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**RoflMarche**
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Posted: 2010-04-04 03:48 BST

Hey Xfire, I'm going to be going to college next year for computer engineering. I've been wanting a laptop to accompany this desktop I have (see profile if you want), but then I heard this thing called the iPad came out today. It is a sort of Apple Tablet Computer or something like that, and I've been wondering if it would be a nice substitute for an actual laptop. Thank you.

**F1 GTR**
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Posted: 2010-04-04 03:55 BST

I personally wouldn't recommend it, from what I've seen of the iPad, it's pretty much just an oversized iPod touch, with no USB or multitasking capabilities.

Of course, I guess if all you're doing is taking notes and browsing the internet, and you don't really need multitasking/expansion, a 16GB for \$500 may suffice over a full-on tablet PC that goes into the >\$800 range.

I'm not really an expert in this area, but that's my take on it.




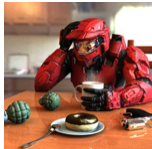

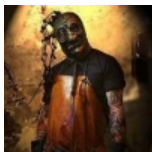
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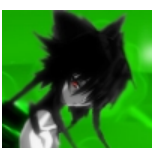
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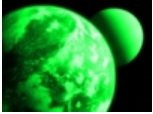



Someone CONSIDERING buying an IPAD?!

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<div></div> <div>[G4C] xNyTROx (sillyboynick)</div> <div>Member Since: 2009-03-24 Posts: 18 Location: Australia</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-04 05:27 BST</div> <div>The iPad just wont be able to compete with a laptop/netbook. As metioned before, no USB ports means no expandable memory or the ability to move files to and from it on the fly (Assuming it has to be connected to a single computer like other iPods and isn't able to send notes over bluetooth).</div> <div>And for personal preference, I will always prefer a keyboard with real keys and feedback. Keep that in mind if you just can't decide.</div> <div>If your looking for a portable note taking computer, best thing for you would be a Netbook, designed just for browsing the web, taking notes and portability. Prices start at around \$300 with the top being the Alienware m11x maxed out at ~\$1300 (But then this Netbook is designed for gamers in mind)</div>										
<div></div> <div>Link (link68759)</div> <div>Member Since: 2006-08-08 Posts: 194 Location: Basement</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-04 06:21 BST</div> <div>iPad has no potential anywhere, especially not a student.</div> <div>The only positive aspect I've heard about the iPad is that it'd be great for viewing pdfs. OK.... but that's an awful lot of money for just pdfs.</div> <div>- Link</div> <div><table><tr><td>Name:</td><td>Link (link68759)</td><td>This Week:</td><td>Mass Effect</td><td>2 hours</td></tr><tr><td>Status:</td><td>Offline</td><td>All Time:</td><td>Halo</td><td>82 hours</td></tr></table></div>	Name:	Link (link68759)	This Week:	Mass Effect	2 hours	Status:	Offline	All Time:	Halo	82 hours
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<div></div> <div>SOS Hawkens (hawkens)</div> <div>Member Since: 2006-03-23 Posts: 1203 Location: Washington State, USA</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-04 06:38 BST</div> <div>yeh, i cant realy recomend and i-pad either....</div> <div>Stick with a good mid priced notebook or netbook...</div> <div>Personaly i would recomend a fully featured 15inch. That size is portable, but big enough for true and full functionality.</div> <div>- SOS Hawkens</div> <div><p>To give an internet, click this button.</p><table><tr><td>SERVER NAME:</td><td>USA Straight Out Slayer Clan Recruitment</td><td># OF PLAYERS (past 24 hour)</td></tr><tr><td>IP ADDRESS:</td><td>PORT:</td><td>SERVER STATUS:</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">GRAPH DATA NOT AVAILABLE</td></tr></table></div>	SERVER NAME:	USA Straight Out Slayer Clan Recruitment	# OF PLAYERS (past 24 hour)	IP ADDRESS:	PORT:	SERVER STATUS:	GRAPH DATA NOT AVAILABLE			
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<div></div> <div>RofiMarche (hgex43s)</div> <div>Member Since: 2007-10-24 Posts: 653 Location: Somewhere in Connecticut</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-04 13:00 BST</div> <div>Alright, thanks guys. I really didn't have an opinion on it and I've been previously thinking about a netbook or laptop that are around perhaps \$450-\$500. I'm not very good at looking for a good laptop; all I know is that it doesn't need to be any sort of mx11 Alienware for gaming because of my desktop. I just want something I can carry around with me for those times I won't be able to access my desktop.</div> <div>Any suggestions? 😊</div>										
<div></div> <div>br4dz- (ripbrad)</div> <div>Member Since: 2005-10-11 Posts: 2452</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-04 13:51 BST</div> <div>Quote from hgex43s</div> <div>Alright, thanks guys. I really didn't have an opinion on it and I've been previously thinking about a netbook or laptop that are around perhaps \$450-\$500. I'm not very good at looking for a good laptop; all I know is that it doesn't need to be any sort of mx11 Alienware for gaming because of my desktop. I just want something I can carry around with me for those times I won't be able to access my desktop.</div> <div>Any suggestions? 😊</div>										

<div>Posts: 3033</div> <div>Location:</div>	<p>I use my netbook more than my laptop. Simply put, it's easier to shove a netbook in a backpack and lug it around all day. The only things I dislike about <i>my</i> netbook is the fact that can't play back any sort of video well, other than standard def youtube videos, and hulu streaming which still stutters but isn't un-watchable. My other dislike is the screen size (at times), such as when you have to research for papers or look through pages of text. Both of those wouldn't be an issue with a ~\$500 netbook that is 12.1" and has an NVIDIA ION gpu, but the problem with spending that much, is you could buy a laptop with a better CPU and a larger screen for the same exact price.</p> 
 <div>LoneNinja (xmkjuggalox)</div> <div>Member Since: 2006-08-17 Posts: 1410 Location: MN</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-04 20:53 BST</div> <p>LMAO, why would you consider a media based toy over an actual computer for school work? Just the touch screen to type alone would drive me insane if I tried to take notes on it. Get either a netbook or a laptop.</p>
 <div>Hobo (friendlyhobo)</div> <div>Member Since: 2006-06-19 Posts: 387 Location: Springfield, IL</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-05 00:08 BST</div> <p>The iPad just seems like another gimmick from Apple that their fanboys will eat up and make them even richer. But then again I haven't really read much about it so don't take my word for it.</p> 
 <div>[666]Courtney (ariana666)</div> <div>Member Since: 2009-05-03 Posts: 601 Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-05 00:12 BST</div> <p>GET OUT.</p> 
 <div>[G4C] xNyTROx (sillybovnick)</div>	<div>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-05 00:18 BST</div> <div><p>Quote from friendlyhobo</p><p>The iPad just seems like another gimmick from Apple that their fanboys will eat up and make them even richer. But then again I haven't really read much about it so don't take my word for it.</p></div> <p>^Apple sold 600k-700k in the first 24 Hours. Seems like people will buy anything with the Apple logo on it.</p>

<div><div></div><div>Member Since: 2009-03-24 Posts: 18 Location: Australia</div></div>	<p>On to the OP, When you choose a Netbook/Laptop make sure that you are comfortable with the keyboard. Especially with the netbooks, they can have a compressed keyboard making typing difficult for larger fingers. Also as a poster above me said, consider screen size. I think the sizes are 10/11/12.1 Inch or around those numbers. Pick wisely as you dont want to be squinting while taking those notes!</p> <p><i>Last edited 2010-04-05 00:19 BST; Edited 1 time</i></p>
<div><div></div><div>f1gtr (f1lm)</div><div>Member Since: 2007-11-28 Posts: 2465 Location: A cave</div></div>	<p>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-05 00:36 BST</p> <div><div>Quote from sillyboynick</div><div><div>Quote from friendlyhobo</div><div>The iPad just seems like another gimmick from Apple that their fanboys will eat up and make them even richer. But then again I haven't really read much about it so don't take my word for it.</div></div></div> <p>^Apple sold 600k-700k in the first 24 Hours. People <i>will</i> buy anything with the Apple logo on it.</p> <p>FT4U</p> <div></div>
<div><div></div><div>z3nny (zen1aserman)</div><div>Member Since: 2006-01-05 Posts: 3747 Location: El People's Republik de Kalifornistan</div></div>	<p>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-05 00:37 BST</p> <p>If OP is taking engineering classes, that often means dealing with CAD programs. iPad has a proprietary processor that is likely completely abysmal for any kind of CAD acceleration.</p> <p>I recommend an i5 laptop with Radeon HD-series GPU. That way you have 4 threads and a tessellation unit for strong CAD acceleration, and still retain pretty good battery life.</p> <div><div><div><div>Name: z3nny (zen1aserman)</div><div>Status: Offline</div></div><div><div>This Week:</div><div>All Time:</div></div><div><div> S.T.A.L.K.E.R. - ... 26 hours</div><div> Medieval II Total ... 612 hours</div></div><div></div></div></div>
<div><div></div><div>RofiMarche (hgex43s)</div><div>Member Since: 2007-10-24 Posts: 653 Location: Somewhere in Connecticut</div></div>	<p>RE: iPad instead of Laptop? Posted: 2010-04-05 04:07 BST</p> <p>I was actually wondering about a dedicated graphics card in the laptop, although I know that usually means much higher prices above the integrated Intel chipsets. Still though, that does bring a good point up that I might need to install software such as CAD, which more than likely means I at least need a disc drive. So I'm thinking a laptop with perhaps a lower end HD4000 series with a dual core or i3 at least at 2.0ghz? Is there such a thing under \$500-\$600?</p>