

Five Best All-In-One Computers

If you're looking for a space-saving, powerful PC, and you either don't want to build or you're buying for someone else, an all-in-one computer is a decent bet. They come with everything you need to get to work, are easy to set up, and can be just as good as traditional desktops. This week, we're looking at five of the best, based on a mix of features, the quality of the included display, bang for your buck, ease of use and setup, or just sleek design and usability. Here they are, in no particular order:

1. Apple 27" iMac with Retina Display



When many people think of all-in-one PCs, they immediately think of Apple's iMac line of computers. At the top of that line right now however is the iMac with Retina Display, it is stunning if you've seen one in person, and of course, comes with OS X Yosemite and Apple's suite of productivity apps for work and home use. 3

Some praise it for being a high-resolution, "5K" display that just "happens to have a computer attached," since most displays with similar resolutions are close to this price on their own, no

computer attached, or a desktop with the same specs will run you a similar price, no monitor attached.

2. Lenovo A740 27"



Lenovo's flagship All-In-One PC starts at \$1600, has a 27" TFT full HD multitouch display at 1920px x 1080px native resolution, an Intel Core i7 processor, 8GB of RAM, a 1TB 5400 RPM HDD and an 8GB SSD, an NVIDIA GeForce GT840A graphics card, built-in webcam, audio, wireless AC, USB 3.0, and more. The hardware options are, like any custom system, upgradable and customizable, so you can add more memory or a different hard drive if you choose, for additional cost. The A740 ships with Windows 8.1, and because it has a touch screen, you can actually make use of Windows 8's Modern UI features. The display arm is also jointed in multiple places, so you can stand it up like a traditional monitor and use the included keyboard and mouse, or you can angle it closer to you to use the touch screen, or you can bend it down like a tablet or a drawing tablet so you can interact with it up close or with a stylus.

3. Dell XPS 27 Touch





The Dell XPS 27 Touch is Dell's flagship all-in-one, starts at \$1600, and is available in a number of different pre-configured builds. All of them feature a 27" IPS touch screen display that runs at 2560px by 1440px natively. Each model comes with an Intel Core i5 or i7 processor, between 8GB or 16GB of RAM depending on what you prefer, and your choice of a 1TB 7200 RPM HDD, or a 2TB 7200 RPM HDD and a 32GB SSD. Graphics-wise you get your choice of Intel HD graphics (in the bottom model) or an NVIDIA GeForce GT 750M. Like most PC all-in-ones, the XPS 27 ships with Windows 8.1, and can make use of the Modern UI thanks to its touch-sensitive display. Keyboard and mouse are included, as are wireless N and Gigabit Ethernet, USB 3.0, and more. Like the Lenovo, the XPS 27's monitor arm can be adjusted so you can use the computer in multiple positions, up close and hands-on with its multi touch display, bent down like a drawing tablet, or just standing up like a standard PC display.

4. System76 Sable Touch





System76 is a manufacturer of pre-built Ubuntu laptops and desktops, and the Sable Touch is their Ubuntu-powered multitouch all-in-one desktop. Starting at \$1000, the Sable Touch is available in both 21.5" and 23.6" models, each TFT panels with a native resolution of 1920px x 1080px. You have your choice of Intel Core i5 or i7 processors, 4GB to 16GB of RAM, your choice of 250GB-750GB 7200RPM HDD or 128GB-1TB SSD, external displays, peripherals, and more. Unlike many AIOs in the roundup, you don't get a keyboard, mouse, or other peripherals with the system—you have to add them at extra cost when you configure your build—but that also helps keep costs down. Almost every part of the build can be customized to some degree, including the version of Ubuntu you get pre-loaded on the system. The Sable Touch also comes with other things you'd expect from an all-in-one, like a built-in webcam, Wi-Fi (AC) and Gigabit Ethernet, and more. It's a good-looking system to boot.

5. Dell XPS 18 Touch



The Dell XPS 18 All-In-One is a bit of a combination of desktop and tablet, although it's certainly more desktop. It starts at \$700 and goes up to \$1300 depending on whether you want a stand (or you want to make do with the built-in kickstand.) Each model packs an 18" IPS touch screen at 1920px x 1080px resolution, your choice of Intel Core i3, i5, or i7 processor, 4GB or 8GB of RAM, the option of 500GB or 1TB 5400 RPM HDDs or a 256GB SSD, all models come with Intel HD 4400 Graphics, Windows 8.1 pre-installed, and an included keyboard and mouse. Each model also includes wireless AC, USB 3.0, a built-in camera, speakers, and more. Perhaps best of all, the system doesn't have to stay mounted on its stand, or even plugged in—you can take it with you and use it on the couch as long as the internal battery holds out, or pack it up and work on the go. It's a remarkably versatile all-in-one that's still running Windows 8.1, so you can work with it like a tablet, use it like a desktop, or switch on the fly depending on what you need to do.



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