

COMPUTER BUYING GUIDE

WHERE TO BUY A COMPUTER

1. BEST BUY
2. RADIO SHACK
3. WALMART
4. STAPLES,
5. OFFICE DEPOT
6. OFFICEMAX
7. HHGREGG
8. 6TH AVENUE ELECTRONICS
9. SEARS
10. SAM'S CLUB
11. BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB

TOP COMPUTER MAKERS

1. DELL
2. HP(HEWLETT PACKARD)
3. GATEWAY
4. ACER
5. COMPAQ

TYPES OF COMPUTERS

1. LAPTOPS
2. DESKTOPS

LAPTOPS VS. DESKTOPS

LAPTOPS ARE SMALL THIN COMPUTERS THAT FIT INSIDE A CARRYING CASE AND THEY ARE PORTABLE. LAPTOPS ARE DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WHO DO A LOT OF TRAVELING ALL THE TIME USUALLY THE TYPE OF PEOPLE THAT BUY LAPTOPS ARE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR TRAVEL AGENCIES, MEDICAL FIELD, OR IF YOUR JOB REQUIRES YOU TO DO A LOT OF TRAVELING.

DESKTOPS ARE USUALLY FOR THE OFFICE AND HOME OR SCHOOL. DESKTOPS ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INSIDE AN OFFICE ALL DAY LONG OR INSIDE A BUILDING ALL DAY LONG.

CUSTOM BUILT VS. STORE BROUGHT

STORE BROUGHT: IF YOU BUY A COMPUTER IN A RETAIL STORE LIKE BESTBUY OR WALMART YOUR GETTING A COMPUTER ALREADY PUT TOGETHER, MEANING ALL YOU DO IS HOOK IT UP AND PLUG IT IN AND YOUR READY TO GO. MORE PEOPLE TODAY BUY A COMPUTER DIRECTLY IN THE RETAIL STORE BECAUSE THEY ARE CHEAPER.

CUSTOM BUILT: CUSTOM BUILT MEANS YOU GET TO PICK WHAT GOES INSIDE THE COMPUTER, YOU GET TO PICK THE CASE, VIDEO CARD, SOUND CARD, HARD DRIVE, CD-ROM DRIVE, KEYBOARD, MOUSE, MAYBE EVEN SOME OPTIONAL ITEMS LIKE BLU-RAY BURNER OR EVEN A SECOND HARD DRIVE BUT BEWARE BECAUSE BUYING A CUSTOM BUILT MEANS MORE EXPENSIVE THEN STORE BROUGHT.

UPGRADING YOUR CURRENT HARDWARE IN THE COMPUTER

IF YOU PLAN ON JUST UPGRADING YOUR CURRENT HARDWARE HERE ARE A FEW TIPS

1. MAKE SURE WHICH HARDWARE IS UPGRADABLE FIRST. YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO UPGRADE YOUR SOUND CARD.
2. UPGRADING YOUR VIDEO CARD, IF YOU PLAY A LOT OF GAMES THAT USE MOSTLY GRAPHICS THEN YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO GO WITH A 1GB VIDEO CARD THAT IS CAPABLE OF PLAYING THOSE HIGH END GRAPHICS GAMES. BUT IF YOU ONLY PLAY LIKE TEXT BASED GAMES THAT ONLY USE TEXT AS OPPOSED TO GRAPHICAL GAMES THEN YOU ONLY NEED A 512MB VIDEO CARD. DEPENDING ON WHAT VIDEO CARD YOU INSTALL MAKE SURE YOUR CURRENT POWER SUPPLY CAN HANDLE THE VIDEO CARD. THE NEWER CARDS REQUIRE A POWER SUPPLY TO BE AT LEAST BETWEEN 550 WATTS TO 650 WATTS. THE REASON IS THE NEWER VIDEO CARDS USE A TON OF POWER. MOST COMPUTERS ONLY COME WITH A 300 OR 350 WATTAGE POWER SUPPLY INSTALLED AND THIS APPLIES TO ONLY DESKTOP COMPUTERS.
3. PLANNING ON UPGRADING YOUR CURRENT MOTHBOARD CALL YOUR COMPUTER MANUFACTURER FIRST TO MAKE SURE THAT ITS UPGRADABLE.
4. UPGRADING YOUR CURRENT HARD DRIVE, MAKE SURE THAT YOU BUY THE CORRECT ONE BECAUSE THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HARD DRIVES. DIFFERENT HARD DRIVES COME WITH DIFFERENT CONNECTIONS. LOOK INSIDE THE COMPUTER TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU BUY THE RIGHT ONE OR YOU CAN BUY AN EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE.

INTERNAL VS. EXTERNAL

INTERNAL MEANS THAT IT GOES INSIDE THE COMPUTER. EXTERNAL MEANS IT SITS BY THE SIDE OF THE COMPUTER. INTERNAL IS CHEAPER BECAUSE IT IS GOES INSIDE. EXTERNAL IS EXPENSIVE BECAUSE IT SITS ON THE DESK NEXT TO THE COMPUTER.

BLU-RAY BURNERS

BLU-RAY BURNERS ARE THE NEXT THING IN BURNING DATA TO THE DISC. BECAUSE THIS IS A NEW TECHNOLOGY THE BURNERS AND DISCS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE. BLANK BLU-RAY DISCS ARE AROUND \$30 A DISC. BLU-RAY BURNERS RANGE FROM \$400 TO \$800 A DRIVE. MANY COMPANIES MAKE THEM BUT BE CAREFUL AS THEY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE EXTERNAL. THE INTERNAL BLU-RAY BURNERS ARE A LITTLE CHEAPER BUT NOT BY MUCH.

NOTE: PLEASE BEWARE THAT THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE BUYING GUIDE ON COMPUTERS JUST A STARTER GUIDE OF WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN LOOKING AT BUYING A COMPUTER.

OTHER TYPES OF GADGETS

THERE ARE OTHER TYPES LIKE TABLETS WHICH ARE NOW MUCH MORE POPULAR THEN LAPTOPS

LATEST BLU-RAY PLAYERS THAT ARE OUT

1. SONY PLAYSTATION 3
2. SAMSUNG BD-7900 BLU-RAY PLAYER
3. PANASONIC DMP-BD75 BLU-RAY PLAYER
4. TOSHIBA BDX1100 BLU-RAY PLAYER
5. VIZIO VBR220 BLU-RAY PLAYER
6. RCA BRC-3108 BLU-RAY PLAYER
7. SONY NSX-GT1 BLU-RAY PLAYER
8. SONY BDP-S760 BLU-RAY PLAYER
9. OPPO BDP-93 BLU-RAY PLAYER
9. OPPO BDP-95 BLU-RAY PLAYER