
Subject: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 10:46:51 GMT
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I'm seriously considering getting a laptop for college - but I don't know which! I'm stuck between the base MacBook and the base Latitude D630 upgraded to 1GB RAM and a 9-cell battery. I want portability and battery life.

The MacBook is more portable but has less battery life, whilst the Latitude has longer battery life but less portability.

Which would you choose?

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 11:02:32 GMT
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the laptop

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 11:05:53 GMT
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...right.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 12:10:32 GMT
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MacBook, hands down. The g00ns here are probably going to be all "omg Apple sux" but I have had a MacBook Pro since March of last year and I love it. I used BootCamp and installed WinXP on it and I use both OSes when I need their strong points.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 13:30:03 GMT
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Macbook with core 2 duo.. and like Crimson said you can always get XP To run on it, if teh mac os isnt enough.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 13:37:00 GMT
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install the mac OS onto the laptop then? lol

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [AmunRa](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 15:55:33 GMT
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ive yet to have the pleasure of owning a mac
but I'd say yeah, go with the mac

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 16:28:22 GMT
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Why can people never make up their own minds!!

The facts and figures are all there. Choice is personal.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Sn1per74*](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 17:41:22 GMT
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I'd go the MAC. I HATE DELL.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 17:57:38 GMT
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Mac it is. >_> Thanks!

And Nightma, they're both laptops...

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Renx](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 21:19:26 GMT
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I've always liked my Dell laptop. Inspiron 1100. It's not top of the line and it's like 3 years old now, but it's always gotten the job done and is still going strong. Almost no problems.

If Dell's laptops are still anything like the one I have, I'd have no regrets buying another or recommending one to somebody. I've never had a mac though so I don't have anything from that side.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 00:33:09 GMT
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I currently own a Dell Inspiron 9200. I've been very happy with it, with one notable issue- the monitor started going screwy last winter, and I had to replace it at cost because I couldn't part with it long enough to send it to the shop. Though this comp has served and continues to serve me well, but when it dies I intend to replace it with a MacBook. With Vista becoming standard on everything now (with only a handful of even Dell computers offered without, none of them systems I'd buy), I can't see myself ever buying a prebuilt PC again- laptop or desktop. Both my roommate and his girlfriend replaced their computers with MacBooks this past school year, and from what I've seen they're very capable and nearly indestructible. Since they now run Intel chipsets, you can dual boot Windows if you so choose- which is exactly what I'll do with my copy of XP when the time comes.

My recommendation is to get the MacBook. It is more expensive, yes, but it is the more well built and more capable machine and will very likely last you quite a bit longer.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 01:03:50 GMT
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If I were getting a Windows laptop, I'd probably buy a Dell. I had one for a job a few years back and it was awesome. But, my current job is for an all-Mac company so, since I am not one who plays "trendy" and is willing to give anything a chance, I tried out OSX and I really liked it. Since I am a web developer, and a lot of web programmers are also starting to embrace Macs, there are a lot of really cool apps out there for us.

I think you'll be happy that you went for the Mac. I'm actually really surprised that there wasn't any violent opposition to it in this thread since I posted.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [AmunRa](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 01:52:31 GMT
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shame im the opposite.
im stuck on .NET for like everything, and if not that then its something for linux
if i get a mac itll be pretty much for fun

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 02:51:26 GMT
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I personally dont like apple computers or mac's, I personally use all windows based PC's, I'd say apple is high quality, but they are very very pricy, looking in the ads, they always show a windows PC right by a apple PC and the specs of the windows PC are higher and the price is cheaper, for the mac, your buying for style and operating system, for a windows PC, your buying for the cpu and graphics power and the os, I'd say if you want a mac, go for it, but if your leaning on a windows laptop, DOTN GO FOR DELL!1!!!

My past with dell was say "dell hell"

Go for HP or compaq.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 03:05:18 GMT
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<---g00n

But Dell sucks too, I have an HP and I've never been more dis-satisfied. I've had bad luck with laptops. ./

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 03:50:54 GMT
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^^ ignore the moron above me.

I am actually typing on my HP right now and it owns. Why are we comparing macfaggotry with dellfaggotry, start thinking about what is good for you. If you don't do anything requiring an idiot proof mac, get a HP, Toshiba, Gateway, or Sony. Buying a mac is stupid for most people because it isn't budget friendly and 90% of people will never use the full potential of a mac. Bottom line, don't become a trendfag buy what is good for you.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 04:01:13 GMT
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Either one would be good for me. I'm just after basic word processing and the likes while I'm taking the bus or are at other places that's not home. And probably the Mac would be best because of its size and I'll get to know a new OS - not to mention lots of people have been saying it's a great one. But more battery life is a good argument, even if that laptop is heavier and bigger.

I didn't even know Macs are becoming trendy.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 04:31:21 GMT
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Mac also runs BSD which is vastly similar to Linux under the hood so you're almost getting two OSes in one.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 04:37:41 GMT
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Well I do <3<3 FreeBSD

Just an unwarranted bias. :>

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Sn1per74*](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 04:44:50 GMT
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Macs don't get viruses either.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 05:19:25 GMT
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Sn1per74* wrote on Mon, 06 August 2007 00:44Macs don't get viruses either.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA...

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 06:16:22 GMT
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Sniper74* wrote:Macs don't get viruses either.

Viruses for Macs are not common, rarely seen, but don't go off saying they don't exist or don't get them, because thats quite the false statement.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [3663Nixon](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 12:09:34 GMT
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Of the 3 HP laptops I've owned, all have had hard disk failures, so if you end up with a HP, just make sure you backup your data.

I must admit I do run some crazy applications on my laptops... installing Oracle database probably wasn't the best move in terms of giving my HD a break

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 12:13:24 GMT
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Hey Demin! My HP caused me nothing but problems. Not only was the battery that came with it a lemon, but the power supply in the back failed once, I sent it in for RMA, and then it failed again. Now my warranty is up and it's sitting and collecting dust atm. Going to have to fix that paperweight someday I suppose...

My fiancée on the other hand got a Dell. The HDD failed in 5 days, and had to be replaced 3 times since then. Also, the screen turns completely red if tilted one way, and completely green if tilted another...

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 22:04:08 GMT
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If you happen to be going to College you get a \$100 dollar discount, a free 4GB Nano and a free \$100 printer.

So much for that Dell value, eh?

Things will likely change tomorrow, product updates coming our way around 2PM EST (no, this is not a rumor, there will be a press event).

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 22:49:15 GMT
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I've had bad experiences with HP; I had more problems with the HP tower I owned than with every computer before or since- and that's saying quite a bit. My last Gateway comp wasn't anything to write home about either, but it at least got messed up because it was (sadly) used to browse the internet before Firefox and Opera were good, free alternative browsers. I can say that Gateway has, in the past, made some very good systems; I still own a Gateway 2000 tower from ~1995ish

and it is in perfect running order. I do not know what sort of product they're putting out now. As opposed to both of the above, however, I have never had a bad Dell. Hell, the first problem I ever had with a Dell was when the monitor on my lappy started wonking on me, and even that could be chalked up to wear and tear. My family owns 5 Dells right now, and they all run well.

On the other hand, I have a friend who owns a bloody dinosaur of a black+white Mac that's only a few years younger than I am. I don't know anyone who's had a bad Mac experience, only people who never could be arsed to learn and figure out the differences between Windows and MacOS. If you get AppleCare with the system, they'll in most cases replace any part that goes bad free of charge. Apple replaced the battery on my roommate's laptop (this was before he got his MacBook, mind you) without charging him so much as shipping and handling, and that battery wasn't even defective- just old.

Just in case you hadn't figured it out on your own, never buy any computer from a mass distributor like CompUSA. The systems tend to be handled roughly and may not match the specs printed on their own boxes. Always either order online or from a store that doesn't cater to the lowest common denominator. If the store thinks it can screw you, it will.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 01:14:44 GMT
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Free 24 hour shipping for the MacBook.

Then I get a \$100 off, a free 4Gb iPod Nano (or perhaps I should fork out \$50 and get a 30Gb iPod), and \$100 off a printer.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [z310](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 06:35:08 GMT
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I'm not going to be able to deal with the MacBook only having one click button. Eh, I thought there were two sides to it. That and now that I think of it, I'll be doing a lot of AutoCAD work; I need better graphic capabilities. Perhaps I should even go for a bigger screen.

I'm going to do more searching before I decide on the Latitude D630 with upgraded graphics (128MB NVIDIA® Quadro NVS 135M).

I applied for a \$2,000 loan, some of which I'll need for bus transportation, school supplies like a backpack, and possibly books. I'll appropriate about \$1,000 for a laptop. If you have any suggestions, speak!

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630

Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 14:45:19 GMT

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That is an awful small loan for a student. From what you've described about your situation before you should be able to get a rather sizable government grant that doesn't require payback till after you are out of college.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630

Posted by [z310](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 22:26:53 GMT

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No tuition, and probably about \$1,500 in grant money this year. The loan is something I don't need.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630

Posted by [Zion](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 12:42:59 GMT

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The standard MacBooks are shite. I saved up for a 2nd generation 15.4" MBP and a week later they upgraded it with 8600 and more ram standard and upto 4gb upgrade (up from 3) a week after i bought it. I was so gutted. It was an extra £50 from the £1054 that i payed for it (\$100/\$2108 approx for you americans).

Most Mac trackpads, even though they have one mouse button you can set it so if you tap two fingers on your trackpad it acts as right click. Also if you rest one finger and move the other it acts as 360 degree scroll. Ever since i found this out it's been a life saver, until i bought a logitech for gaming (yes, i play most source games on my mac nativley on the os).

There are an abundance of apps out there that replicate the core of windows, trick windows apps to think they're running on windows or emulate the windows OS over the current one.

Going for a Mac is a good move, depending on what subject you're going into, even if my one was a load of shite. (i won't to into detail, lets just say they took ages to replace a screen. Want full details pm me.)

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630

Posted by [light](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:36:11 GMT

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The people I know who have macs love them.

Personally I can't stand them, but that's mostly because I haven't made the effort to change. I made the effort with Linux, partly because I had to, but mainly because it doesn't cost me more, Apple hardware does.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Wed, 15 Aug 2007 20:40:09 GMT
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The thing that bothers me the most about Macs are the elitist that own them. I'll admit that they are a good solid computer, but their product panders to the highest level of snobs and douchebags. Not only that but they charge far to much for the actual components in the systems.

Subject: Re: Apple MacBook Vs. Dell Latitude D630
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2007 18:53:01 GMT
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I don't know about you, but I was pretty happy with the price of my Core 2 Extreme 24" iMac.
