Laptops vs Tablets By: Braedon Curits

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|  | Laptops | Tablets |
| Cost | The cost of laptops are anywhere from $400 to $3000 with the average being $500. | The cost of tablets start around $100 and can reach prices of $1500 with that average being just under $400. |
| Data Plans | Laptops do not come with data plans but a mobile internet stick can be purchased separately. Mobile internet sticks range in price from $100 to $200 and rate plans range from $10 for 100mb monthly to $105 for 15gb monthly. | Tablets have the option to include a data plan with purchase. Data plans range from $5 for 100mb monthly to $40 for 5gb monthly. |
| Wireless and 3G | Laptops can connect a wireless network anywhere with WIFI, but do not come with 3G and do not have any kind of 3G connectivity built in.  | Tablets can connect to any WIFI network and has the option to include 3G connectivity. |
| Memory | Most laptops have 500gb to 1tb of storage and 8gb of RAM. On the other hand, high end laptops have around 1tb of storage and 16gb of RAM. | Tablets usually have 16gb to 32gb of storage and 2gb to 4gb of RAM, but some reach sizes of 64gb to 128gb of storage and 8gb of RAM.  |
| Warranty | Laptop warranties vary from the manufacturer and distributer. For example, HP laptops include a 1 year warranty with purchase while Dell laptops come standard with a 2 year warranty.  | Like laptops, tablet warranties vary from manufacturer. Most Apple, Samsung, and Toshiba tablets come with 1 year warranties. |

After researching the differences between laptops and tablets, I’d say that my personal preference is laptops. I prefer laptops to tablets because you can do a lot more things with laptops. While tablets are easier to use and are more mobile, laptops can do everything that can do. With laptops you can navigate websites easier, download more and more efficient software, and you can access files and code that are hidden in tablets(especially ipads). Laptops are also a lot faster, have larger storage, and have larger screens. Laptops are also easier to connect to TVs and other computers. Tablets have things like airplay but are only able to connect to devises compatible with it, laptops can connect to any HD TV with an HDMI cable, and only some tablets have USB ports while virtually all laptops do. So even though they are more expensive and less mobile, laptops are far superior.