

Dell Latitude D600



- Product: Dell Latitude D600
- Direct price: \$2,267
- Specs: With 1.6-GHz Pentium M, 512MB DDR RAM, 40GB hard drive, ATI Mobility Radeon 9000, 14-inch display (1,400-by-1,050), DVD/CD-RW optical drive, Gigabit Ethernet, 802.11b/g wireless Ethernet, Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Company Info: Dell Computer Corp., 800-388-8542, www.dell.com/latitude

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[Dell](#) rebuilt its Latitude corporate line from the ground up when moving to the [Pentium M](#). The resulting Dell Latitude D600 merits Editors' Choice in the roundup, thanks to its outstanding value-for-the-dollar proposition.

The D600 measures 1.2 by 12.4 by 10.1 inches (HWD) and weighs 5.5 pounds (6.3 pounds with AC adapter). Though the unit is among the smallest of the six systems here, nothing is missing or compromised. The chassis houses a 14-inch SXGA display, a removable DVD/CD-RW drive, a full-size (19-mm) [keyboard](#), pointing stick, and touch pad, dedicated volume and mute buttons, one PC Card slot, and one SmartCard slot. The D600's ports are clearly color-coded.

To keep system weight from passing 5.5 pounds, Dell used a 0.7-pound battery, which is smaller than the others here. But while the overall runtime (3:21) was near the bottom, it still represents a very good life-to-weight ratio. Dell also offers a modular bay battery for longer life, and recharging is quick: Dell's ExpressCharge gets a dead battery back to 80 percent charge in an hour (the final 20 percent takes another hour).

With the new platform comes a different docking and port- replicator system, which became necessary because of the [notebook's](#) smaller size (and to accommodate Gigabit Ethernet). This means that current Latitude shops can't use their existing store of batteries and peripherals with the new model.