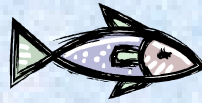


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# The Catch of the Day



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## PC vs. Mac: Can't We All Just Get Along?

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If the PC/Mac debate has any importance to you, it might be because you are a Windows user who knows a Mac “evangelist” who’s always trying to get his Windows friends to switch. What’s the difference, you ask?

As a Mac user myself, I understand why people recommend them. However, I don’t want to convert anyone with this article, but just answer some common questions about the difference between Macs and PCs.

**What is a Mac, anyway?** “Mac” is the general term for any computer manufactured by Apple Computer. Macs use the Mac OS *operating system*, which works differently from the Windows software on PCs. Though several companies make Windows-based computers (Dell, Gateway, etc.), currently you can only get a new Mac OS-based computer from Apple.

**Are Macs and PCs incompatible?** Both Macs and PCs use industry-accepted standards for common tasks. For example, you can easily e-mail and share files between the two. But unfortunately for Mac users, many software applications made for Windows just aren’t available for Mac. Still, this doesn’t hamper productivity for most Mac enthusiasts, as alternate products are frequently available.

**Are Macs virus- and spyware-proof?** I don’t believe any technology is invincible. However, market share alone makes Windows a large target. I personally believe the Mac has design advantages that make it safer, but as its popularity increases, it may become more desirable to attack.

Despite the differences, Macs and PCs are still just plain old computers.



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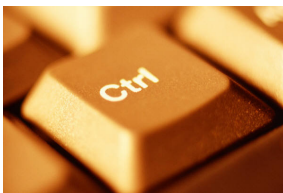


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