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Current State of the Mac Version

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With the game on sale, I'm considering buying the Mac version for my laptop.

The thing is, I already bought the PC version for my laptop years ago. I have a Macbook, but I heard the Mac version wasn't as good, so I used Bootcamp to partition the HD and run Windows to install the game. And it works decently well on low settings.

But its a hassle to restart in Windows every time to log on, and I can't tab out and access my other files. So I thought to get the Mac version while its on sale. However my laptop specs are below the System Requirements, particularly the graphics card. So my question is, is the Mac version still considered broken/inferior?

Is there any reason to think my laptop would run the Mac version of the game any worse than it does the PC version?

Macbook Pro 13 inch 2017, 3.5 GHz Intel i7



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Have you tried XIV on Mac? <https://www.xivmac.com/>

I bought Mac first and then later PC so I haven't played with this. But supposedly you can use the PC license via XIV on Mac without having to buy the Mac license.

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Playing with their client is way better than the official launcher.

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I haven't heard of that, thanks for passing it along!

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If you want to run this on a Mac, you're far better off getting an M1 or M2 Mac. Intel Macs suffer from performance issues related and are just plain old machines. You can also use XIV on Mac which reuses your Windows license so you don't have to buy the game again.

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I've been playing on a Mac for the past 8 months or so* and the Mac version seems to have few issues so far (controller support is one of the very few problems I've had), SE has been mostly great about updating it in a timely fashion when new versions of OSX are released, and supporting the M1&2 chips. So playing with the Mac client may be worth considering.

* the game runs mostly well for me with middling settings, but my system has a 3.6 GHz 8-Core i, Radeon 580X with 72 GB of ram, so that helps a bit.



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I take it all back! After upgrading to Sonoma for work compatibility, ffxiv broke and is effectively unplayable. SE seems to be working on a Sonoma update to the client, but who knows when it will release. :(

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Don't buy the mac version.

Instead, I highly recommend getting the regular windows version and using [xivmac](#). It performs far better than the official Mac version.

For info - ffxiv doesn't have a native macOS client; it runs under the Windows emulation layer.

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Windows version so you can test that without buying an extra licence. However, neither the official client nor XivOnMac support Iris Plus, although sometimes I see posts saying XivOnMac works so it's still worth trying. Only the Windows client running on Windows is known to work reliably. You can run them side-by-side for a while and see how it goes.

When you upgrade to an Apple Silicon laptop then you don't need to worry about this as XivOnMac works well on this.

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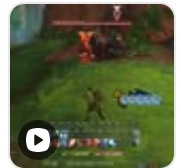
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