To those of you who have some experience with stuff like this,

Is it ideal to run processor and RAM eating programs like Max or games on this notebook like it is a Desktop PC?

I multitask, ALOT, usually have 30-40 processes running at any one time, and at least one of those uses more than 200mb of RAM.

For the most of the MacBook's usage, the fans have been running at 100% (60,000rpm), because i'm an avid gamer and since the main computer is used by the family, i use this all the time.

When i say it gets hot...

Putting a thermomiter around the outside of the case...

(Everything in C)
Left hand speaker = 35 degrees
'The F bar' (small metal plate between F keys and the monitor hinge) = 40 degrees
Palm rests = 20 degrees
Underside, below the keyboard = 60 degrees.

After a while of it being on my lap (i don't exactly have a desk to put it on), my body heat increases to nearly 40 degrees, I more or less have to have a deskfan blowing cool air into my face constantly to keep me cool, however it hurts my eyes drying them up.

My main consern is it's been running like this almost every day for 6 months. Is this healthy for my MacBook...?

It's already been back at Apple for a month replacing a faulty screen, i don't want to have to send it back again...

I'd hope it lasts a few years at least, but oh well...

Anyway, yeah... Your thoughts on this? Should i stop using it so much, or try not to use CPU hogging programs?