

What's the difference?

Windows



can do everything, and run anything. But it is slower, more complex, and expensive.

SteamOS



is easier, faster, and worry-free. But it has limited capabilities on non-gaming software, and also not all games run.

	Windows	SteamOS
Base OS	Windows	Linux (Ubuntu)
Steam store games	All	Multiple, but not all
Non-Steam game launchers (Epic, Battle.net, GoG, Ubisoft, etc)	Yes	Possible, but complicated and unstable
Anticheat games (CSGO, Fortnite, Tarkov, Destiny, Apex Legends, etc)	Yes	No
XBOX Game Pass	Yes	No (only cloud gaming)
Can get computer virus	Yes	No
Watch videos	Yes	Yes
Browse internet	Yes	Yes
Install regular software	Yes	depends on software
Office 365	Yes	No
Office (Offline version)	Yes	Requires virtual machine knowledge
Adobe Photoshop	Yes	Requires virtual machine knowledge
Relative performance	4.5	5
Relative energy effeciency	4	5
Relative ease of Sleep/Resume function	1	5
Relative ease of use	3	5
Can dual-boot with other OS (not factory, user DIY)	Yes	Yes