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If you would still bring a laptop into the classroom, what is the reason associated with your preference?

1. I am the baseball coach so my classroom is the field. I'm not sure my responses can be in-line with those who need to be interviewed for this survey.
2. Convenience
3. Familiar machine, pre-set preferences
4. I use a tablet PC laptop so that I can use the pen to draw diagrams, write examples, highlight stuff
5. Interactively etc. directly on my laptop. Tablet PC eliminates the need for the whiteboard (which BTW are rendered inaccessible by the projector screens in many classrooms!)
6. I have what I need already set up on it.
7. Windows sucks
8. On occasion since the classroom technology does not have a monitor for me to view--that is, I spend a lot of time having to look back at the screen as notes for my presentation.
9. It depends on the computer in the room. As they are currently set up, the rooms I'm working in only have the projector for a screen so anything I see the students see. I would find it very useful to be able to see some things that students do not see. In addition, I have ALL SORTS OF COMPATIBILITY ISSUES IN TRYING TO SHOW VIDEO CLIPS ON THE UNIVERSITY COMPUTERS. Every time I figure out the university computers and how to show my digital video clips embedded in PowerPoint, the computer gets reconfigured and then it doesn't work anymore. Either it consumes too much of my time or it doesn't look polished when I use the computers in the classroom.
10. Smart classrooms do not have a monitor so that I can face the students while able to see the slides.
11. If the classroom computer is not a Macintosh which I prefer
12. Certainty that it works as I want it to
13. The material I need for lectures is stored on my laptop.
14. As a backup

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15. I bring it when it is much faster than the computer in the room
16. Unique software loaded on my own laptop.
17. Media presentation
18. Less file transfers between machines. No doubts about compatibility.
19. I like my own.
20. I would know that the laptop is fully capable of my needs.
21. Easy access to my class materials
22. I like to use a Mac.
23. All my information is on my laptop & makes it easier than caring a flash drive with me to classes.
24. So that I could easily access the information I have on my laptop
25. I prefer the Mac environment.
26. I would feel more comfortable with my own computer
27. I'm a Mac user.
28. I refer to a lot of material that is on my own computer
29. Familiar with my personal laptop interface; if had personal screen in classroom to watch (as in lecture stand, e.g.) could use the university computers comfortably in the classroom; am uncomfortable having to watch for myself on the pull down screen
30. I think all classrooms should be the smart ones and no need to bring any additional computer or device.
31. Classroom computers do not contain latest clicker software.
32. It's easier/simpler.
33. Easy to access data and resources
34. Many of the applications from online sources don't work well with the classroom computers due to restrictions on who can download software, programs, etc. I have control of what's on my computer and can make sure it works before

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subjecting the entire class to it. Tech savvy students love technology but get frustrated quickly if it doesn't work.

35. The classroom computers are not properly networked, such that I do not have instant access to the files that I need. Bringing a portable storage device (memory stick) does not alleviate the problem, as I do not want to spend the necessary time downloading my entire hard drive each night before class.
36. I use Tablet pc
37. There are software applications that I use in my demos
38. I wouldn't always bring it but I might not always have everything on a thumb drive by the time class started
39. It is PC Tablet
40. I have my personal presentations stored on it and I wouldn't want them on a shared classroom computer. It's a control issue!
41. I don't trust the equipment ... too often it is not working properly (sometimes this is because it is not properly maintained and sometimes this is because of careless behavior on the part of other instructors. People have surprisingly little respect for the equipment.
42. Know the system, have files loaded.
43. I have all my lecture data on my computer. I don't have time to do the research at the University to prepare my lectures.
44. I don't trust a computer that I am not familiar with.
45. All presentations, supporting data, and class assignments are at my fingertips.
46. I have many stored examples of converted audio and video clips that I access depending on classroom interaction. Additionally, I have specialized software installed (e.g., digital pen) on the laptop that is not typical on classroom computers.
47. Assurance that it works and has the software I need.
48. I like to keep everything in one place, on my laptop. I suppose I might download my presentation onto a USB drive if there was a computer available-- I just have never experienced that.

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49. Unique settings/features on my own laptop that I want to be able to access.
50. Personally owned software, bookmarks, fonts, etc. for presentations.
51. N/A
52. The computer in my office is not connected/nor is there any wireless technology to connect to the computer in the classroom. It is also very difficult to see the board and what you doing on the computer at the same time.
53. Comfort and familiarity with programs on my laptop
54. my computer has a faster CPU.
55. X
56. There is no computer that is easy to use in the classrooms
57. I know whatever program I want to run will work on my computer and present graphics, etc., properly. I do not want to waste time making sure the classroom computer functions properly.
58. Power-point presentations
59. I've downloaded the material I want to use onto it.
60. Faster and more dependable
61. Reliability
62. Control of content and flexibility to access anything on own computer.
63. Just familiarity and security that everything will work just as I planned/practiced it before class.
64. Using a familiar machine
65. Classroom computers do not work well
66. I prefer a Mac instead of a PC.
67. Classroom laptop is slow and old.
68. To have another computer for students to access the web; to access my class or student-related records.

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69. Software

70. I have a MacBook Pro Media files do not transfer well to Windows. The machines usually go into setups when I want to present material. If media were transferable and the windows wouldn't interrupt my lecture with setup routines I would use both my laptop and the windows machine in the room. In Oviatt 25 I had a good result with two computers Spring 2008. The switch on the console allowed quick change from computer to computer. Faster than going between programs on a single computer. I used the Windows machine to show study questions in word or adobe viewer and on my laptop I had Powerpoint presentations with embedded video and audio files. Sierra Hall 234, 203 and 265 do not allow rapid switching between the built in computer and my laptop. If they did allow rapid switching, I would use both.

71. To bring up contemporary cultural information, especially videos.

72. TWO REASONS: 1. So, I can do last minute editing of my PowerPoint presentation and then show it immediately in class without having to first save in on a thumbdrive and then connect the thumbdrive to the classroom computer. 2. I am a Macintosh user and I want to make sure that the PowerPoint slides that I make appear EXACTLY as I created them rather than in some bastardized PCed version (as sometimes happens).

73. Too many bugs and incompatibility in the shared computer.

(1) Access to a multitude of media files (for demonstration purposes), (2) familiarity with computer operation and control setup, and (3) assurance that the computer will function properly each time.

74. I have brought mine when I only have a mac, I am used to pc

75. It has the programs I need to use installed

76. Software and technology not available in the classroom; software and technology in classroom is several years old and not currently used in the professional environment

77. It is set up and ready to go. i.e. faster start up time.

1) Data stored on the C Drive. 2) Knowing it would work.

78. Sometimes the files are too large or the software is incompatible. PC to MAC

79. N/Applicable

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80. I know that my software interfaces exactly with my computer. And that it can be hooked into anything we have.
81. I know how to connect it to the projector.
82. All my lessons and files are organized on my computer
83. na
84. Sometime I have applications on my laptop that I need to demonstrate that are not available in the smart classroom.
85. the computer in the class sometimes has some problems/issue
86. Often the machine does not work.
87. Work at home
88. I think that laptops are critical today - but I do not own one. If the college supplied one - I would use it
89. I would bring in a computer as a back up.
90. I work fully online - so this question and the two above don't make a lot of sense in my case.
91. I can control the configuration of software. I run many simulations in lectures that I write myself using advanced 3D graphics APIs and development IDEs. I need to configure display settings. University configured systems are crippled in their capabilities.
92. My files/folders/notes are on my personal laptop
93. Since I make all my own lectures on a MacIntosh computer, I prefer to carry my computer with me to avoid any network errors in accessing my lectures and to avoid any re-formatting changes in moving from Mac to PC.
94. Have my power point presentations
95. Another question to ask might be, if you do not bring a laptop to class, why not? I do not bring the laptop because in some of the room it is just too much of a hassle to get the computer hooked up, etc.
96. Multiple files and resources are readily accessible on my laptop, with a jump drive the potential to forget a resource or bring one up based on student

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question plus the hassle of moving files makes it inconvenient to use existing computer in the room

97. I can quickly find what I want.
98. Simpler to simply hook in my own computer rather than move files to another one.
99. File size and graphics capability not present on the classroom machine
100. If it is not my department's lab where I know the equipment, I would bring a laptop
101. Access to personal files and security of files
102. The system doesn't work and there isn't much support
103. To better demonstrate examples and to show students how to access information
104. Convenience over transferring presentation material to a thumb drive; greater instructional flexibility than available on thumb drive; greater assurance that my laptop will be working compared to computer available to all classroom instructors (this is a strong preference based upon many years of experience of lack of sufficient budget for repair and maintenance of technology shared by many users and lack of responsibility by some users to care for shared technology properly)
105. I have to bring it to run the clicker software. If the clicker software could be installed on all classroom computers and "linked" somehow to a faculty account where results would be automatically logged, THAT would be progress.
106. My own software configured the way I want it.
107. Generally I find that campuses use PC's that may be incompatible with my Mac files and so I bring my MAC laptop with me to avoid any issues.
108. Some applications are only available on my older Mac. Also, familiarity.
109. I create so much material (powerpoint, videos, podcast, blogs, webisodes) and it's loaded in my own computer - to transfer it would take too much time. Also, many programs I need may not be available in a classroom provided computer
110. Information on my laptop

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111. To be sure I have everything I might need.
112. Sometimes I have class members work on internet-cased projects in class. I participate in these activities, and don't want my participation projected on the screen.
113. I know its configuration and software capabilities, and can match my presentation to it precisely.
114. Powerpoint?
115. Need a variety of files and applications from my computer.
116. Licensed software on the laptop
117. I can preload software on the laptop. It is the same model as the computers in the class.
118. i use many videos that are embedded into my presentations. i want access to all my course files during class. Bringing all this on a flash drive is more of a hassle.
119. Software programs I run may not match and therefore not look the same (ex Powerpoint)
120. This does not refer to the above question but to number 11. I WOULD use more technology if our classrooms had a computer.... DVD players etc. We have very few available in the music department
121. My files and programs are on the computer
122. One should always have a backup.
123. Easier to find and use what I need
124. Better access to online web based programs
125. Bring my own as a back up
126. There are NO computers in smart rooms, at least in none of the smart classrooms I'm familiar with. Having computers in the classrooms would be VERY helpful.
127. 1) Powerpoint created on my MAC laptop 2) can't rely on university technology

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128. It is an Apple
129. I used to bring my computer because of some Mac-to-PC conversion problems, but I think I've gotten all those bugs worked out.
130. Many reasons: 1) I play videos that are on my computer and it is too difficult to link them to PPT presentations on the desktop in the classroom. 2) I like to be able to have a screen in front of me to refer to rather than turning backwards to see the PPT. 3) I have a mac and fonts/pictures/videos do not work on the desktop computer in the classroom.
131. Some classrooms have a computer, but not necessarily the software I want to use, like Minitab or Matlab. So I need my laptop.
132. My computer has everything I need. And the computers usually lack the software and lack power in graphics that would help me with my lectures.
133. Ability to customize and prepare graphic and rich media
134. Faculty in social and behavioral sciences are not allowed to have a university laptop as an office machine. Some university software is not available for personal laptops. Stupid policy!
135. My data
136. Because it connects to a projector I use for class presentations and demonstrations. The lab computer connects to a big-screen TV attached to the wall in the front of the classroom. However, the TV is difficult to see from the back of the class, so I project onto a sidewall where I have more control over the images.
137. I prefer Macs.
138. Sometimes the borrowed computer does not always work.
139. I bring a laptop (my personal laptop) for my own use, and sometimes the computer does not meet my needs, however, it is difficult to connect my laptop to the projector/speakers for use. Access to input jacks is limited.
140. I can't trust that the equipment in the classroom will be up-to-date enough. I'm a control freak, and I want to make sure that everything works smoothly.

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141. I do still bring a laptop from time to time depending on the complexity of the graphics I am presenting and whether the classroom computer is working properly...
1. Easier to use, 2. can put files on before, 3. doesn't go into standby mode and have to log back in, 4. can take files back to office without having to load onto flash drive
142. Use my software
143. Couldn't hook up computer to existing technology in classroom-- easier to use outside laptop with LCD projector
144. Usually I use PowerPoint, so would prefer that the layout (fonts, etc.) is maintained which is usually more likely on my laptop vs a classroom computer/college loaned laptop. But, I do hate lugging my laptop to campus.
145. N/A
146. Sometimes I use special software ...but i hope that in the future i can put everything on the browser level
147. Files already on the computer; access other files I might need during class
148. I wouldn't if the class had a computer
149. Easy access to programs
150. I like to keep my stuff on my computer.
151. I have specialized software installed.
152. I could prepare material at home.
153. I wish all the rooms had computers so that neither myself nor my students doing presentations would have to worry about whether or not we have the correct cables.
154. I use a tablet PC so that I can write on my powerpoints as I give them and then post them online. But if I didn't have that special need, I would greatly prefer using an in class computer rather than my laptop.
155. It depends on the room. In the past, the classroom computers have been old, slow or functioning poorly. The 2, department run, smart rooms I have used lately have been fine.

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156. I can control the software and settings and generally classroom laptops will not have the specialized software I would need (like Mathematica) or to demonstrate (like latex editors)
157. Control over, and mobility of, program settings, presentation files, data files, clicker session results, spss output, student records, etc.
158. The ease of having programs I use at my disposal. for example I have the most current edition of Power Point and the University computers I have seen do not, so by bringing my own computer I don't have to worry about compatibility. It would be nice if the University had the most current software.
159. One might prefer their own laptop, for example, if they were a Mac user, or had special programs not common to university computers...
160. My settings, my bookmarks
161. To avoid the time it takes to upload my presentation.
162. I use a MAC, and I like to have a monitor. When I use PowerPoint, I can't have a 'Notes' screen if I use the classroom computer.
163. There are too many basic programs that are not installed--R, Google Earth, Apple iTunes. Also, I cannot wait forever for centralized or decentralized staff to "fix" various incompatibilities, such as updating Adobe Reader or installing SPSS. Also, I often don't want to use a PC--I often use a Mac. Curiously, this matches the trend in student use also, even in the College of Business/Economics!
164. I have all of my lectures and lab experiments on my laptop. Also, I like carrying my class rosters and graded assignments wherever I teach and go.
165. I have the latest technology on my computer and all my resources (i.e., PowerPoint presentations, etc.) readily available. I am also more comfortable with my own laptop.
166. The classroom Computer is not always in a good working condition.
167. My answer to 9 should really be maybe. I would still take my own laptop if the computer provided was not up to standard in terms of speed or available software.
168. If I want to connect to bookmarked websites.

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- 169. Cannot always count on the current computers available in classrooms
- 170. So that I know my presentation will work correctly, mac vs. pc issues, have access to additional data
- 171. The computer interface is set differently - I know my own laptop better.
- 172. I know my equipment and I have my classroom work downloaded on it.
- 173. I keep many needed files on my laptop, which allows me to access them easily on the fly.
- 174. As a backup in case there were issues with classroom computer
- 175. I use a Mac and the platforms in the classrooms are PC
- 176. Presentation program I use is not PowerPoint 2. Guaranteed that the media I present will work (i.e. video clips, sound clips) 3. I use a mac and the classrooms are always pc 4. Other software for demonstration not available on class computer
- 177. Software, software update, plug-ins, etc. Very few computers in the classroom are well updated so I'm confident I can open any file and have software that can use it.
- 178. I know how to use and don't want to learn the other computer's idiosyncrasies.
- 179. If I have my own laptop on which I develop my lecture material, I would bring it so I don't have to keep transferring files.
- 180. I'd be able to have access to more files than will fit on a memory stick.
- 181. I would not know if I had access to the computer immediately.
- 182. Don't have any faith in University equipment.
- 183. When I have, connections are spotty - cables missing etc.