

Секція студентів V курсу COMPARING MAC AND PC

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Nowadays you can see computers in all spheres of our life. Most of the users, however, don't even imagine the computers that are different from the widespread ones. But there is another choice! Apple Macintosh (Mac) and Personal Computer (PC) platforms started approximately at the same time. As for now, Apple has less than 3% of the computer market, so it is obvious that most purchasers buy PCs. There are, however, still reasons to buy a Mac.

Macintosh operating system, so called Mac OS has several advantages over Windows. First of all, I find the Mac OS more intuitive. Once you get used to it, it is easier to find the functions that you want.

Second, the Mac OS is more secure. There are no where near the number of malicious programs out there for the Mac OS. You are constantly hearing about this virus or that virus affecting Windows. None of them are dangerous for the Mac OS. OS X has been out for over 5 years and it was just this year when the first virus for it was reported.

There are two reasons why the Mac OS is more secure. First of all, Apple does a better job of closing security holes in its OS than Microsoft does. The second reason is Mac constitutes a much smaller part of the computer market and, therefore, makes much smaller target for malware developers and hackers.

The third advantage is its elegance and functionality. For example, suppose you want to open multiple folders that are in the same window and you want them to be open at the same time. In Windows, you have to open each one individually. In the Mac OS, you can do it by selecting them and double-click. Another nice feature is the system-wide spelling check function, which is available to all programs. If I were writing for example an e-mail on Mac, I could tell my browser to check the spelling as I type it. While writing it on Windows PC, I have to compose it in MS Word to make sure that I get the spelling correct.

The only significant advantage that I see in Windows is that it is more common OS. Therefore, there are more programs available for it. Now, there is a lot of software for Mac in the internet, but it is quite difficult to find something special, for example professional environments. Besides, there aren't many games for the Mac. When Macs first came out, there was an attitude that for playing games you go for Mac while for work to be done, you go for PC. Now the situation has been reversed.

That's why "To Mac or not to Mac – this is a question!"

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