

Apple Declares No More Ports

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Apple reveals a new MacBook at its ["Spring Forward" event](#), a thinner and lighter notebook featuring an industry first-- a single USB Type-C connector on the left side replacing all other ports.



The USB Type-C connector handles data transfer, video out and charging duties. In fact, the only notebook's only other port is a humble headphone jack on the right. Apple might as well have declared "no more ports!"

Then again, since USB Type-C is still to become an industry staple customers will still need further connectivity, and while they can use wireless options (specifically 802.11ac wifi and Bluetooth) Apple already offers two adapter options-- one featuring VGA and the other HDMI, as well as a regular USB 3.0 port.

In further details, the notebook is 13.1mm thin, 0.9kg heavy, and features 12-inch Retina (2304x1440) display, all-metal construction and a redesigned keyboard complete with new "butterfly" switches. The pressure-sensitive "Force Touch" touchpad is another novelty addition, as uses light and deep presses (the same gestures used on the Apple Watch, non-coincidentally) instead of left/right clicks.

In another Apple first the new MacBook is fanless and powered by an Intel Core M CP, making it more akin to a low-power Chromebook-- if a premium number complete with a custom-designed battery promising up to 9 hours of web browsing on a single charge. Oh, and it's recyclable.

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It ships from April 2015 together with upgraded versions of the MacBook Air and MacBook Pro featuring 5th gen Intel Core processors, Thunderbolt 2 connectors and Force Touch trackpads.

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