Tech Corner: Windows vs. Mac

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Most people know about the so called "battle" between Microsoft Windows and Apple Macintosh, but is the battle between rivaling companies or between the consumers? Microsoft and Apple both produce operating systems so there is bound to be competition. The bigger battle is, arguably, between the consumers of each company.

Users of either Windows or Macintosh are going to favor and talk up their choice because they're using it, but is their argument thought out or mostly biased?

When the subject is brought up, people will usually brag about their choice and trash talk the other, but, most of the time, the person doesn't have information on both options.

There are many more Windows users than Macintosh users. One big reason for this is that Microsoft sells their operating system to most (if not all) computer manufacturing companies such as Dell, HP, Gateway and Asus. Apple, on the other hand, only sells Macintosh on their computers. They also sell the stand-alone operating system but not to computer companies. Some people fall into the "Macs suck" group, but most of these people know nothing about a Mac. I know this because I used to think this way. One day, I watched a video asking viewers about why we think "Macs suck." This video changed my entire outlook on Mac.

When I thought about it, I realized that I didn't have any reason to hate Macs. I fell into the group of people that hated Mac because they heard someone else say "Macs suck." After watching the video, I started doing research on Apple Macs, and, it turns out, they are really great computers. I had previously planned on making a custom Windows machine, but instead I purchased a Mac computer.

The current Apple operating system is Mac OSX Snow Leopard. OSX (pronounced O-S-10) runs just as smooth if not better than Windows 7. I have used OSX as well as Windows 7, and they both run great. Although they are different, both are very easy to pick up and use. Windows 7 is Microsoft's newest operating system and is a huge improvement on Windows Vista. Windows 7 has less glitches, runs smoother and includes many new features compared to Vista.

I haven't been able to take full advantage of Windows 7 because I don't own it, but, compared to XP and Vista, I think OSX is far superior.

I have been using my Mac since June. At first, I was running both of my computers simultaneously, but now I have transitioned to using just my Mac computer. Currently, I prefer Mac to Windows, but I could be biased because I don't own a Windows 7 computer. I have owned one Mac and multiple Windows computers.

All in all, both Windows and Mac are great operating systems. If you're planning on buying a computer and have some money, I definitely recommend looking into a Mac. There is also Linux but that's for another time.