

MS Surface as Primary Computer

Does anyone on the list use a MS Surface as a desktop replacement? It is about time to put my current workhorse out to pasture and I am trying to figure out what to do. One of the attorneys here replaced his with a regular laptop and dock and he loves it.

I won't, but my wife has. She needed it because she traveled for work and it gave her a much lighter laptop. That said, unless you need it, an IT' guy that I know and trust tells me they are underpowered for the price (sorry Ben) so a regular laptop may be more worth it. It really depends on whether you need the tablet features.

Justin Meyer, Florida

It works for me.

I have a reg laptop and a desktop but I haven't used my laptop in over a year!!

Use the Surface exclusively and it does everything!

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I use a Surface Pro 2 with an external monitor. I love it. I have near identical setups at my office and at home so all I need to do is slide my Surface in wherever I am and I'm good to go. It's more than powerful enough for everything work related I do, even though it's now a few generations behind.

The only things I don't really care for are that it's not great as a laptop because it doesn't have a weighted base and it's got a fairly small screen compared to most laptops. I don't like doing document editing or working with Excel on in it without an external monitor. When this thing eventually bites the dust, I plan to move to a Surface Book, and I think that will address those two problems I have with the Surface.

Noel French, Michigan

I use an iPad to log in remotely to my computer so I can do that. My computer is a large touch screen so it can act as a surface, but I prefer a keyboard and mouse just for familiarity.

Sterling L. DeRamus, Alabama

Does anyone else with the surface pro anything have a problem with an independently jumping cursor? I can be working on something and all of a sudden, the cursor will have jumped to another location on the page and keep typing whatever I'm working on in a new location.

Miriam Jacobson, Pennsylvania

Since there is a touchpad, all of the jumping I have encountered has been due to inadvertent touching of the touchpad. This happens with larger laptops also, but due to decreased size, the effect occurs more with the Surface Pro 3 I have.

Darrell G. Stewart, Texas

You should be able to adjust the sensitivity of the touchpad in Control Panel.

David A. Rubin, Missouri

1. Miriam, I have experienced what you describe below but only when I am in Airplane Mode.
2. I do use my Surface Pro 4 as a standalone laptop, transferring such between my home office and regular office, really no identified issues at all.

Brian Yacker, California

I use a surface book and it's is awesome! I agree that it is overpriced, but I really love it. My laptops always due on me and I think it's because I bang them around. I've dropped this thing from just a foot high several times and it's still working. I recommend it.

Letisha Luecking Orlet

I recently got myself a new laptop and the whole surface line was in contention. As others have said, the main sticking point is the price.

The specs and the price are quite a bit out of sync. That said, the build quality is fantastic, and for those of us who love a well-build, solid feeling machine, it's great to have the surface book as another option in a space dominated by Apple. If you're going to be on the machine all the time, though, the price issue is negligible, and it will be able to do pretty much anything you need.

Christopher Cantrall
