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Subject: Macbook pro: what to buy?

Posted by [forlano](#) on Sat, 02 Mar 2019 20:00:13 GMT

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Thanks

Luigi

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Subject: Re: Macbook pro: what to buy?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 03 Mar 2019 22:24:36 GMT

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Luigi

My 2 cents: I found macbook really not comfortable for programming, especially when switching with my main computer. Keyboard is weird, display too small. If I could go back, I would probably rather bought mac mini.

(Yes, I now have normal keyboard and normal mouse connected, but with recent macbooks, that requires various contraptions (adapters) to connect USB devices with USB-C ports, so in the end my "MacOS table" is the ugly nest of wires...)

Other than that, make sure that it can run Mojave.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Macbook pro: what to buy?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2019 17:32:10 GMT

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forlano wrote on Sat, 02 March 2019 15:00

The new macs are very expensive and I am planning to buy a second hand machine.

I'm using MacBook Mid 2012, 16GB, 4 cores, 15 inch. It works just fine. My old Windows laptop (2010, 16 GB, 4 cores) is pretty much dead because of the Windows (it takes about half an hour to just boot it). It is absolutely useless as a laptop. MacBook at the same time is just great as a portable machine. It can hold 4-8 hours of development activity.

Another thing. I'm often using VIM to edit text/code on laptops. This solves all problems with inconvenience of the keyboard.

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Subject: Re: Macbook pro: what to buy?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2019 17:42:52 GMT

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Novo wrote on Mon, 04 March 2019 18:32

This solves all problems with inconvenience of the keyboard.

Ah, that reminds me... 50% of my problems with keyboard are caused by the fact that I have bought MacBook with czech keyboard.

DO NOT DO THAT. Buy mac with english keyboard!

Thing is that while MacOS supports switching various keyboards, Apple probably considers adding 'red' characters with English meaning (those that are normally on at least all czech PC 102 key keyboards and on all notebook keyboard I have ever owned) bad design choice. So it sometimes takes me minutes to find out how to write some characters like '&' or '\$'.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Macbook pro: what to buy?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 04 Mar 2019 19:23:21 GMT

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mirek wrote on Mon, 04 March 2019 12:42

DO NOT DO THAT. Buy mac with english keyboard!

I'm personally always using English keyboard.

The main advantage of VIM is that you need to press only one key simultaneously to do pretty much everything you need (probably, except of the Shift-key). There is no need for combinations like Ctrl-Shift-XXX, Ctrl/Shift-Insert, e.t.c.

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That makes it a much more convenient tool to use with small keyboards like laptops.

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