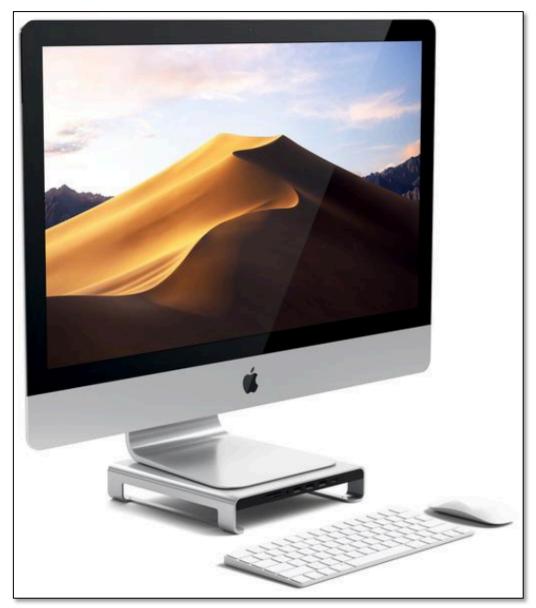
The Satechi Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub caught my eye for a couple of reasons:

- First, I've been looking for a stand to raise the height of my iMac a little bit. (Some say that for better posture the top edge of your screen should be at eye level so that you glance down slightly to view the screen.)
- Second, this stand has a front-facing hub built in with a variety of ports for plugging in different devices. This would save having to reach around the back of my iMac to reach a port to plug something in (say, a flash drive or SD card).

At \$89.99, this stand is not cheap. Fortunately, I had a some credits available on my Amazon Prime account. So, I decided to indulge myself. You may be able to get a 10% discount for first purchase at Satechi's website.

**Images.** I brought the hub to the meeting for my review, but given its small size, here are some images that I gathered from the Satechi <u>website</u> and a couple of web reviews.



**Monitor Stand Hub Under iMac** 



**Front of Monitor Stand Hub** 

## **Ports/Connections.** From left to right:

- SD Card Slot (standard size) with a micro/SD Card Slot located below it
- 3.5mm Audio Jack (input & output, such as for headphones)
- 3 USB 3.0 Ports (5 Gbit/s)
- USB-C port (data-only, can't be used for charging a device)

**Underside of the Stand.** On the underside of the stand, is a cable with a USB-C connector:



**Underside of Monitor Stand Hub** 

This cable is plugged into one of the USB-C ports at the rear of the Mac. It provides both power and connectivity to the ports at the front of the stand. It's held in place by a series of clips so you can use whatever length that you need to reach a USB port on the back of your Mac.

**USB Type-A to Type-C Adapter.** What if your iMac is an older model, like mine, that doesn't have a USB-C port? Satechi includes a USB Type-A to Type-C Adapter:



**USB Type-A to Type-C adapter** 



Adapter Connected to the Cable (Result: USB-A Connector for an Older iMac)

Another use for the Adapter is to create a second USB-C port:



Adapter Plugged Into a USB-A Port (Result: Converts a USB-A Port to a USB-C Port)

# Stand (General Information).

- Stand dimensions: 8.43" by 8.5" by 1.63"
- Weight: just over a pound
- Available in silver (or gray if you're fortunate have iMac Pro)
- Because of the stand's compact design, there isn't much room under it, especially for a keyboard. Small items are OK or even a CD-ROM drive if you still use one.

# -Steve Parker

#### Credits:

- Satechi Type-C Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub For iMac <u>https://satechi.net/products/aluminum-imac-stand</u>
- The Satechi Type-C Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub for iMac Gives Your Mac a Lift <a href="https://geardiary.com/2019/01/15/satechi-type-c-aluminum-monitor-stand-hub-for-imac-review/">https://geardiary.com/2019/01/15/satechi-type-c-aluminum-monitor-stand-hub-for-imac-review/</a>