

What to look for in a new Mac

- New is preferred, but refurbished models purchased directly from Apple have the same warranty. We do not recommend refurbished computers from any other source.
- The Macbook Pro, Macbook Air, and iMac models do not have standard USB ports. They have USB-C ports. You may need to buy adapters if you have USB peripherals (mice, external hard drives, flash drives etc.).
- Apple no longer uses Intel processors. The most recent processor is the M2. An M1 model may still be available at a discount and could be a good option for a less intensive user.
- Get the maximum amount of RAM you can afford. Mac RAM cannot be replaced after market.
- Make sure you get enough storage! Storage space cannot be upgraded or replaced after purchase. Entry-level models tend to have smaller drives. If you have a lot of pictures, videos, or music you will need a larger drive. Purchasing additional iCloud space can help with smaller drives if you store your full resolution pictures in iCloud.
- AppleCare+ is a great warranty and should be strongly considered. It now includes accidental damage protection, each subject to a service fee. Still much cheaper than replacing the device.