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## THE IDEAL LAPTOP FOR YOU

Whether you're looking for a budget laptop, a workhorse that will last you a day without a hitch, a ultra slim flexible notebook that can do complicated yoga poses, or even an over-the-top fire-breathing gaming machine to replace your heater when winter comes, there is something here for you. All of the listed laptops below are available locally at prices near-about the ones listed.

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### GAMING OVERKILL ASUS ROG GX800VH

Price: 615,000tk  
CPU: Intel Core i7 7820HK processor (8M Cache, 2.90 GHz up to 3.90 GHz)  
RAM: 64GB DDR4 2800MHz  
Storage: 1536GB SSD  
Display: 18.4" w/ G-Sync  
Resolution: 3840 x 2160  
GPU: 2x NVIDIA GTX 1080 8GB SLI  
Ports: 3x USB 3.0, 1x USB-C w/ Thunderbolt, 1x HDMI, 1x mini-DisplayPort  
Battery: 74 Whr 8-cell battery  
RGB backlit mechanical keyboard w/ ROG Aura

You read that price right, and the specs as well. If you're wondering how two full-size GTX 1080s in SLI can stay cool inside a laptop when gaming at 4K resolution, they can't. You'll need to hook up the external liquid-cooling dock to unlock the GX800's full potential to desktop levels of performance. The specs at first glance question if this is actually a compact desktop or a notebook, as the battery life barely scrapes past an hour



and a half. It should be considered as a backup power source when there is a power cut rather than being a means of powering the notebook on-the-go. The GX800 is more of an engineering masterpiece than an actual gaming machine, but it surely is capable at doing what it's designed for.



### GREAT FOR A BIT OF EVERYTHING ASUS X556UQ

Price: 64,500tk  
CPU: Intel Core i7-7500U processor (4M Cache, 2.7 GHz up to 3.50 GHz)  
RAM: 8GB DDR4  
Storage: 2TB HDD  
Display: 15.6"  
Resolution: 1920 x 1080  
GPU: NVIDIA GeForce 940MX 2GB  
Ports: 1x HDMI, 1x USB 2.0, 2x USB 3.0  
Battery: 44 Whr 4-cell battery

As you already might have figured out in life, almost everything good comes with even the tiniest pinch of bad to balance it out. To your surprise, this all-rounder from Asus compromises very little when it comes to the specs sheet, namely, the screen. Although a 1080p unit, the screen falls behind in the brightness and contrast department, but other than that has brilliant performance figures to back its price tag. The seventh gen Core i7 processor combined the GT940 GPU will let you to play most 2015-16 games on high settings as well as newer titles at medium to low settings with decent fps. One tip to keep in mind before buying that the X556 series come in a plethora of options, from i3 models to ones with only a 512GB SSD instead of an HDD, but all have a dedicated GPU. We suggest the model with the specs listed above for a balance in all departments.

### THE ONE WITH THE TRICKS HP SPECTRE X360

Price: 124,700tk  
CPU: Intel Core i7-7500U processor (4M Cache, 2.80 GHz up to 3.50 GHz)  
RAM: 8GB DDR3 1866MHz  
Storage: 256GB M.2 SSD  
Display: 13.3" WLED  
Resolution: 1920 x 1080  
GPU: Intel HD Graphics 620  
Ports: 1x USB 3.1, 2x USB-C w/ Thunderbolt support.  
Battery: 57.8 Whr 3-cell

The 2-in-1 form factor has become quite popular in the recent years and manufacturers are justifying their high prices with matching specs. These notebooks have proven to be the best at media consumption as they eliminate the need for something on the lines of a tablet for media consumption and another separate device for when it comes to getting work done. The Spectre x360 is our pick for this segment with the beautiful slim styling and great battery life being the key pros. If you're looking for a budget convertible, you should be looking at the entry-level Lenovo Yoga series instead. If you're looking for a beautiful display paired with excellent specs and long-lasting battery in a slim, modern chassis, this absolutely lives upto its price tag.



### FOR THE CREATIVES AND OCCASIONAL GAMERS MSI GE62VR 7RF APACHE PRO

Price: 140,000tk  
CPU: Intel Core i7-7700HQ processor (6M Cache, 2.80 GHz up to 3.80 GHz)  
RAM: 16GB DDR4 2400MHz  
Storage: 256GB SSD and 1TB 7200 RPM HDD  
Display: 15.6" IPS  
Resolution: 1920 x 1080  
GPU: NVIDIA GTX 1060 6GB  
Ports: 1x USB 2.0, 2x USB 3.0, 1x USB-C, 1x HDMI, 1x mini-DisplayPort  
Battery: 51 Whr 6-cell battery  
RGB backlit keyboard by SteelSeries

Notebooks are not the first choice for photo and video editors, since you can get a lot more for the buck if you're building a desktop PC. But if you want to survive in this traffic-laden country, you will need to spend some big bucks to get some serious work done on-the-go. The GE62 comes with a full-size GTX1060 with the seventh gen Core i7 and 16GB of DDR4 memory, making it stellar for demanding tasks like video editing. This particular model is a happy medium in MSI's lineup of gaming/production notebooks; the GP62 is a slightly lower specced version with a GTX1050Ti and 8GB of RAM, and the GF73 has a massive 17.3" FHD display with the same specs as the GE62. If you are able to shell out some more for a higher resolution display, you should be heading towards the Dell XPS 15 but if you want stellar all-round performance and reliability, the latest MacBook Pro is what you should be looking at.

### BUDGET UTILITARIAN ACER ASPIRE E5-575G

Price: 36,000tk  
CPU: Intel Core i3-6006U processor (3M Cache, 2.00 GHz)  
RAM: 4GB DDR4  
Storage: 1TB HDD  
Display: 15.6"  
Resolution: 1366 x 768  
GPU: Nvidia 940MX 2GB  
Ports: 1x HDMI, 1x USB 2.0, 2x USB 3.0  
Battery: 44 Whr 4-cell battery

If you have looked up sub-\$400 notebooks online, the Acer E5-575 series has surely popped up as the top suggestion almost everywhere, and for good reason as well. Although it may be one of the heftier alternatives in this price bracket, the Aspire E5-575 delivers solid performance for the uber-cheap price tag. It looks alright, has a very impressive battery life, comes with a great selection of ports and most importantly, comes with a dedicated GPU allowing for some light gaming on the go.



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