

Task	Check	Desktop	Laptop	iPad/Tablet	Mobile Phone
Typing, create, edit		Excellent	Good	Poor*	Poor*
Typing, format, report/book		Excellent	Good	Very poor	Very poor
Typing, blog		Excellent	Good	Acceptable*	Acceptable*
Email, create		Excellent	Good	Acceptable*	Acceptable*
Email, manage, integrated		Excellent	Good	Poor	Yes, poor
Spreadsheet, create, edit		Excellent	Good	Poor	Very poor
Spreadsheet, data analysis		Excellent	Yes, limited	Poor	Very poor
Spreadsheet, view		Excellent	Yes	Very poor	Very poor
Presentation, create, edit		Excellent	Yes	Yes, poor	Very poor
Presentation, show		Good, but fixed location	Yes, excellent	Good	Good
Phone call		Not available	Not available	Not available	Excellent with good phone
Video call (Skype etc)		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Installed Camera		Web cam average #	Web cam average	Camera, reasonable	Camera, good
Cloud access		Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
Streaming music		Excellent	Excellent,use headphones	Very good, headphones	Very good, headphones
Streaming video		Excellent, if good screen	Very good (screen size)	Very good, small image	Very good, tiny image
Online video(YouTube etc)		Excellent, if good screen	Very good (screen size)	Very good, small image	Very good, tiny image
Photo-edit		Excellent	Good	Acceptable++	Poor
Video-edit		Excellent	Good	Acceptable++	Poor
Integration across applications		Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Poor
Internet browsing		Excellent	Good	Acceptable*	Just satisfactory
Internet connection speed		Fastest if wired, wireless	Fastest if wired, wireless	Limited by wireless speed	Limited by wireless speed
Music making		Fast & flexible	Fast with selected unit	Acceptable for some use	Poor
Games		Powerful if custom build	Powerful if custom build	Acceptable for some use	Poor except simple game
Portability		Not easily portable	Average	Good	Excellent
Size/weight		Large, heavy	Smaller, Moderate weight	Small, lighter	Very small, light
Pricing		Modest to Very High	Modest to Very High	Low to quite High	Low to quite High
		\$900 - \$6000	\$300 - \$6000	\$100-\$1500	\$100-\$1800
Choice		Very wide, can be customised to order	Wide range	Restricted choice	Many brands, limited performance variation
Software Updates		Excellent; PC & Mac	Excellent; PC & Mac	Android, most are poor	Android, most are poor
(frequency & years of support)				Limited, iPad	Reasonable, iPhone

\* Bluetooth keyboard can improve performance

++ Connect to monitor for better performance

# Not usually supplied, quality can vary

Some interest for home use

Mostly business use