**Don’t know your ultra portable from your netbook?**

*A quick guide to understanding the difference between notebooks, netbooks, ultra-portables and ultra-mobile PCs*

A **notebook** is a mobile computer with a full sized keyboard and a flip up monitor. It does have space for built in optical disk drives. These computers are considered “full featured”.

A **tablet PC** is a mobile computer with a full sized keyboard. It has a monitor that can be opened and then twisted around to lie flat on the keyboard with the screen pointing up. The monitor can then be written on. A touch sensitive layer in the monitor allows hand writing to be captured and stored.

An **ultra portable notebook** is smaller than notebooks but larger than handheld computers. It often has smaller-sized screens, less than 13-inches and weighs less than typical notebooks, usually less than 2kg. The savings in size and weight are usually achieved by having removable media or optical disc drives. Many can be paired with docking stations to compensate.

A **netbook** or mini PC is a mobile computer with a keyboard smaller than full size (some are less than half the size) and a flip up monitor. They typically have a screen size of less than 10-inches and their hardware is quite basic. They’re suited to web surfing and using productivity software like MS Word. Netbooks are ideal for people who only need to do simple tasks, want something that’s highly portable or very cost effective, and do not mind the small size of the screen and keyboard.

**How big is 10.1”?**

10.1” = roughly **A5** paper size

14.3” = roughly **A4** paper size

20.2” = roughly **A3** paper size