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A comparison of the Dell XPS M1710 (17") and the Apple MacBook Pro (17")

	Dell XPS M1710 (17")	Apple MacBook Pro (17")
Processor	Intel Core Duo 2.16GHz 2MB L2 cache 667MHz frontside bus	Intel Core Duo 2.16GHz 2MB L2 cache 667MHz frontside bus
Memory	1GB DDR2 SDRAM Runs at 667MHZ 2x512 SO-DIMMs Expandable to 4GB	1GB DDR2 SDRAM Runs at 667MHZ 2x512 SO-DIMMs Expandable to 2GB
Display	17-inch TFT Widescreen 1920 x 1200 max resolution	17-inch TFT Widescreen 1680 x 1050 max resolution Optional glossy screen
Video Card	NVIDIA GeForce Go 7900 GS 256MB	ATI Mobility Radeon X1600 256MB
Hard Drive	100GB SATA @ 7200 rpm	<i>Either:</i> 100GB Serial ATA @ 7200 rpm 120GB 5400-rpm SATA @ 5400 rpm Sudden Motion Sensor
Optical Drive	8X CD/DVD Burner Double-layer support DVD+R DL/DVD±RW CD-RW	Slot-load SuperDrive 8x CD/DVD Burner Double-layer support DVD+R DL/DVD±RW CD-RW
Ports	6 USB 2.0 1 FireWire 400	3 USB 2.0 1 FireWire 400 1 FireWire 800
Video Connections	DVI output (for external display) VGA output port (external display) Dual-Link support S-Video port Component Video	DVI output (for external display) VGA output with included DVI to VGA adapter (for external display) Dual display and video mirroring Capable of full native notebook resolution and simultaneous 2560 x 1600 pixels on an external display (Can power Apple 30-inch Cinema HD display Composite/S-Video out with optional adapter (price =
Camera	No Built-In Camera	Built-in iSight video camera
Microphone	via mini connector	Built-in Omni Directional
Remote Control	Only with Media Center Edition	Infrared Apple Remote Control
Sound Options	Single audio line-in Single audio line-out Line-out analog only S/PDIF digital audio out	Single audio line-in Single audio line-out Both support both optical digital and analog audio
Wireless Networking	Intel PRO/Wireless 3945 802.11a/g Mini Card (54Mbps) Dell Wireless 350 Bluetooth 2.0 EDR (Enhanced Data Rate)	Built-in AirPort Extreme wireless networking (54Mbps) Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate)
Network Card and	Integrated 10/100/1000 Network Card	Built-in 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit

Modem	<i>Built-in Modem</i>	Ethernet Apple USB 56K Modem (+\$49)
Expansion Slot	ExpressCard	ExpressCard/34
Power and Battery	<i>80-watt-hour battery</i>	<i>85 watt MagSafe Power Adapter</i> 68-watt-hour battery
Keyboard	Full-size keyboard	<i>Backlit illuminated keyboard with ambient light sensor. Allows for automatic adjustment of keyboard illumination and screen brightness based on light conditions</i>
Mouse	Built-in touch pad	<i>Scrolling TrackPad</i>
Others	Backlit XPS logo <i>Built-in 5-in-1 memory card reader</i>	Backlit Apple Logo
Weight	8.8 pounds	<i>6.8 pounds</i>
Dimensions	15.5 x 11.3 inches	<i>15.4 x 10.4 inches</i>
Thickness	1.6 inches	<i>1.0 inch</i>
Hardware Warranty	1Yr Limited Warranty <i>1Yr At-Home Service</i> <i>1Yr HW Warranty Support</i>	1 Yr Limited Warranty 90 days of telephone support
Software	Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005 Dell Digital Entertainment Starter Pack McAfee Security Center with VirusScan, Firewall, Spyware Removal	Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger <i>iLife 06 (Award Winning)</i> <i>No need for Anti-Virus/Security Suite</i>
Price (6/4/2006)	\$3,089.00 USD	<i>\$2,748.00 USD</i>
With 3yr Warranty	\$3,299.00 USD	<i>\$3,048.00 USD</i>

Add \$149 to the Dell prices if you want Windows XP Professional

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