Is It Finally Fast Enough? New Advances in Computing Hardware

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Apple M1 Apple M1 Pro & M1 Max Intel 12th-gen Core (Alder Lake) Google Tensor Framework

Apple's CPU History

1984: Motorola 68000

1994: PowerPC

2001: ARM iPod

2003: 64-bit



2007: ARM iPhone

2020: M1

2021: M1 Pro & M1 Max



2020-06-22: Apple announces Mac switch to M1

2020-11-10: Apple announces M1 inside new MacBook Air, 13" MacBook Pro, & Mac mini

2021-04-20: Apple annou 11" & 12.9" iPad Pro

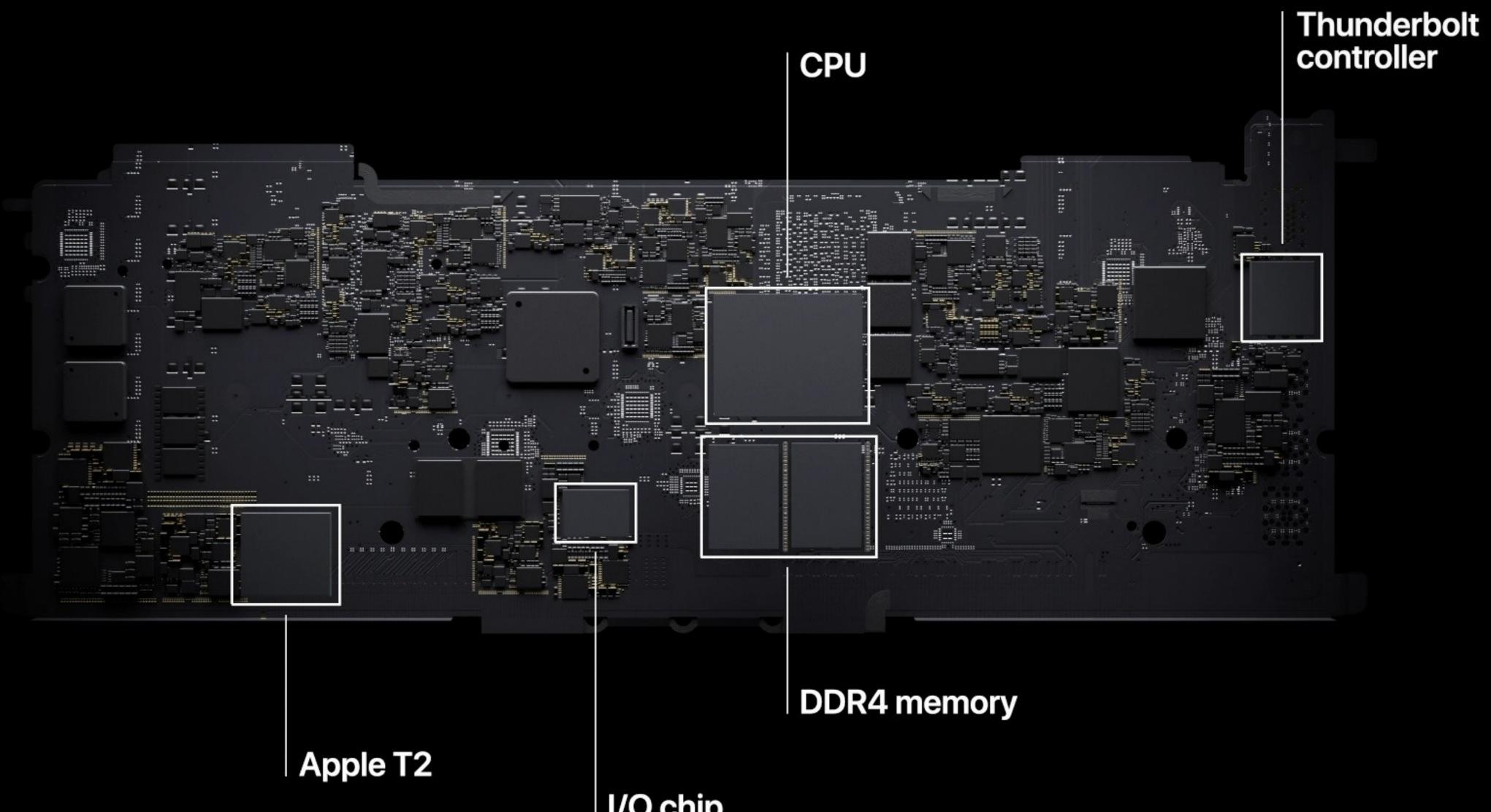
2021-10-18: Apple announces M1 Pro & M1 Max inside MacBook Pro 14" & 16"

2021-04-20: Apple announces M1 inside 24" iMac, &



two years to complete"

Apple: "The transition to Apple silicon will take about



I/O chip

Why the movement towards SoCs?

batteries

Expertise developed from mobile can be applied to desktops & laptops as well

Needed for smartphones: saves space, \downarrow power, & \uparrow

"A system on a chip (SoC; es-oh-SEE or sock) is an integrated circuit (also known as a 'chip') that integrates all or most components of a computer or other electronic system. These components almost always include a central processing unit (CPU), memory, input/output ports and secondary storage, often alongside other components such as radio modems and a graphics processing unit (GPU) – all on a single substrate or microchip." —Wikipedia

"It features the world's fastest CPU core in low-power silicon, the world's best CPU performance per watt, the world's fastest integrated graphics in a personal computer...

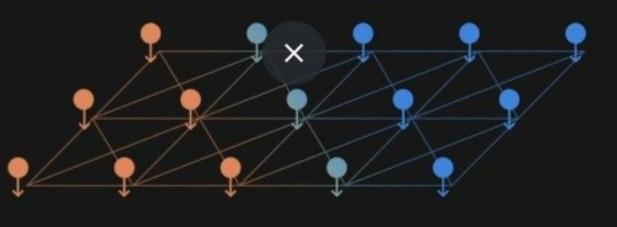
...up to 3.5× faster CPU performance, up to 6× faster GPU performance, and up to 15× faster machine learning, all while enabling battery life up to 2× longer than previous-generation Macs" —Apple, November 10, 2020

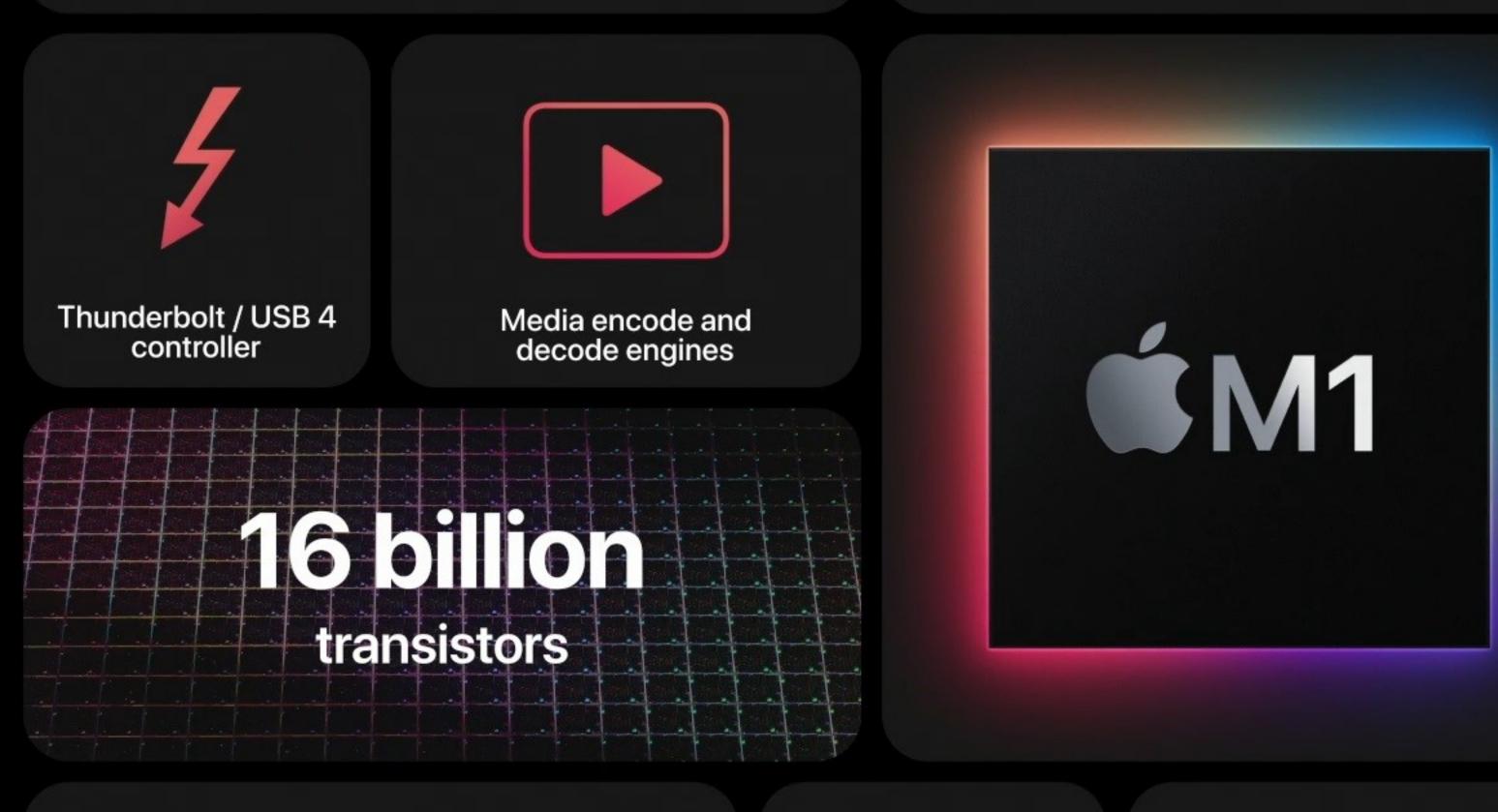


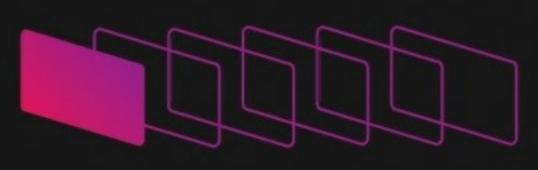
1st PC chip built using 5nanometer process technology

16 billion transistors

5 nanometer process







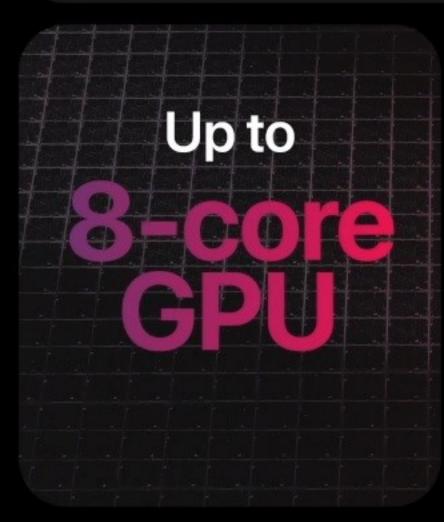
Advanced image signal processor

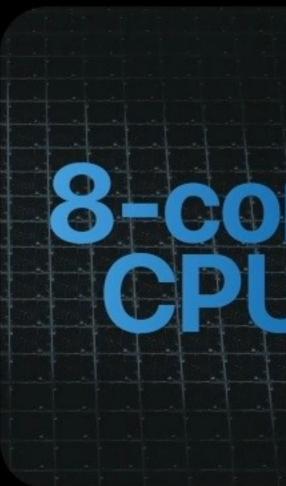
Secure Enclave

Machine learning accelerators

16-core Neural

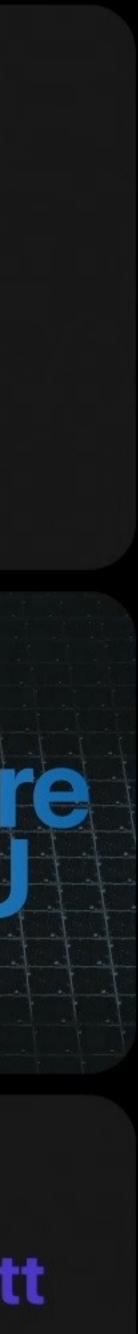
11 trillion operations per second





Industry-leading performance per watt

Unified memory architecture



Advanced power management

High-bandwidth

Cryptography

acceleration

caches

High-efficiency CPU cores

CPU cores

Advanced display engine

Always-on processor

High-performance unified memory

Machine learning accelerators

High-quality image signal processor

Low-power design

High-performance



Low-power video playback

High-performance GPU

High-performance video editing

Neural Engine

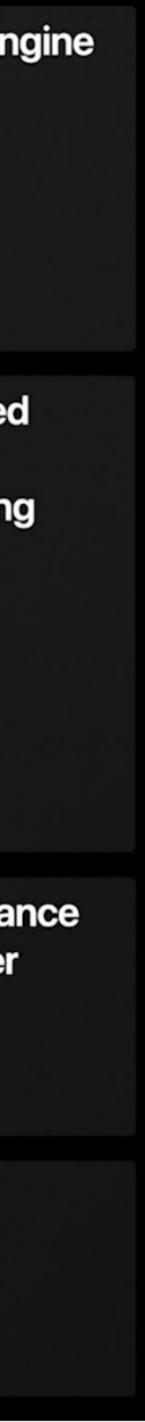
Advanced silicon packaging

Performance controller

High-performance storage

High-efficiency audio processor

Secure Enclave



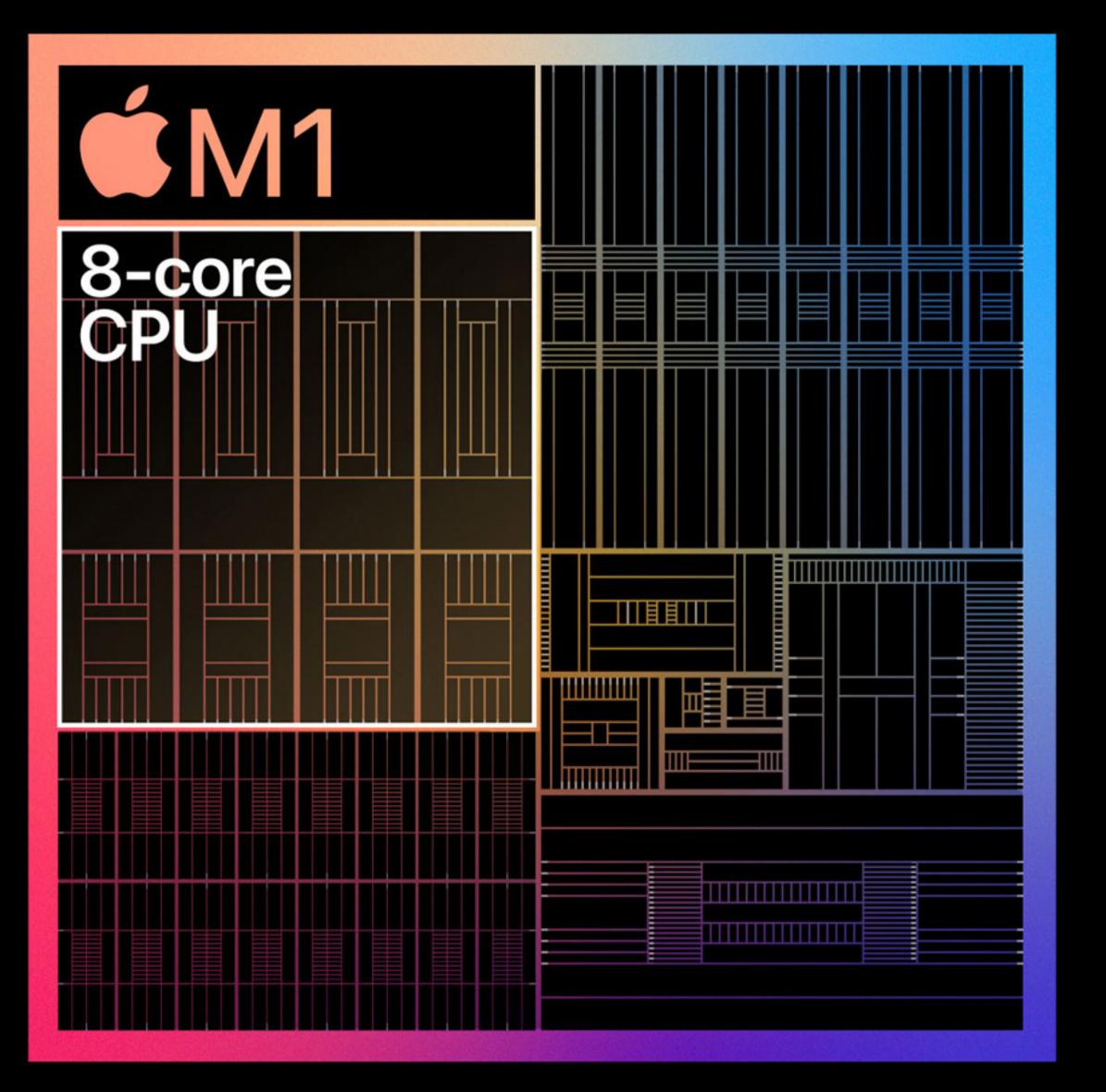
8-core CPU

The highest-performance CPU we've ever built.

Up to

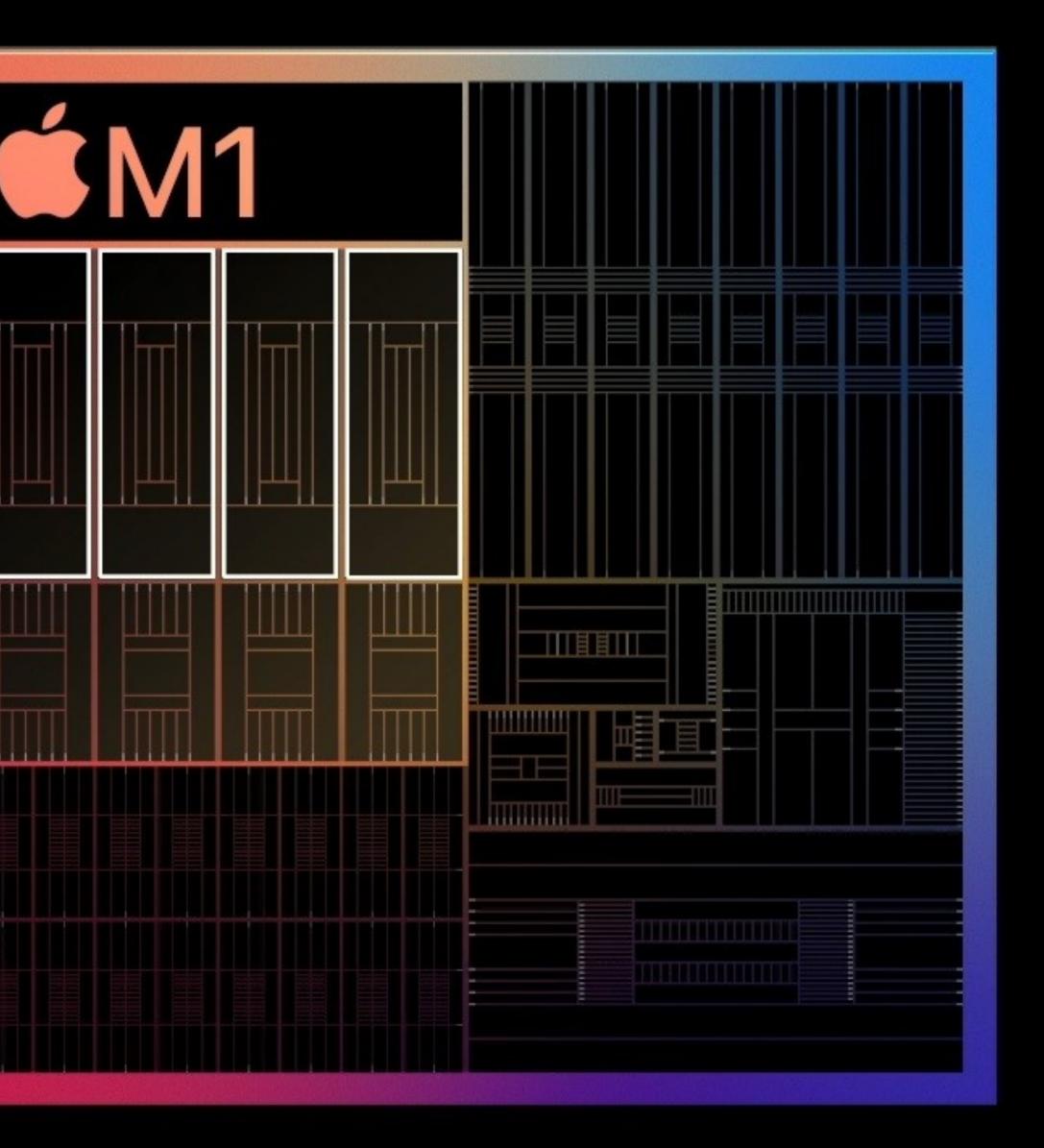


faster CPU performance¹



4 high-performance cores

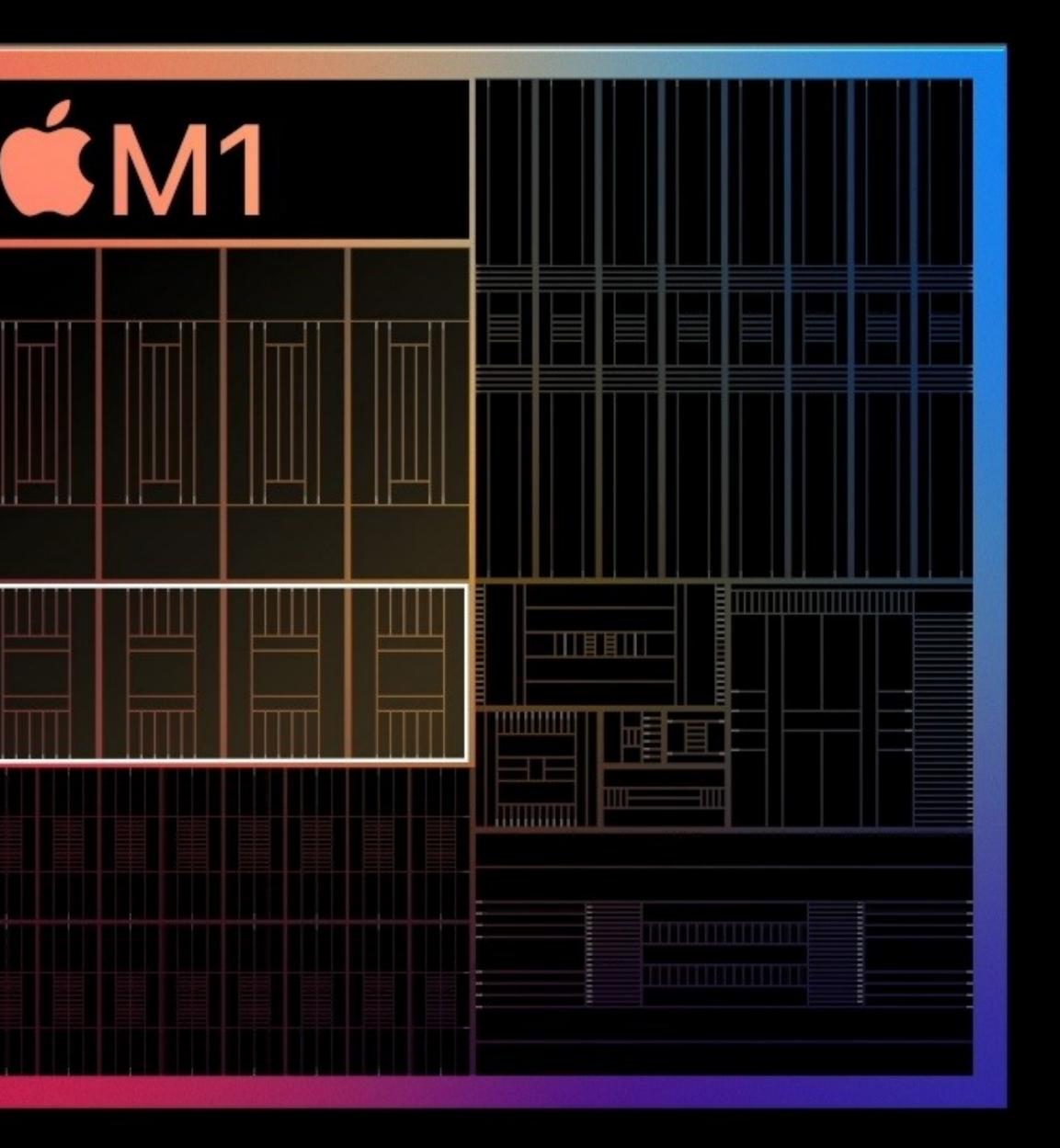
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4 high-efficiency cores

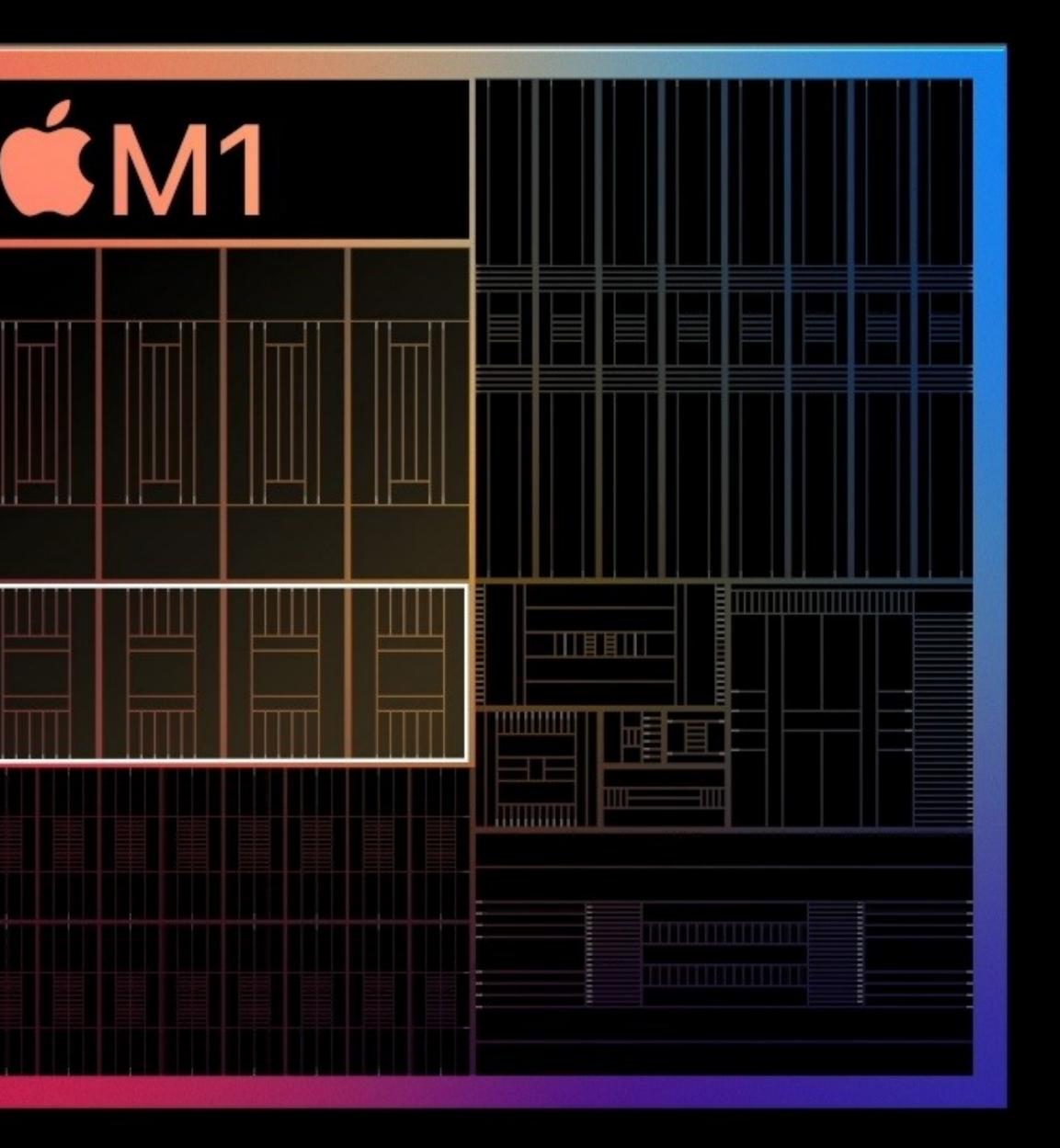
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1/10th of power



For "lightweight, everyday tasks" like email or web browsing at 1/10th the power

Can work together with 4 highperformance cores



M	8-core GPU	

Up to 8 cores

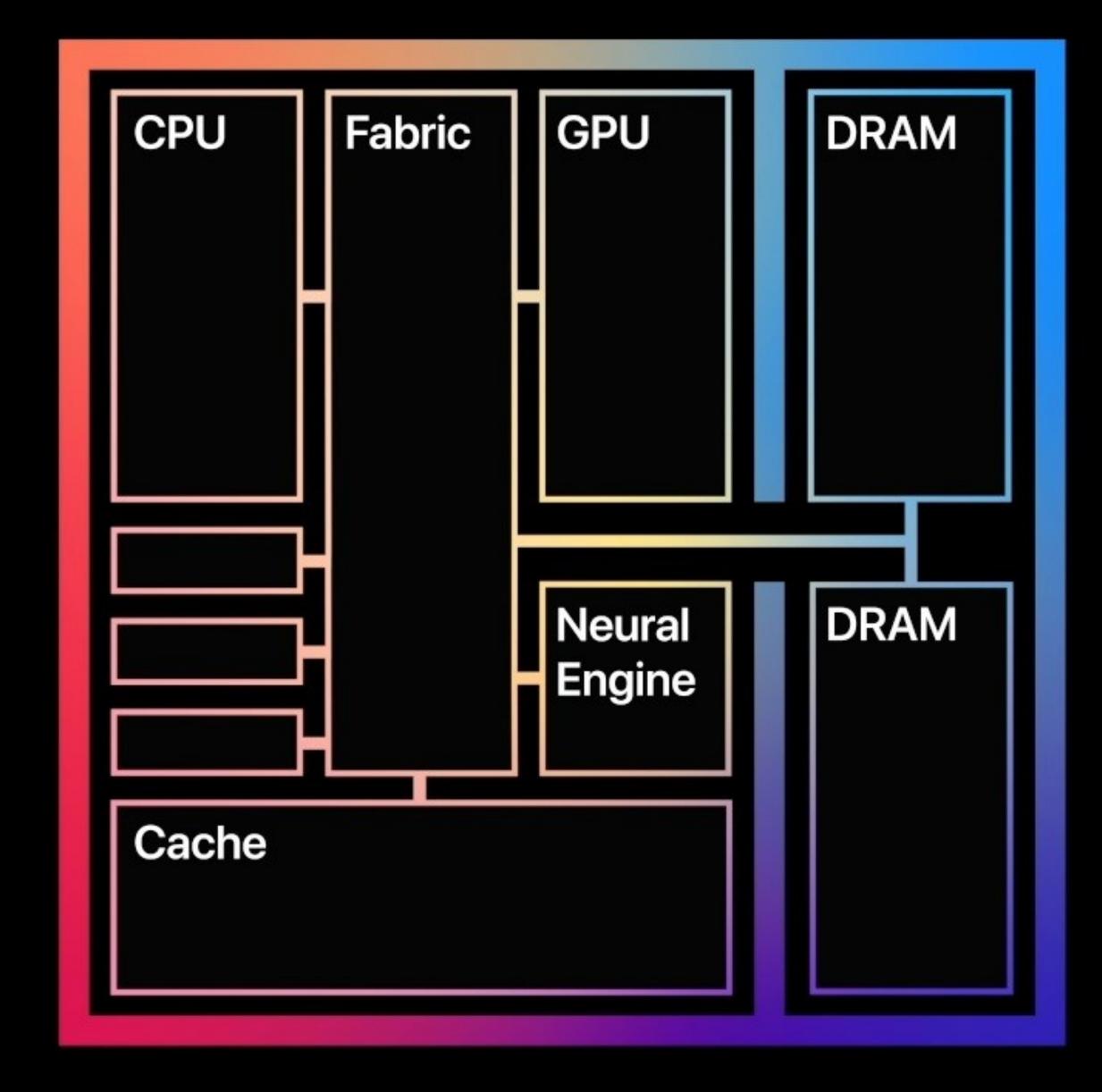
128 execution units Up to 24,576 concurrent threads 2.6 teraflops 82 gigatexels/second 41 gigapixels/second

"World's fastest integrated graphics in a personal computer"

M	8-core GPU	

Designed to "handle extremely demanding tasks with ease, from smooth playback of multiple 4K video streams to rendering complex 3D scenes"

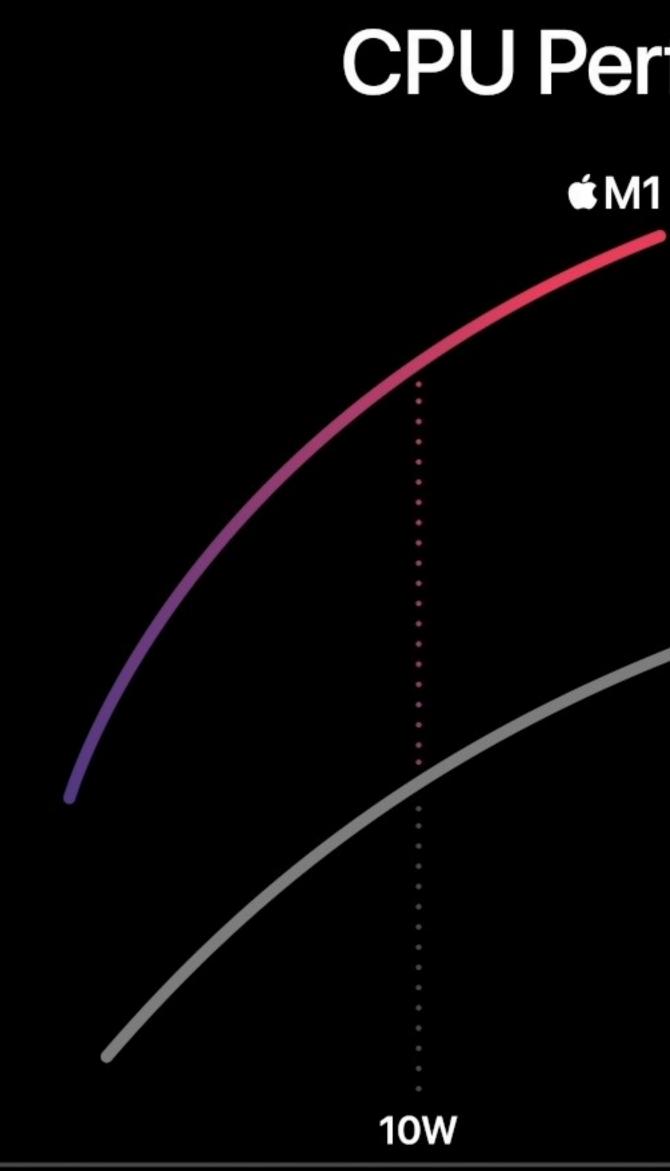




Unified memory architecture

High bandwidth, low latency Apple-designed package Accessible to entire SoC

Benefits of UMA: All technologies in M1 SoC can access the same data without copying it between multiple pools of memory, improving performance & efficiency



Performance Higher is better

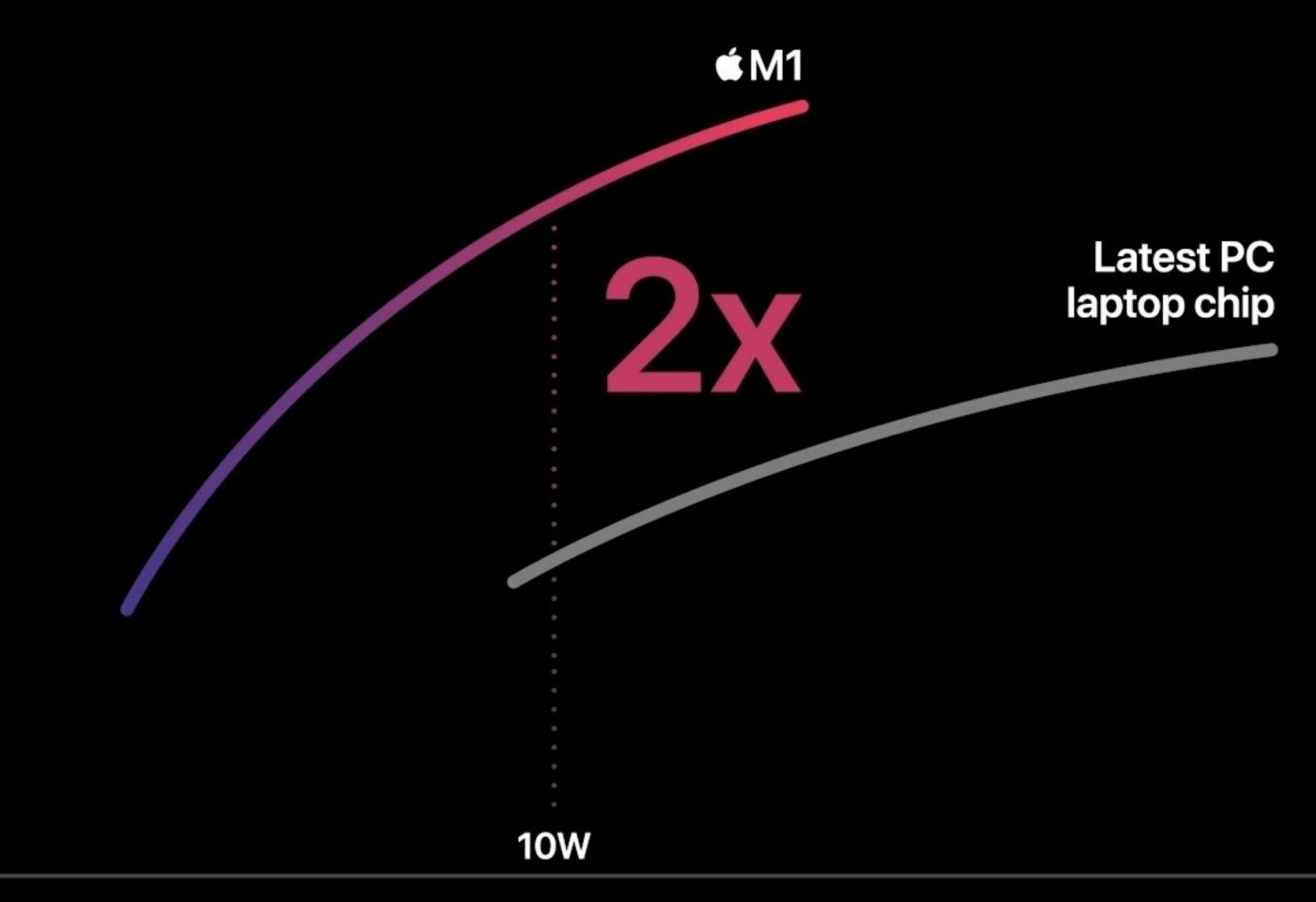
CPU Performance vs. Power

Latest PC laptop chip

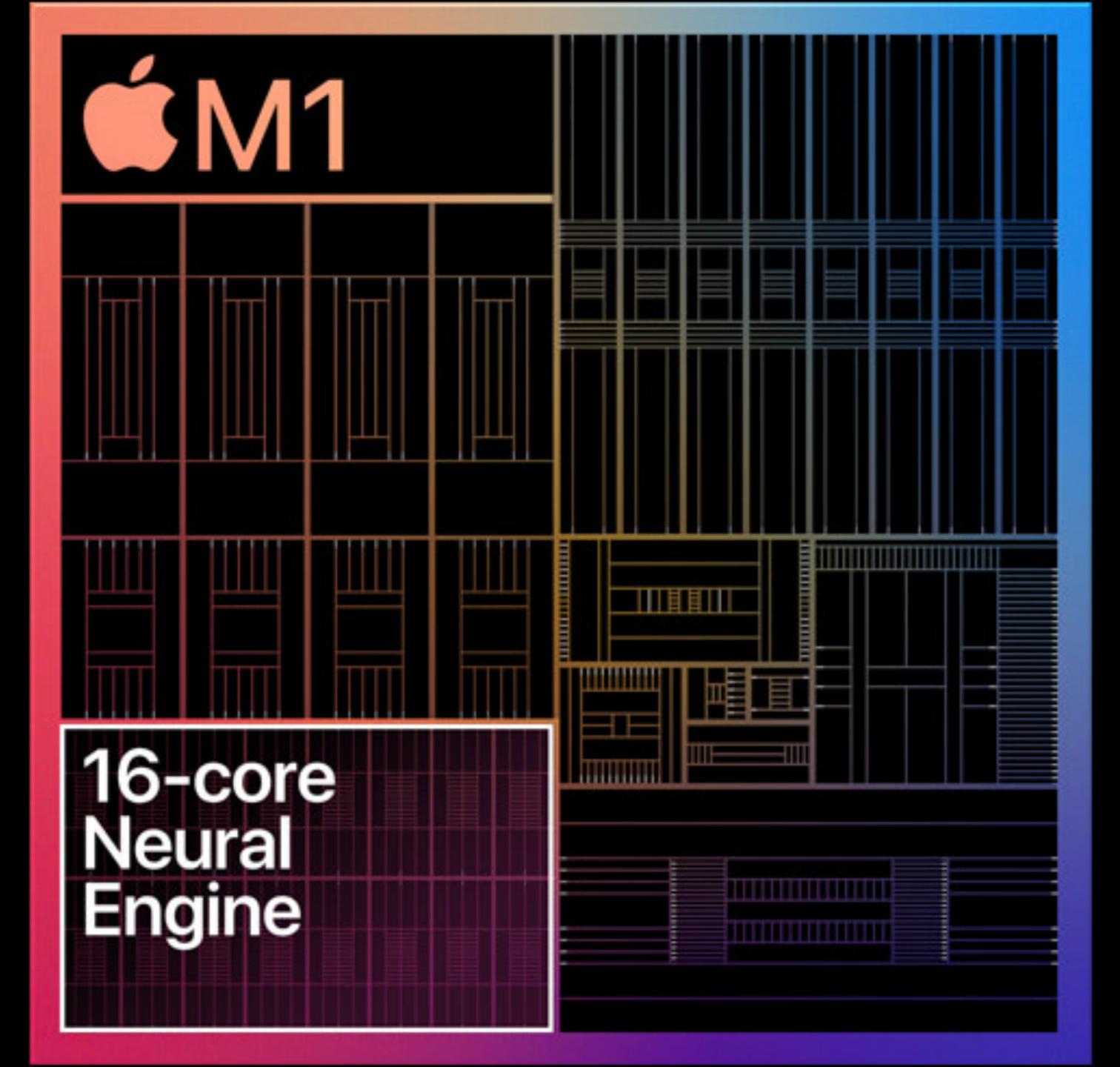
Power consumption Lower is better

GPU Performance vs. Power

Performance Higher is better







"The future of machine learning is at the 'edge,' which refers to the edge of computing networks, as opposed to centralized computing.

In a centralized machine learning network, users send data to a server, which makes a prediction, and sends that back to the user. This is slower, more expensive, less reliable, and less secure than edge computing, where predictions are made directly on the user's device." —Frederik Bussler

"...capable of 11 trillion operations per second, the Neural Engine in M1 enables up to 15x faster machine learning performance. In fact, the entire M1 chip is designed to excel at machine learning, with ML accelerators in the CPU and a powerful GPU, so tasks like video analysis, voice recognition, and image processing will have a level of performance never seen before on the Mac." — Apple, November 10, 2020

What does the Neural Engine do?

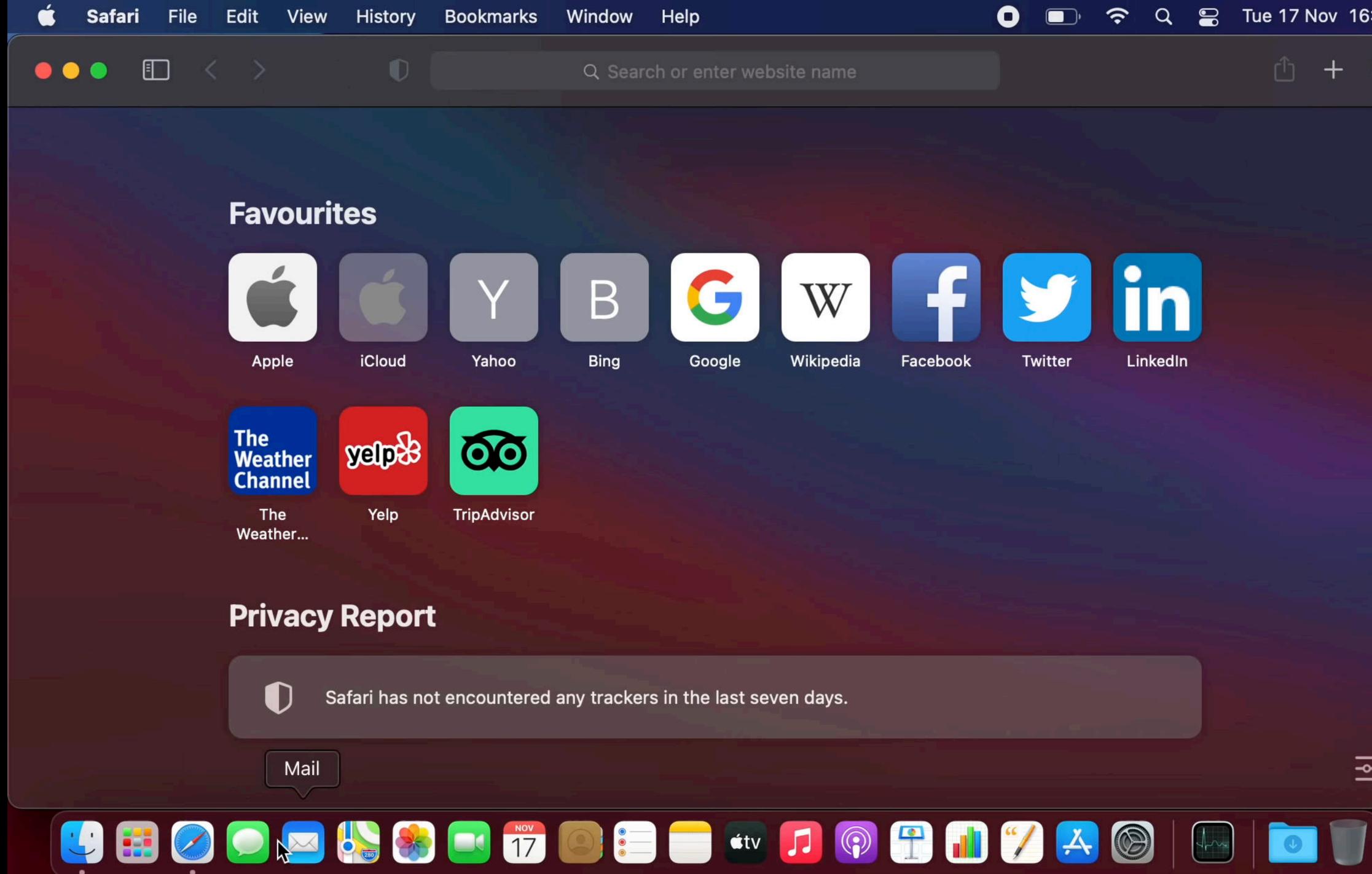
"Final Cut Pro can intelligently frame a clip in a fraction of the time. Pixelmator Pro can magically increase sharpness and detail at incredible speeds." — Apple

The Neural Engine can be used for: video analysis • voice & facial recognition • artificial intelligence • computational photography • recognizing objects in photos • identifying purposes of words in sentences for dictation • create captions on the fly for videos • Night *mode* to capture photos in low-light environments • augmented reality • *deep fusion*: snap a picture & the best pixels from 8 bursts are combined into 1 image • sleep tracking • translation • identify background sounds • handwriting recognition • *palm rejection* for Apple Pencil • virtual assistant response voices

Faster than 98% of PC laptops



Let's see what happens when you try to open 18 default apps on an M1 MacBook Air...

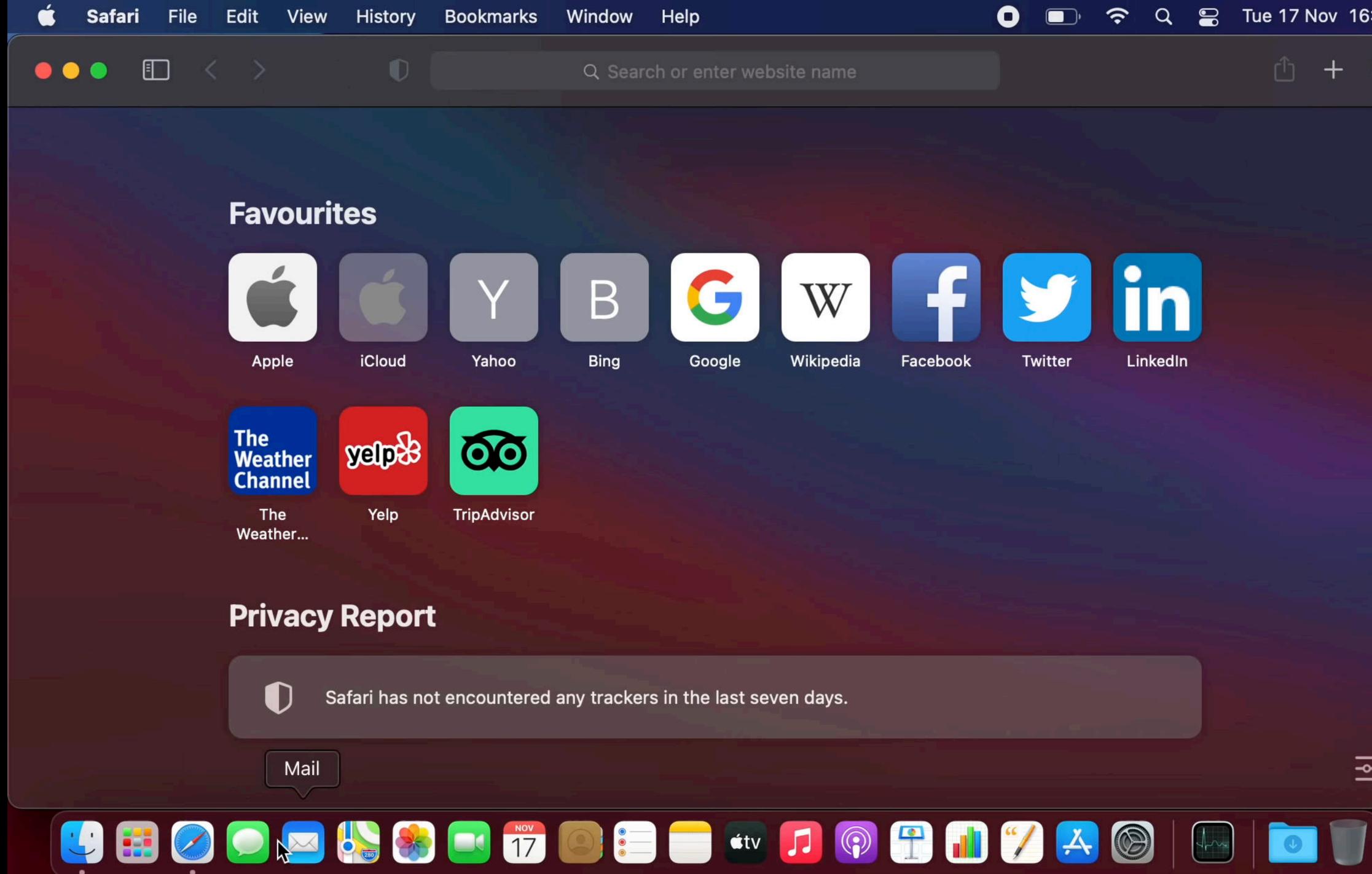


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Battery life is outstanding

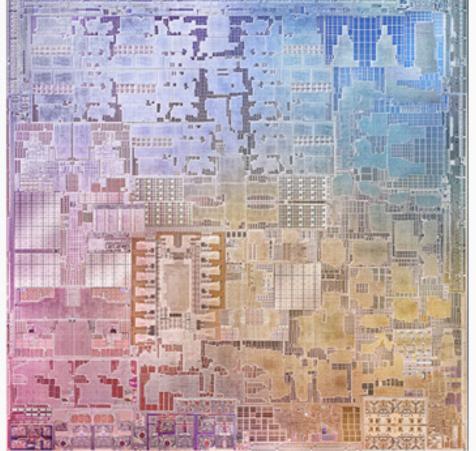
M1 MacBook Pro 13" 17 hours wireless web browsing 20 hours movie playback

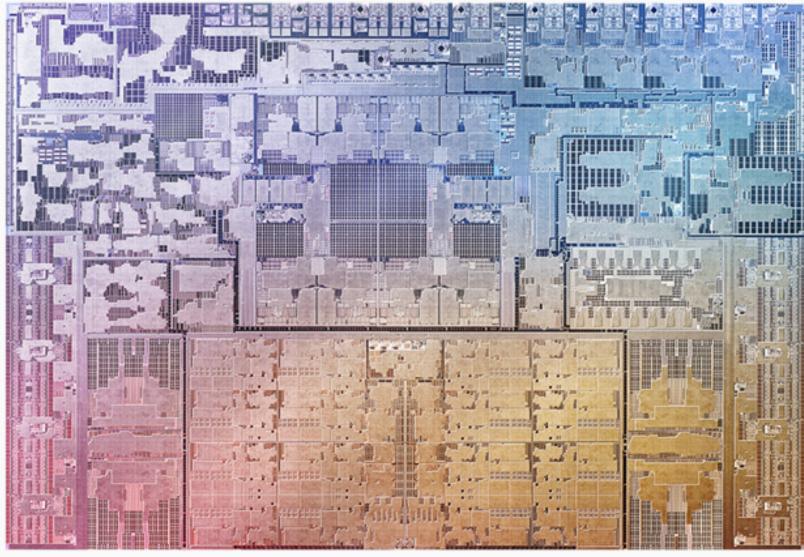
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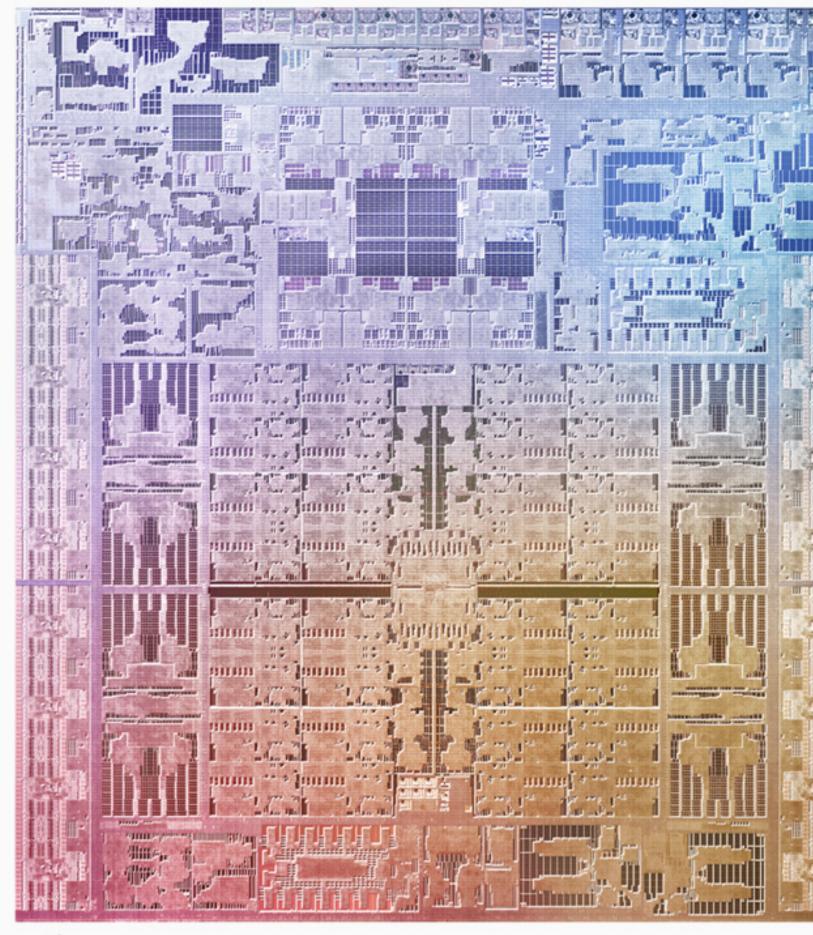






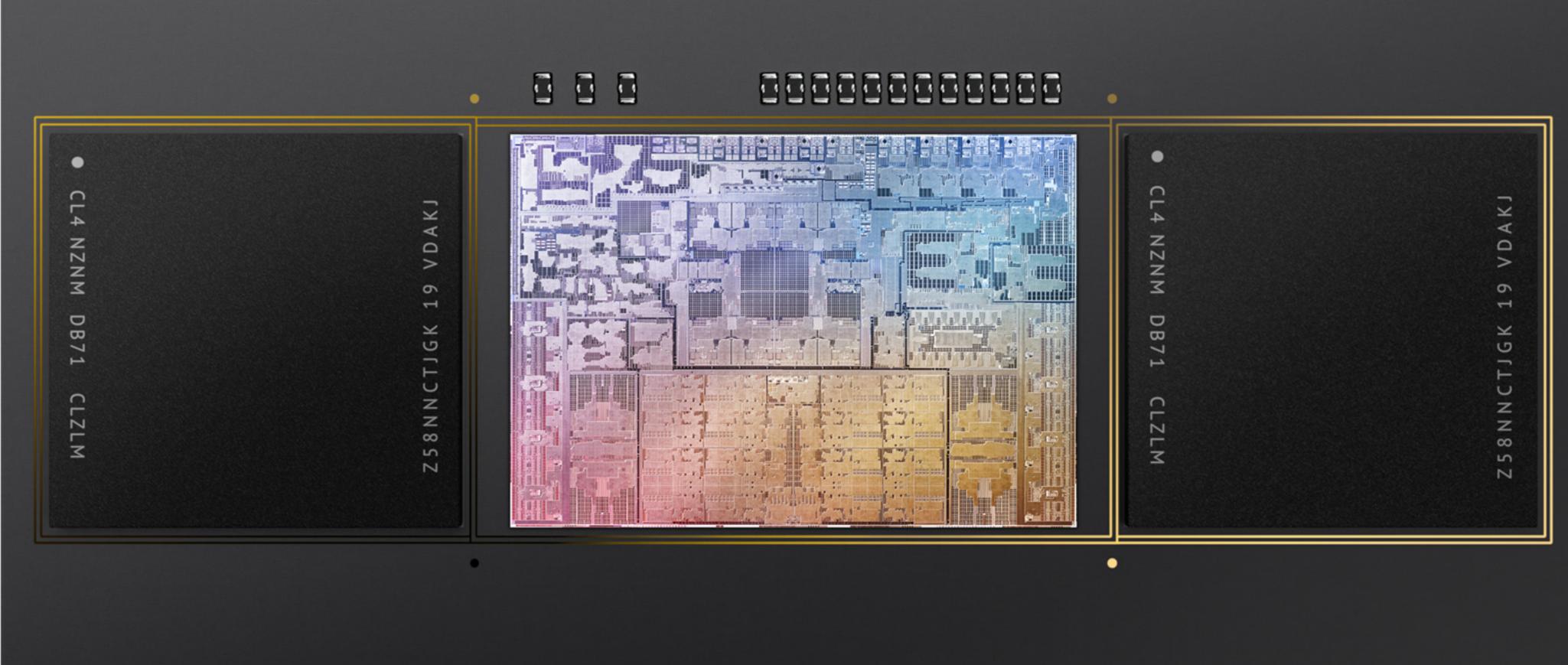


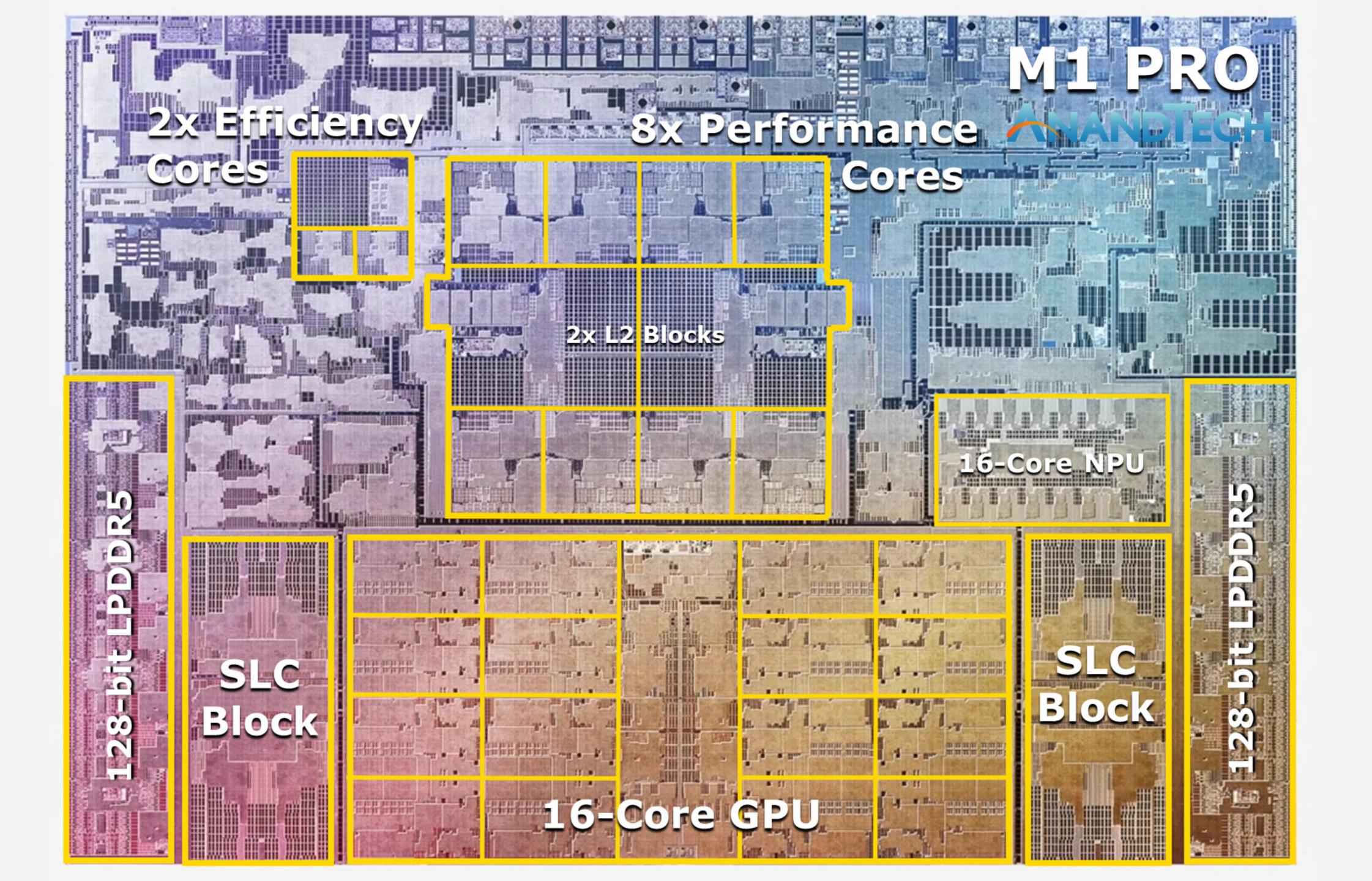




ÉM1 Max









encode and decode

Thunderbolt 4



Secure Enclave

33.7 billion Transistors

16-core

Neural e

11 trillion operations per second

Industry-leading performance per watt





ZUUUUJ Memory bandwidth

PRO



Up to

10-core

CPU

Up to

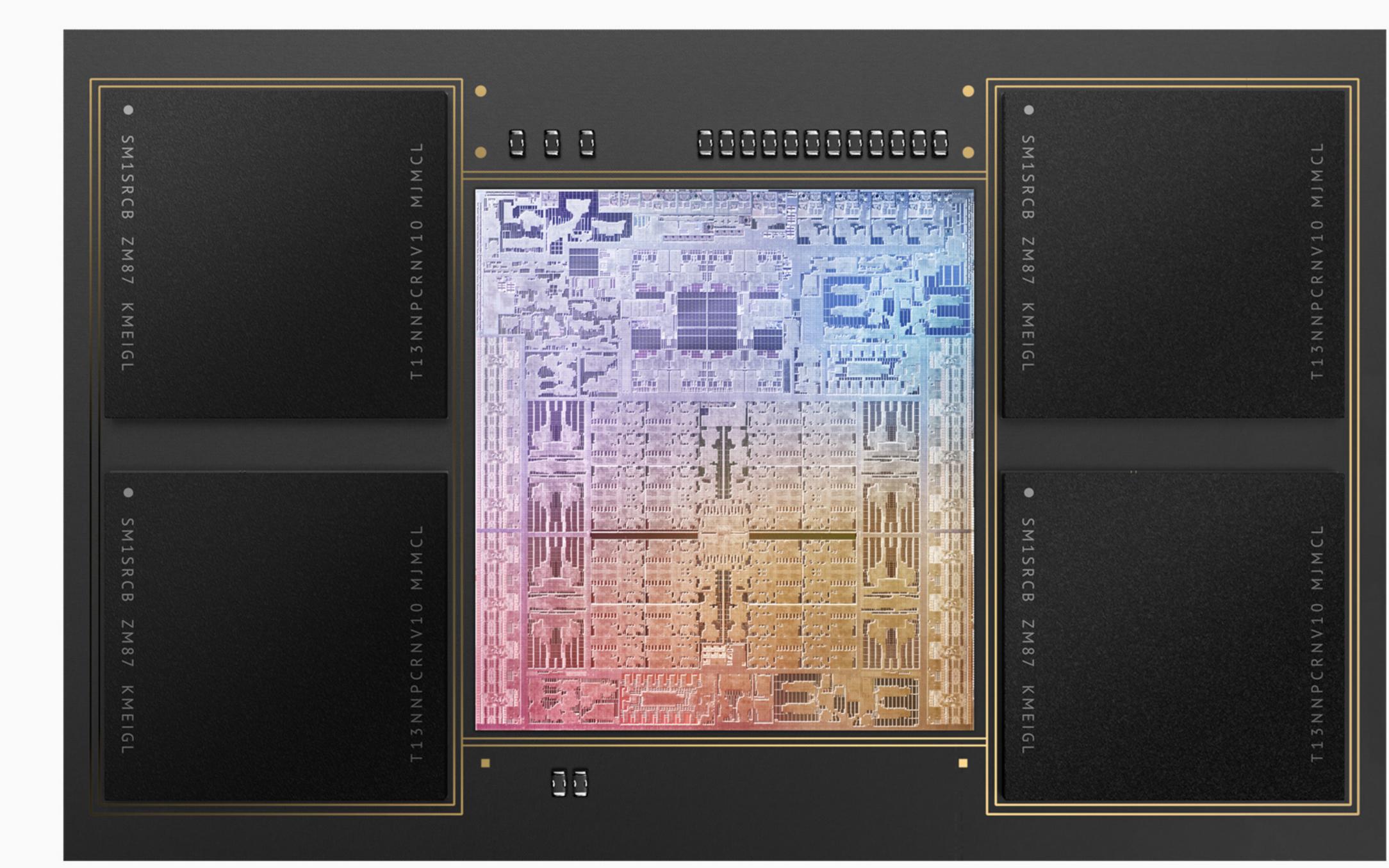
Support for two external displays

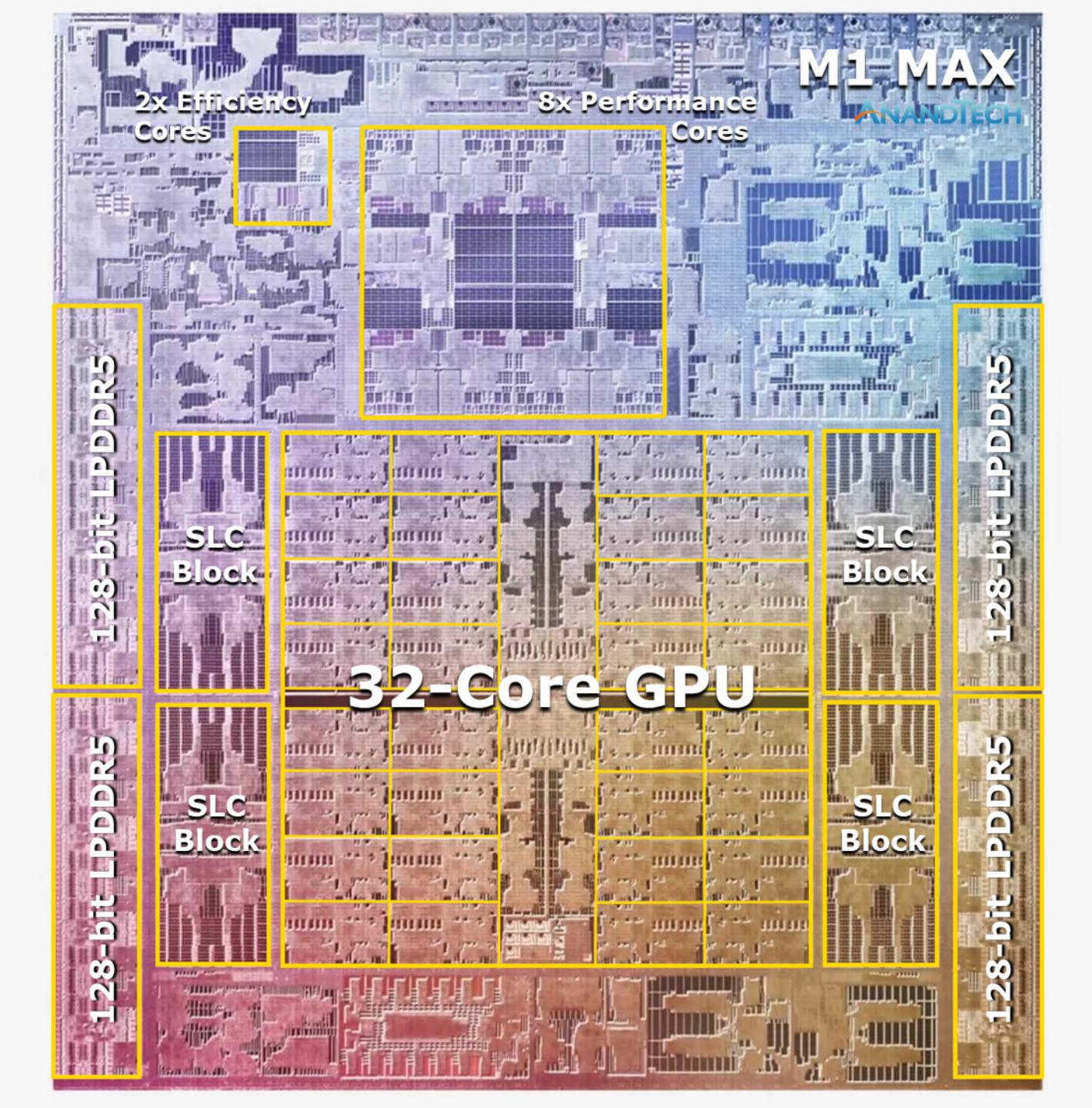
Up to

32GB

Unified memory









encode and decode

Thunderbolt 4



Secure Enclave

57 billion Transistors

16-core



11 trillion operations per second

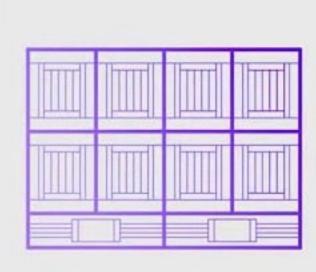
Industry-leading performance per watt

Support for four external displays

Up to



MAX



10-core CPU



5 nm process

400000 Memory bandwidth

Johny Srouji, Senior Vice President, Hardware Technologies

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Reviewers

"The M1 chips make laptops as powerful as some of the fastest desktops on the market yet so efficient that their battery life beats that of just about any other laptop. ...

The result is something like the difference between a muscle car and a Tesla. The muscle car achieves high speeds with a huge engine that burns a lot of gasoline. The Tesla can hit even higher speeds while consuming less power because its electric motor is inherently more efficient than a gas engine. For years, Intel was making muscle cars; Apple's big innovation was to build the Tesla of computer chips." — Farhad Manjoo, The New York Times

"I'll just cut to the chase — for content creation and creative work*, these are the most powerful laptops we've ever seen." —Monica Chin, The Verge

* But not really for gaming, as she makes clear

"But ... when I tell you these laptops are next level, I mean that because the real world performance and the real world capabilities of these laptops is dramatically better than they have any business doing. ... I haven't been able to say something's truly next level in a really long time, but these are. It's one of my favorite products of the year, to be honest." — Marques Brownlee

"We expected large performance jumps, but we didn't expect the [sic] some of the monstrous increases that the new chips are able to achieve. ... [T]he M1 Pro & Max ... achieve performance figures that simply weren't even considered possible in a laptop chip. The chips here aren't only able to outclass any competitor laptop design, but also competes against the best desktop systems out there, you'd have to bring out server-class hardware to get ahead of the M1 Max — it's just generally absurd. (con't.)

"What's clearer, is that the new GPU does allow immense leaps in performance for content creation and productivity workloads which rely on GPU acceleration... The combination of raw performance, unique acceleration, as well as sheer power efficiency, is something that you just cannot find in any other platform right now, likely making the new MacBook Pro's not just the best laptops, but outright the very best devices for the task." —AnandTech

"The 16-inch MacBook Pro with the M1 Pro is the longest lasting laptop I've ever tested in my career as a hardware reviewer, like period. I got 16 hours of continuous use with the 16-inch M1 Pro model. I was jumping between a dozen-ish Chrome tabs, using a couple apps like Slack and Spotify, and often running Zoom calls and YouTube videos over that and I have never seen a laptop last this long." —Monica Chin, The Verge



Developers







John Szumski @jszumski

I'm excited to be rolling out fully loaded M1 Max MBPs to all of Twitter's iOS & Android engineers! We're seeing improvements in both top line performance and thermal throttling that currently plague our Intel builds.

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Staff Software Engineer at Twitter



We recently found that the new 2021 M1 MacBooks cut our Android build times in half.

So for a team of 9, \$32k of laptops will actually save \$100k in productivity over 2022. The break-even point happens at 3 months.

TL;DR Engineering hours are much more expensive than laptops!

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Staff Engineer at Reddit; compared to 2019 i9 32GB MBP

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Mahyar McDonald @mahyarm8

All active iOS Engineers at Uber are getting upgraded to 16" M1 Max MacBook Pros with 64GB of RAM, which includes new hires! Looking forward to a faster machine.

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Step 1. Someone mentions how it'd be lovely to have M1 Mac as our new work laptops in our developers slack channel.

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Step 2. SEVEN minutes later, there is an email in our inbox. Not only are we getting M1s, but we can keep our existing Macs because why not do the simple thing?

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Development Manager at Shopify



That was a really fun thing to announce. We put in a huge order for Apple Silicon.

We are toolmakers here at Shopify. We celebrate and appreciate others who make brilliant tools. Those inspire us to do better ourselves.

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CEO of Shopify



Apple still has to release an M1 Mac Pro (Supposedly) based on M1 Max, but with 2 dies instead of 1





Options

M1 Pro (10-core CPU & 16-core GPU) or M1 Max (10-core CPU & 24- or 32-core GPU)

16, 32, or 64GB unified memory

1, 2, 4, or 8TB SSD storage

8-Core M1 Pro CPU
14-Core GPU
16GB Unified Memory
512GB SSD Storage
14" Liquid Retina XDR display
3 Thunderbolt 4 ports.

3 Thunderbolt 4 ports, HDMI port, SDXC card slot, MagSafe 3 port





10-Core M1 Pro CPU 16-Core GPU **16GB Unified Memory** 1TB SSD Storage 14" Liquid Retina XDR display 3 Thunderbolt 4 ports, HDMI port, SDXC card slot, MagSafe 3 port



10-Core M1 Pro CPU
16-Core GPU
16GB Unified Memory
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10-Core M1 Pro CPU
16-Core GPU
16GB Unified Memory
1TB SSD Storage
16" Liquid Retina XDR display
3 Thunderbolt 4 ports, HDMI port, SDXC card slot, MagSafe

3 port

\$2,699

\$2,499

10-Core M1 Max CPU
32-Core GPU
32GB Unified Memory
1TB SSD Storage
16" Liquid Retina XDR display
3 Thunderbolt 4 ports, HDMI

port, SDXC card slot, MagSafe 3 port

\$3,499

Intel's 12th-generation Core processors, codenamed Alder Lake

intel

ASSESSORY

1.1.1



Intel's 10-nm i9-12900K offers 16 cores

multithreading, aka hyperthreading)

AMD's best consumer CPU, the 7-nm 5950X, has 16 cores, all high-performance with SMT

» 8 "performance" cores featuring SMT (symmetric » 8 lower-performance "efficiency" cores without SMT

Intel beats AMD's best consumer CPU offerings for single-& multi-threaded performance

Intel expects to release 12th-generation Core processors for laptops in early 2022

performance

Average multi-core score:

» Core i9: ~18,500 » M1 Pro & M1 Max: ~12,500

According to Geekbench 5 benchmarks, Alder Lake is 1.5× faster than the M1 Pro & M1 Max in multi-core

According to Intel, Alder Lake uses 125W at Base Power, & 241W at Maximum Turbo

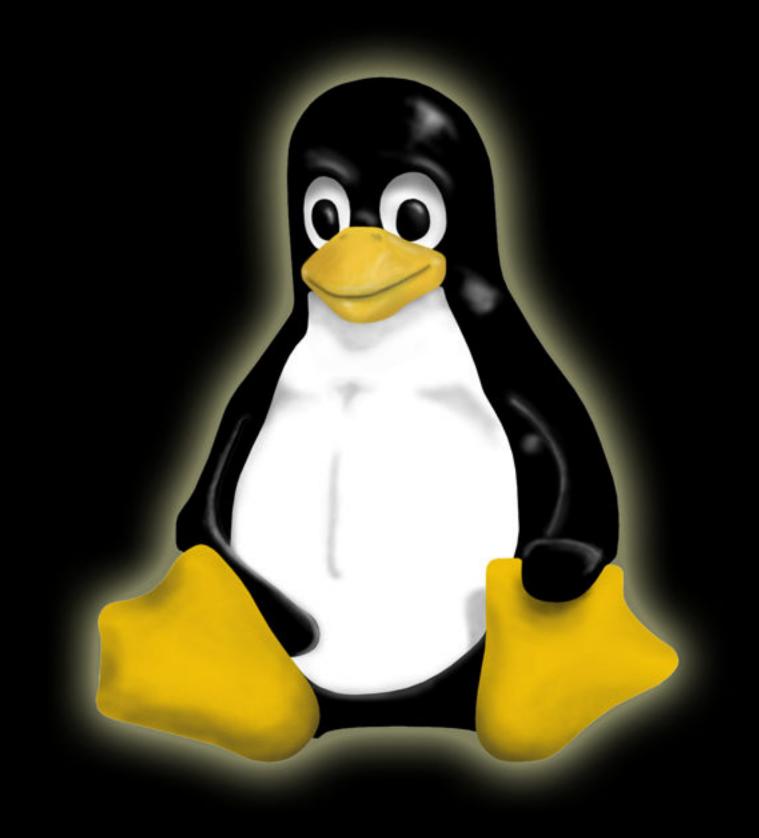
Ars Technica found that Intel's i9-12900K drew more than 300W of system power — over 100 watts higher than the Ryzen 9 5950X at full tilt

Alder Lake requires a ton of power, & it runs 🥚 🤙 🥚

"Intel is seemingly only capable of operating at the extremes: very fast 'performance at all costs' chips that consume inordinate power, and power-efficient chips that run very slow. The sweet spot is clearly a proper balance in the middle." —John Gruber, Daring Fireball

Apple never said Apple Silicon would be the fastest chips on the market

Apple promised industry-leading performance per watt





About Asahi Linux

Asahi Linux is a project and community with the goal of porting Linux to Apple Silicon Macs, starting with the 2020 M1 Mac Mini, MacBook Air, and MacBook Pro.

Our goal is not just to make Linux run on these machines but to polish it to the point where it can be used as a daily OS. Doing this requires a tremendous amount of work, as Apple Silicon is an entirely undocumented platform. In particular, we will be reverse engineering the Apple GPU architecture and developing an open-source driver for it.

Asahi Linux is developed by a thriving community of free and open source software developers.

The name

Asahi means "rising sun" in Japanese, and it is also the name of an apple cultivar. 旭りんご (asahi ringo) is what we know as the McIntosh Apple, the apple variety that gave the Mac its name.









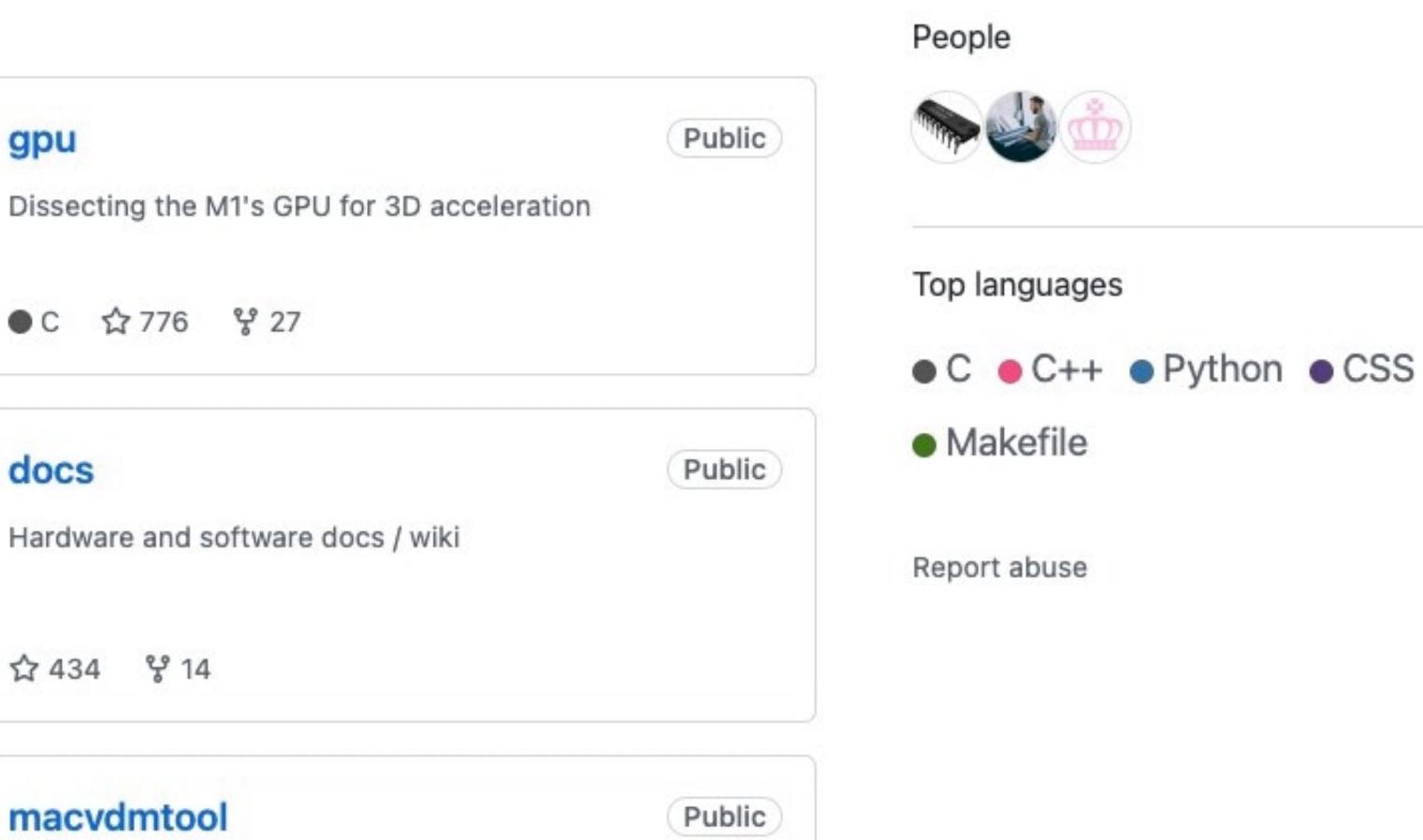


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Public

AsahiLinux.github.io





"Is this a Linux distribution?

Asahi Linux is an overall project to develop support for these Macs. We will eventually release a remix of Arch Linux ARM, packaged for installation by end-users, as a distribution of the same name." —Asahi FAQ



Alyssa Rosenzweig @alyssarzg

Everything just happens... instantly? What?

Computers haven't felt this fast since before I was born.

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Asahi Linux GPU lead



October 6, 2021: Progress report for September

"With these drivers, M1 Macs are actually usable as desktop Linux machines! While there is no GPU acceleration yet, the M1's CPUs are so powerful that a software-rendered desktop is actually faster on them than on e.g. Rockchip ARM64 machines with hardware acceleration... Remember, there are still many missing bits (USB3, TB, camera, GPU, audio, etc.) as well as patchsets a bit too problematic to bundle as-is at this time (WiFi, which needs significant rewrites), so don't expect this to be anywhere near the polished experience that is the goal of our project."



Linux is now completely usable on the Mac mini M1. Booting from USB a full Ubuntu desktop (rpi). Network works via a USB c dongle. Update includes support for USB, I2C, DART. We will push changes to our GitHub and a tutorial later today. Thanks to the *@CorelliumHQ* team 🖤 🍌

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CTO of Corellium

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support for Apple M1 SoC

for the Apple M1 GPU

Apple computer owners can now run Linux natively

June 27, 2021: Linux kernel 5.13 released with initial

Still a work-in-progress, with no mainline support yet



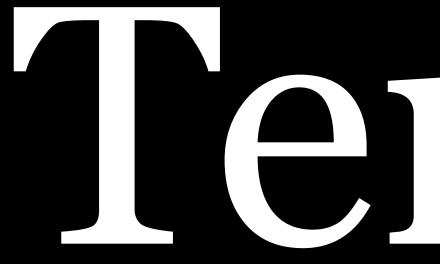
1st generation: M1 2nd generation: M1 Pro & M1 Max 3rd generation: M?

Expected to be made with new 3nm process Some will have 2 dies instead of 1, so more processor cores

3rd gen M? CPUs code names & purposes:

» Lobos & Palma for MacBook Pro & Mac desktops » Ibiza will feature lower performance for iPads & MacBook Air





Virtually all flagship Android phones use Qualcomm's Snapdragon 888; e.g., Samsung Galaxy S21

Google's 1st SoC in a smartphone



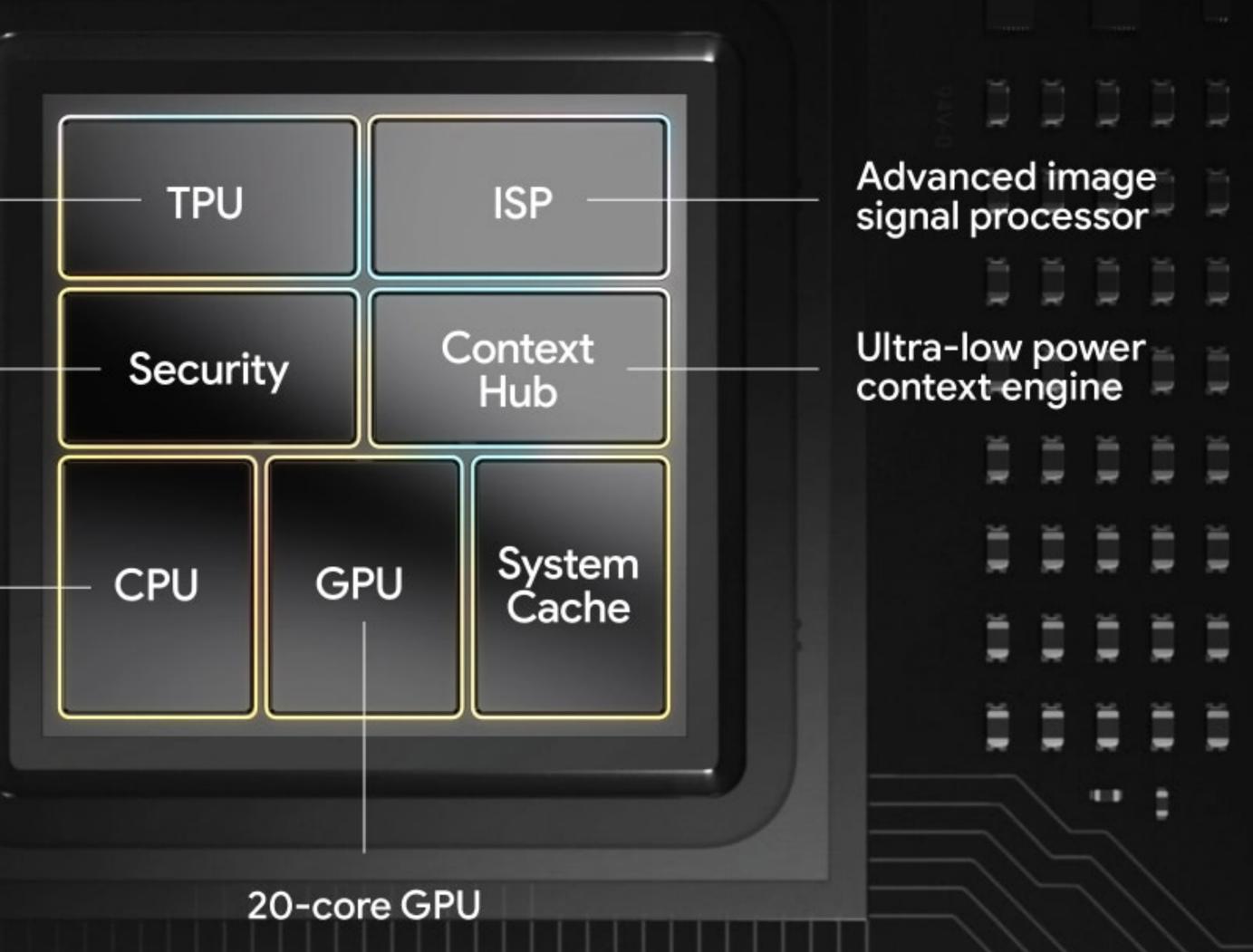
Google Tensor

Google's machine learning engine

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Tensor security core

Powerful CPU 2 high-performance cores 2 mid cores 4 high-efficiency cores





2×2.8 Ghz Cortex-X1 cores for peak single-threaded performance

2×2.25 Ghz Cortex-A76 cc work

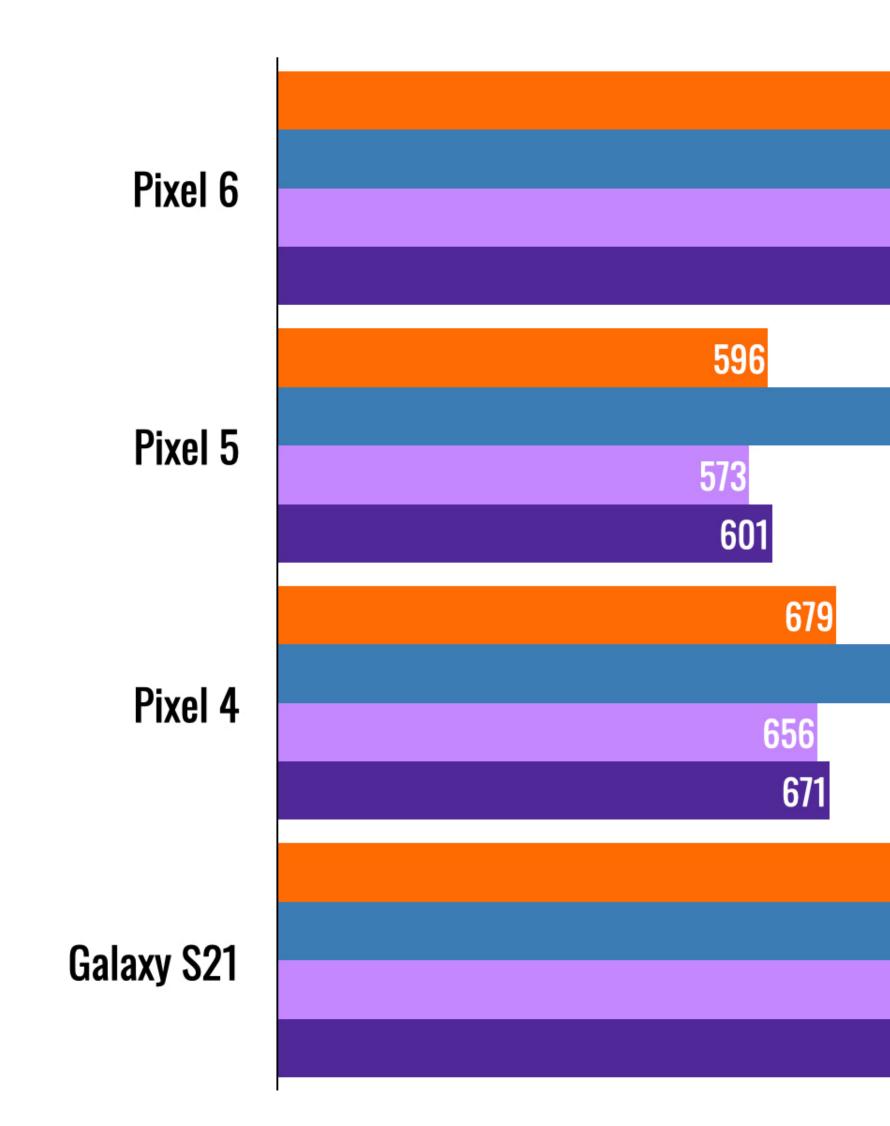
4×1.8 GHz Cortex-A55 cores for low-power background work

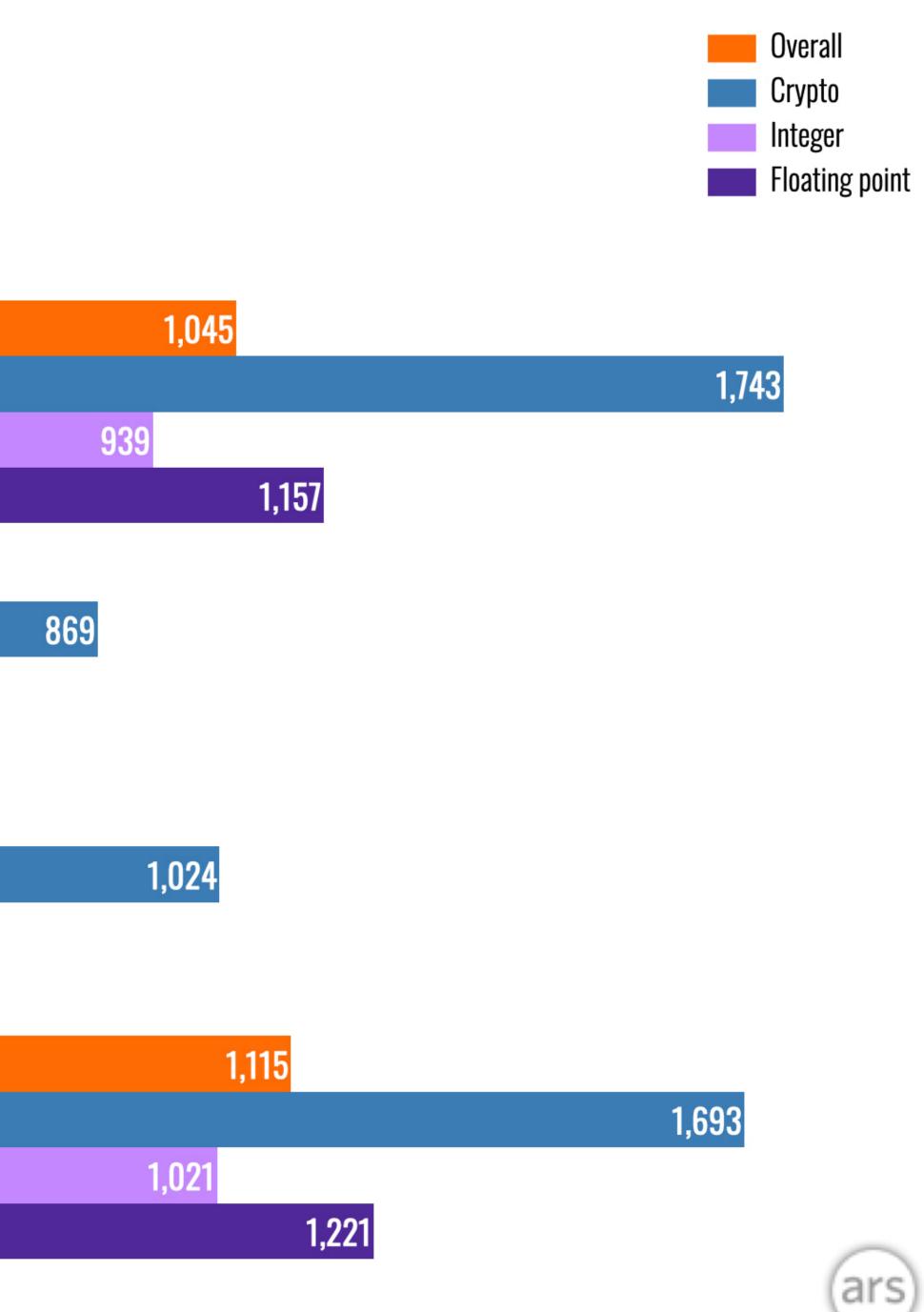
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2×2.25 Ghz Cortex-A76 cores for "medium" foreground

GEEKBENCH 5: SINGLE-CORE

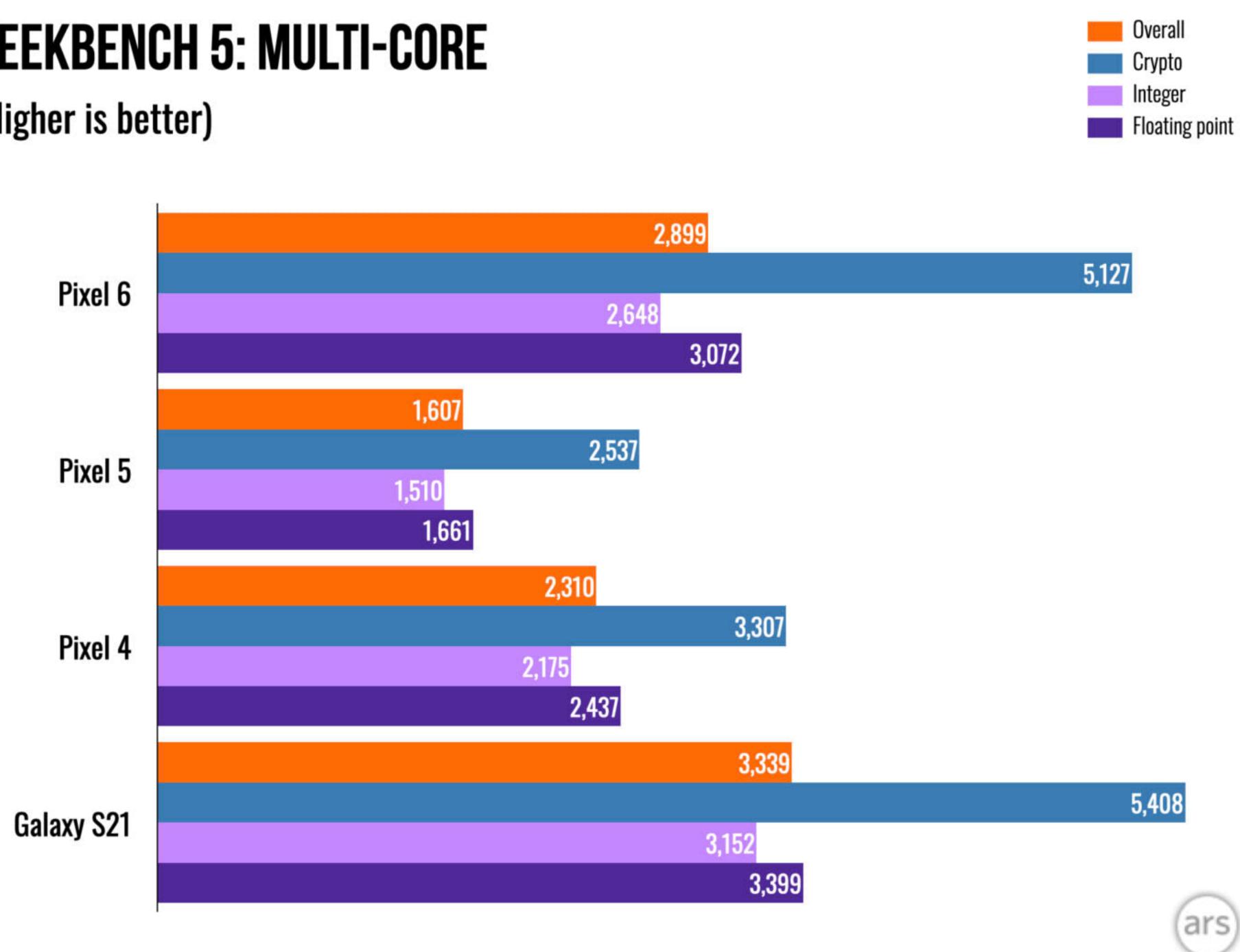
(Higher is better)





GEEKBENCH 5: MULTI-CORE

(Higher is better)



"...peak CPU and GPU speeds look great in benchmarks but don't always reflect real-world user experience." — Google

comparable to Qualcomm's latest in the Samsung Galaxy S21

Modem is a separate chip — not ideal

Tensor GPU is an off-the-shelf ARM Mail G78 MP20 —

2 reasons to have a separate modem

- 2019 with Snapdragon 855
- 2. So-called IP; e.g., Apple isn't allowed to integrate Apple is developing its own modems

1. Introducing new, immature modem technology for a single generation; e.g., Qualcomm introducing 5G in

Qualcomm modems in A15 for iPhones, which is why

"...the Tensor is not dramatically different from Qualcomm's best SoC in day-to-day usage, which is a great compliment. It's fine. Google didn't screw it up." —Ars Technica

Pixel 6 Pro with camera bar



Framework

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The Framework Laptop is now shipping!

Choose your Framework Laptop

Framework Laptop starts at \$999. DIY Edition configurable from \$749.



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Finally, a high-performance, thin and light notebook designed to last.

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All Framework Laptop **Expansion Cards** Mainboards

Framework Laptop / 2 items

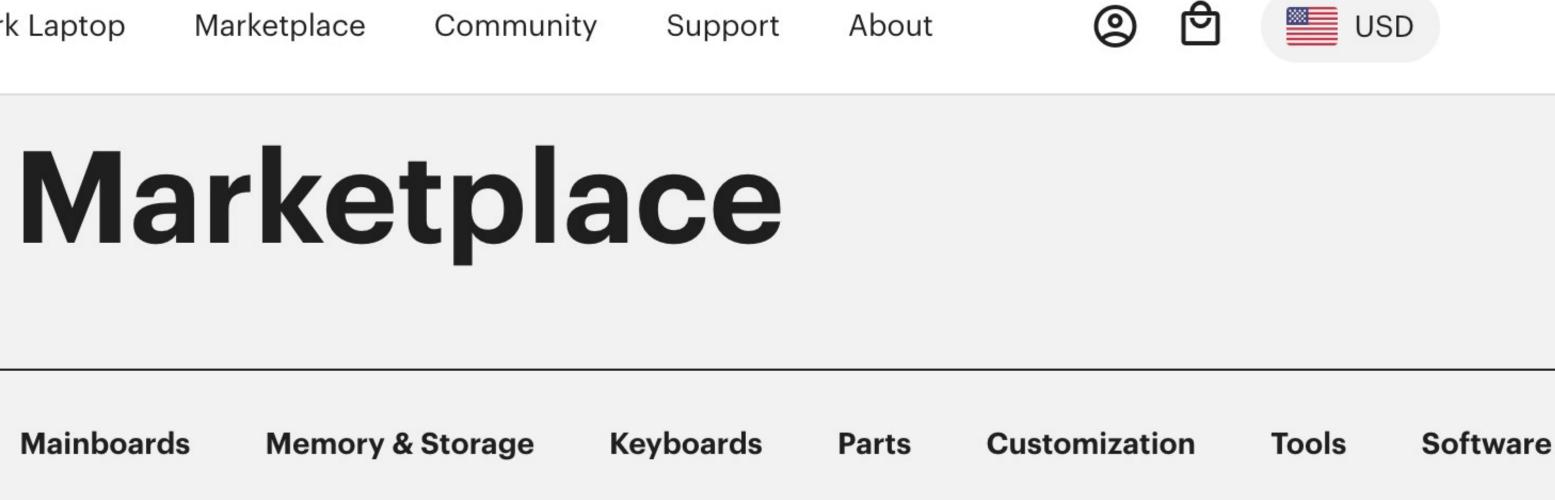
Framework Laptop Starting at \$999



Starting at \$749









Storage (250GB or 1TB)



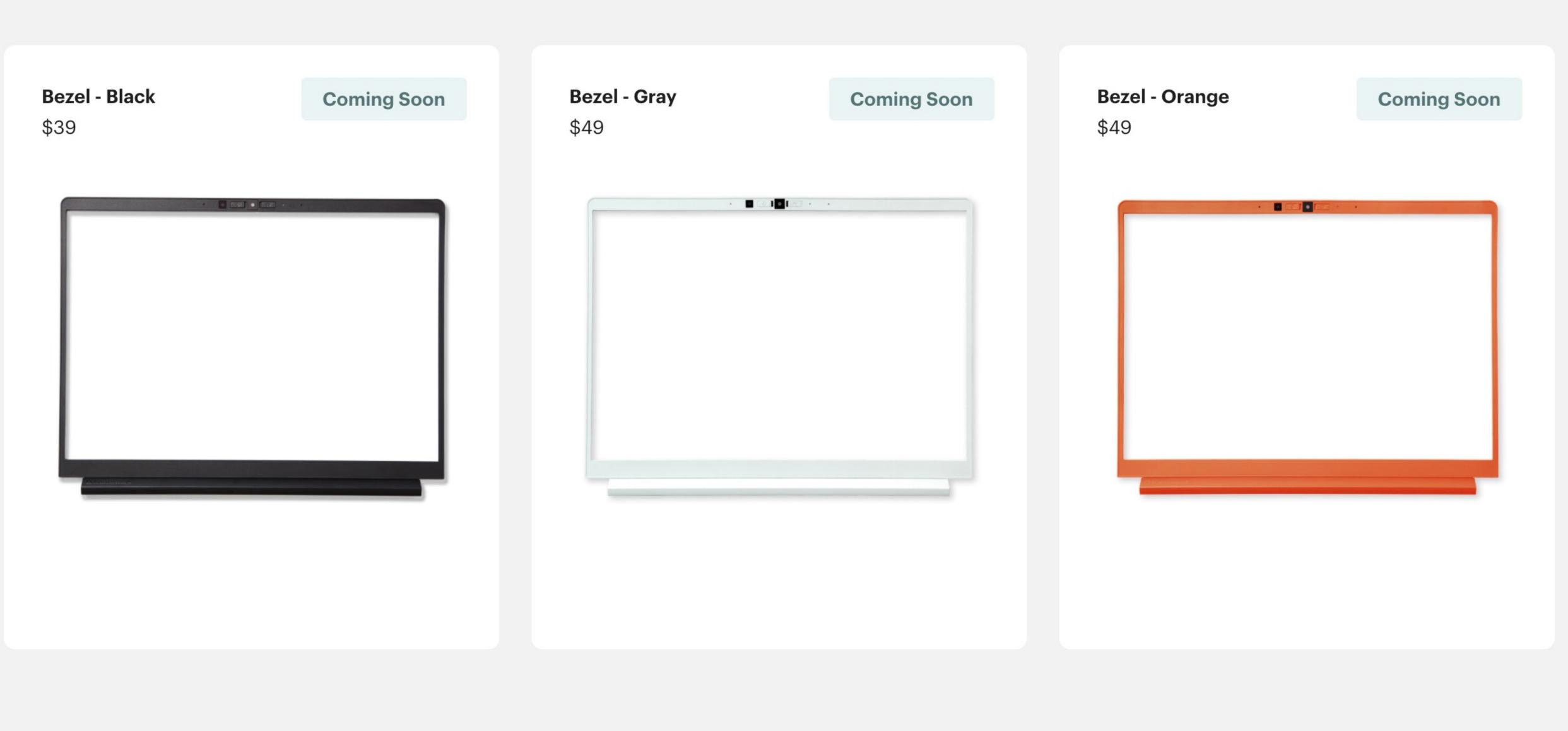








Customization / 3 items

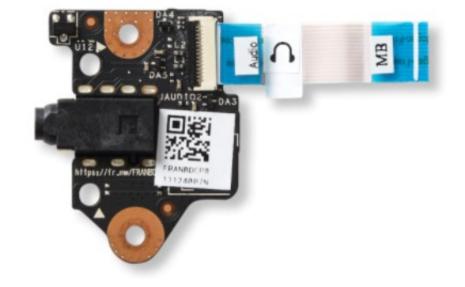


Parts / 15 items

Audio Board Kit

\$14

Fingerprint Reader Kit \$29



50

Hinge Kit \$24

Intel[®] Wi-Fi 6E AX210 vPro[®]

\$25



Heatsink and Fan Kit

\$39



Power Adapter - US/Canada





Mainboards / 3 items

Mainboard - i5-1135G7

\$449

Coming Soon





Mainboard - i7-1185G7

\$1,049

Coming Soon



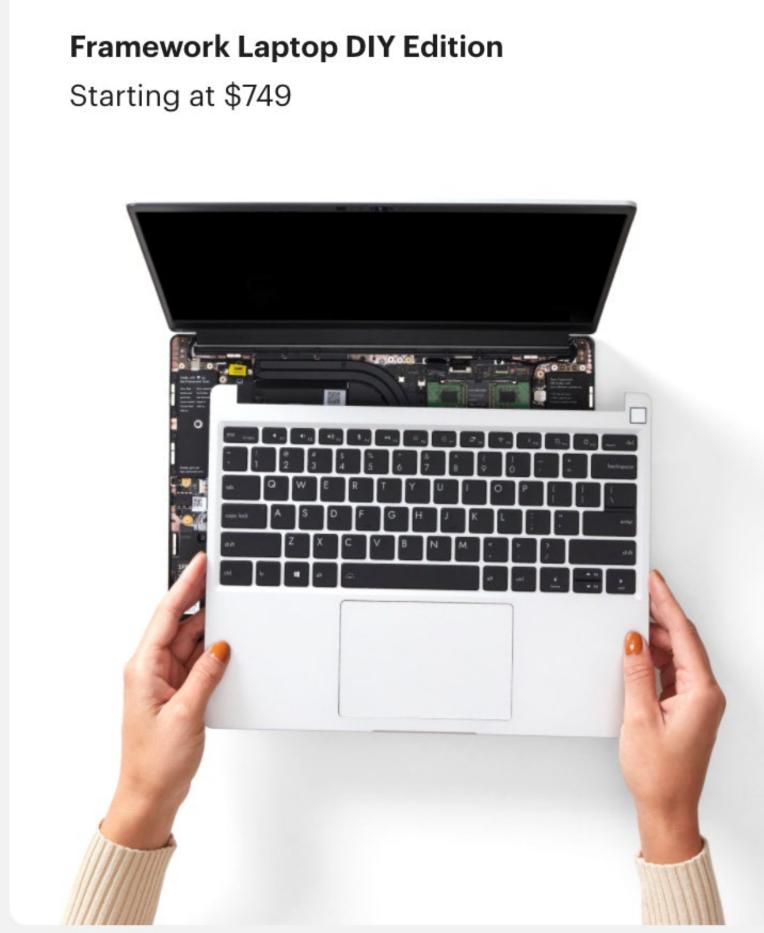


Framework Laptop / 2 items

Framework Laptop

Starting at \$999





Pre-made laptops you can configure

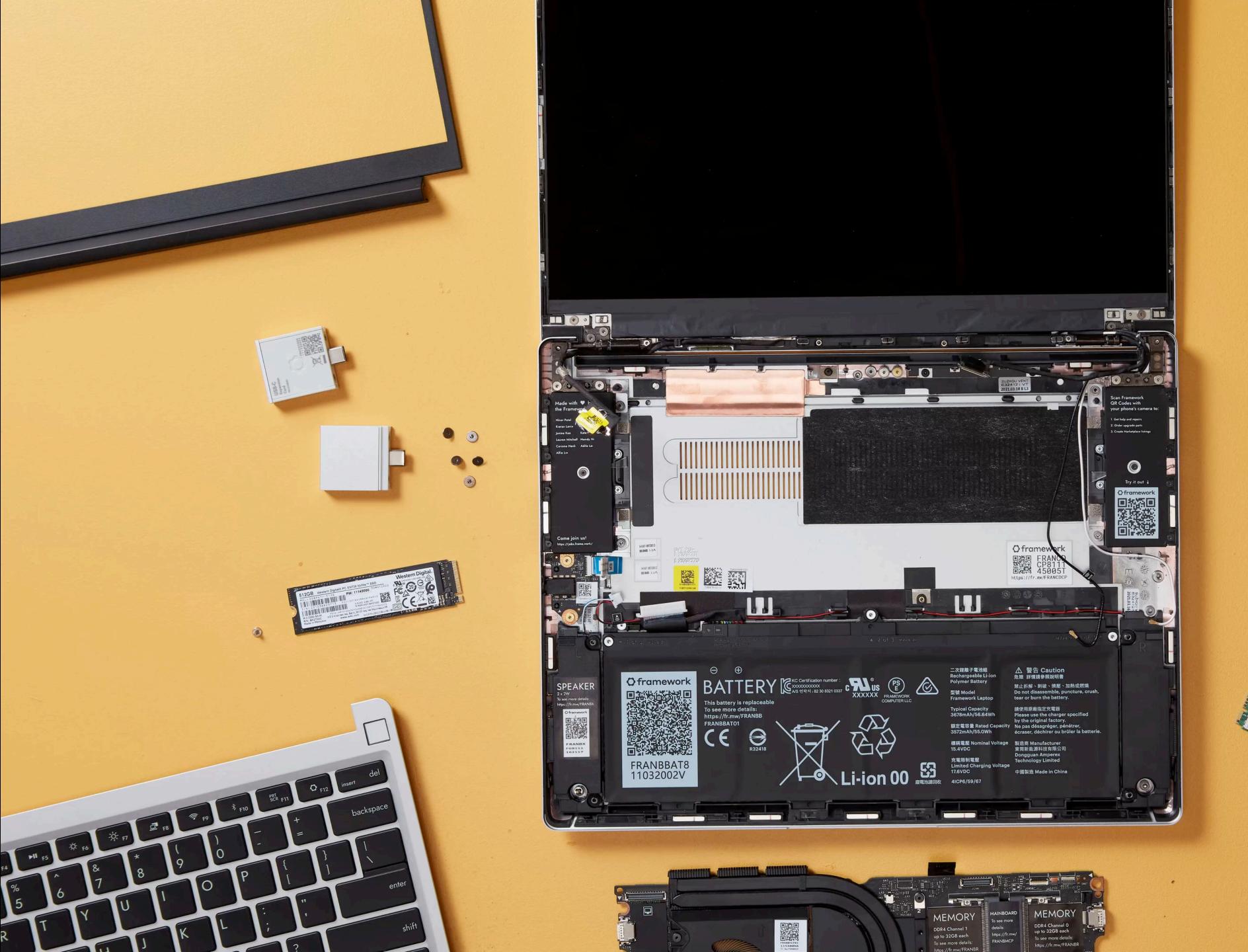
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WiFi 6 Windows 10 Home

\$1,999: i7-1185G7 | 32GB Memory | 1TB Storage | WiFi 6 with vPro | Windows 10 Pro

\$999: i5-1135G7 | 8GB Memory | 256GB Storage | WiFi

\$1,399: i7-1165G7 | 16GB Memory | 512GB Storage |





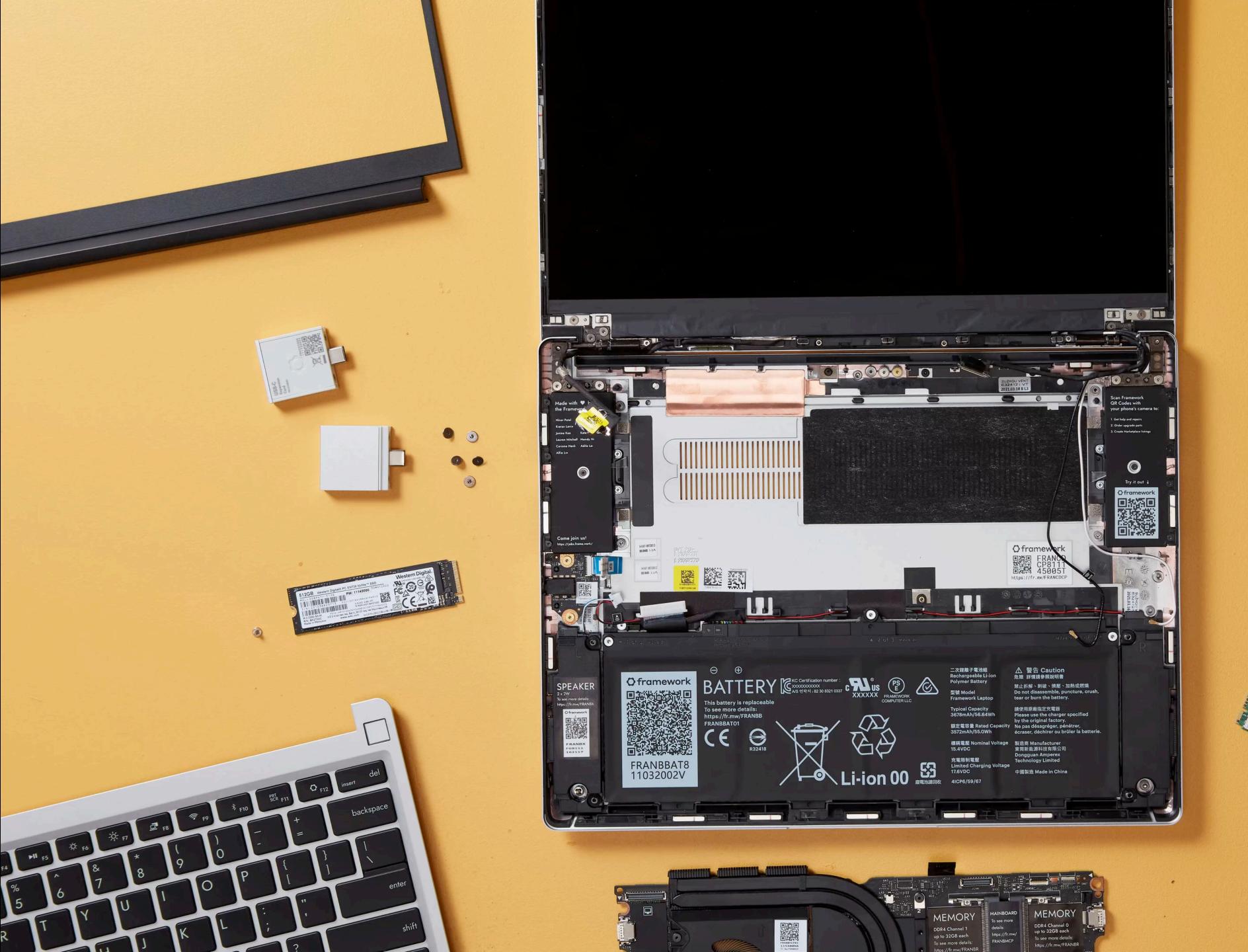
























Linux on the Framework Laptop

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We love Linux at Framework. We decided from the start of Framework Laptop development to offer the <u>DIY Edition</u> without an operating system pre-loaded to give you the option to bring your favorite Linux distribution. There has been immense interest in this configuration, with it outselling pre-configured systems with Windows 10 by a wide margin. We provided pre-release hardware to developers and maintainers at Fedora, elementary OS, NixOS, and Arch to make the Linux experience as smooth as possible, and we've been impressed by the incredible variety of Linux distros (and OpenBSD too!) being used by all of you.

Since we planned for Linux support from the outset, we made sure to use hardware that is well-supported and has drivers available. There are just a few areas where support is brand new and making its way into different distributions. Intel 11th Gen Core Processors, Intel AX210 WiFi (which is optional on the DIY Edition), and our Goodix-based fingerprint reader are the three items that require a newer kernel or packages than many distros currently ship. We recommend using 5.12 or newer for a kernel to get solid platform, WiFi, and bluetooth functionality, along with libfprint 1.92.0 or newer for the fingerprint reader. All of the other hardware like speakers, microphones, headphones, webcam, hardware privacy switches, keyboard media keys, ambient light sensor, and all of the Expansion Cards should work completely.

The extremely active and vibrant Linux subforum in the Framework Community is the best place to go for the latest

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...but hey, it's new, so cut it some slack

Problems

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"The power button has a built-in fingerprint scanner, which is convenient though I had trouble getting it to recognize my index finger on the first try every time.

"But regardless of the considerable memory size, the Framework laptop trailed behind the Samsung and Razer notebooks in my benchmarks. ...

The Framework's battery life is also too short. It lasted five hours and a few minutes before it petered out in Gizmodo's battery rundown test. ..."

"I do wonder if its numbers would have ranked better if it didn't run so hot. Throughout the benchmarking process, I clocked the Framework laptop running at around 108 degrees Fahrenheit. At some points, the computer felt too hot to touch. ...

The Framework laptop certainly does work on cooling itself, which I can tell because it's loud enough to become a noisy distraction. I've only ever experienced this kind of fan activity with high-performance gaming laptops, which I expect from those machines since there's also a GPU inside that needs temperature regulation. ... But even at the lowest setting, the thermometer was clocking in 96-degree temperatures around the function keys."

"The Framework laptop has a standard Intel integrated graphics chip, so don't expect to do much gaming beyond the occasional virtual card game."



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