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iPad Air
Connection options: Wifi, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon.
Memory: 16 GB, 32 GB, 64 GB, 128 GB.
Price range: $499 - $929.
Operating system: iOS7.
Notes: Faster processor than the iPad 3 & 4. Similar to 4th Gen iPad, but smaller and lighter.
Older versions: iPad 2 is still available ($399-$529, 16G only, Wifi, AT&T, and Verizon only).
Extra memory: No extra slots.
Bottom line: Versatile and easy to set up.

iPad Mini with Retina Display
Connection options: Wifi, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon.
Memory: 16 GB, 32 GB, 64 GB, 128 GB.
Price range: $399-$829.
Operating system: iOS7.
Notes: Faster processor than the original iPad Mini.
Older versions: Original iPad Mini without Retina available ($299-$499, 16G only, Wifi, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon).
Extra memory: No extra slots.
Bottom line: Great if you want a smaller tablet.

Compare iPads: http://store.apple.com/us/ipad/compare
**Microsoft Surface 2**

Memory: 32 GB, 64 GB.
Price range: $449-$549.
Operating system: Runs Windows RT.
Notes: Includes Office 2013 RT; can store files using Windows folders.

Other versions: The original Surface still available. The more expensive Surface Pro 2 runs Windows 8.1 and comes with a stylus. A mini version is expected in 2014.
Extra memory: USB port.
**Bottom line:** Because it comes with Office, it’s ready to go almost right out of the box.

**Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 (10.1”)**

Options: This version is wifi only; other Samsung tablets use Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, AT&T.
Memory: 16G; add up to 64GB with a Micro SD card.
Price range: $359.99 (other Samsung tablets run to $599.99).
Operating System: Android.
Other versions: Samsung Galaxy 2 (for cellular access); Samsung Galaxy Note (more powerful and includes stylus).
Extra memory: Micro USB, Micro SD.

**Bottom line:** A solid, basic tablet.

Compare the Air, Surface, and Galaxy Note: [http://goo.gl/9HrNrb](http://goo.gl/9HrNrb)