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**|G4C| xNyTROx**  
(sillyboynick)Member Since: 2009-03-24  
Posts: 18  
Location: Australia**RE: iPad instead of Laptop?**

Posted: 2010-04-05 04:16 BST

Quote from hgex43s

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**z3nny**  
(zenlaserman)Member Since: 2006-01-05  
Posts: 3747  
Location: El People's Republik de Kalifornistan**RE: iPad instead of Laptop?**

Posted: 2010-04-05 12:37 BST

Quote from sillyboynick

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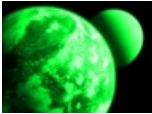
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Yup, even something like that will kick tail with CAD, Pretty much any Core 2 or better with ATi HD series will do real nice on CAD and more.

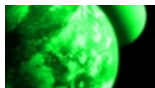
**RE: iPad instead of Laptop?**

Posted: 2010-04-06 05:32 BST

no way i wouldnt substitute it for a laptop even a netbook for school. imo i think its only good to use it at like a living room, where people can just get on it to check stuff online or see pictures. no need to wait for it to load like a computer.

 <b>nismoguy</b> (integra8)  Member Since: 2007-01-03 Posts: 204 Location:	<p>ill probably get one just to use it around the house since i dont have a portable computer anymore.</p> <hr/>
 <b>SaintCloud</b> (luneth4215)  Member Since: 2009-06-12 Posts: 9 Location: Sioux City Iowa	<p><b>RE: iPad instead of Laptop?</b> Posted: 2010-04-06 07:03 BST</p> <p>Quote from afiforlife Someone CONSIDERING buying an IPAD?!</p> <p>KILL IT WITH FIRE</p> <p>Haha you kill losts of things with fire.... But In a certain case "jailbreaking" allows multitasking...</p>
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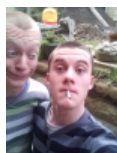
Quote from nanomorph

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I was merely assuming he wanted something with tablet functionality.



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#### RE: iPad instead of Laptop?

Posted: 2010-04-14 10:03 BST

We have an iPad at college and I think they are pretty neat devices. I'm already considering getting my gran one because they are that simple to use, and her Windows XP box is getting pretty old now. If you don't mind a distinct lack of decent games, then just get it.

They are cheap and pretty damn amazing if I'm honest. Ignore all the Windows fanboys here, I have always been neutral with this whole Mac vs PC thing, and I can honestly say I think the iPad is the future for mobile computing.

And don't worry about the lack of multitasking, the i<device> OS 4 to be released in september sometime will have full use of Multitasking.

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#### RE: iPad instead of Laptop?

Posted: 2010-04-14 11:17 BST

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#### RE: iPad instead of Laptop?

Posted: 2010-04-14 22:40 BST

Actually, I've been looking into this laptop:

<http://www.tigerdirect.com/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=5608152&Sku=G180-15651>

It is a bit higher than \$500 and can do more than the iPad. Maybe if the iPad was \$200 for the 64gb version, I'd consider it. If anyone has a better laptop suggestion for roughly the same price (within \$50 of that laptop) then I wouldn't mind hearing what you guys have to say.



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Posted: 2010-04-15 07:09 BST

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That wont be real good for gaming, but it will be great for school work, good find.

- SOS Hawkens



stevekb

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**RE: iPad instead of Laptop?**

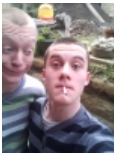
Posted: 2010-04-17 18:25 BST

In my opinion the iPad is just too expensive for its price. you'd be better off with a netbook. I have one that I got for 350 dollars and it can do all my work has a ton of space and can do other stuff like play simple games and watch vids online etc. pretty need. I bet it can run AutoCAD as well if I used GMA booster on it.

Also don't listen to roadblock he seems biased from the other comments I've read of his.

PS I've got the asus 1005HA (the 10.5 hour battery life one. I forgot the model letter for that one lol)

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## Roadbloc (roadbloc)

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**RE: iPad instead of Laptop?**

Posted: 2010-04-17 21:43 BST

– Quote from stevekb

Also don't listen to roadblock he seems biased from the other comments I've read of his.

I thought i provided a pretty ub-biased opinion. I offered my personal experience from the product in question, with reasons why to buy it and why not to buy it. How is that biased?

As I have said before, I couldn't care less about Mac vs PC, because I use both and think they both have their +s and -s. This thread is full of PC fanboys who automatically think Windows is the best sunshine under the sun and Mac's are crap and for gays, and most of the time they haven't even touched a Mac.

I'll say again, if you do not mind the lack of games and the wait for multitasking, get the iPad. If you want something cheaper that will have the ability to multitask out of the box and play a few simple games, get a netbook.

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