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## Recommended macOS Computers

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The following recommended configurations are for existing and newly purchased Apple computers. We make these recommendations because lesser machines may not work with Brown services and CIS cannot easily support systems that are no longer supported by hardware and software vendors.

As of February, 2020, all purchases of computers owned by the University must comply with Brown's [Computing Purchase Policy](#).

macOS Desktops

### Recommended Desktop Specifications

- Quad-core Intel Core i5 or Intel Core i7
- 16GB RAM
- Retina Display
- 256GB SSD
- Current macOS

### Minimum Desktop Specifications

The **MINIMUM** Service Desk supported specifications for this semester are:

- Intel Core i3
- 4GB RAM
- 128GB storage
- macOS 10.13 High Sierra

### Recommended Apple Desktop Models

#### Mac Mini

Small form factor desktop requires limited desktop space. Assumes the user has monitor and USB keyboard and mouse. Low-cost with limited internal expandability.

- Quad-core Intel Core i3
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD

AppleCare strongly advised for personal purchases

## **iMac**

Power desktop requires minimal desktop space. Ample storage.

- Quad-core Intel Core i5
- 16GB RAM
- 21.5-inch Retina 4K Display
- 256GB SSD

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macOS Laptops

## **Recommended Laptop Specifications**

- Quad-core Intel Core i5 or Intel Core i7
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD
- Current macOS

## **Minimum Laptop Specifications**

The **MINIMUM** Service Desk supported specifications for this semester are:

- Intel Core M
- 4GB RAM
- 128GB storage
- macOS 10.13 High Sierra

## **Recommended Apple Laptop Models**

### **16" MacBook Pro with Touch Bar**

Desktop replacement with widescreen display.

- 16" MacBook Pro
- Quad-core Intel Core i7
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD

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### **13" MacBook Pro**

Low-priced, lightweight, and convenient.

- 13" MacBook Pro
- Quad-core Intel Core i5
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD

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