

Strengths & Weaknesses of Various Computer Devices

Apple Laptop

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Device • Additional monitor can be attached • Supports iWork, MS Office for Mac, Google Apps • Self Service is available • Solid state drive prolongs battery life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller screen than desktop computers • Not the best choice for memory/process intensive tasks (CAD, video) • Laptops are more desirable as a target for theft • Additional monitors must be purchased by the school or department • Smaller keyboards than desktop computers • More easily damaged • Limited hard drive space • Non-User replaceable battery (\$360 every 3-4 years)

Dell Laptop

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Device • Additional monitor can be attached • Full suite of the latest MS Office applications, Google Apps and iCloud version of iWorks • User replaceable battery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller screen than desktop computers • Not the best choice for memory/process intensive tasks (CAD, video) • Laptops are a more desirable as a target for theft • Additional monitors must be purchased by the school or department • Smaller keyboards than desktop computers • More easily damaged • Only iCloud support for Apple specific applications iWork, iMovie, Keynote, etc. • Double the hard drive space of the Apple Laptop

Apple Desktop

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More local disk storage than a laptop • Good choice for processor/memory intensive tasks (CAD, video) • Larger screen size than mobile devices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a mobile device • <i>Does not support MS specific applications.</i>

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