

How to Purchase a New Computer

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Class Schedule

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- Presentation
 - Purpose
 - Budget
 - Hardware/Software
 - Desktop vs. Laptop
 - Where to purchase
- Question and Answers

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- Add On Hardware
- Software
- PC vs. Mac vs. Linux
- Laptop vs. Desktop
- Online vs. BigBox

Purpose

- Email, Web
- Business Apps (Word, Excel, Finance)
- Photo Editing
- Video Editing
- Number Crunching
- Audio/Music
- Gaming

Budget

- How Long not How Much
- Everything will cost less in 6 months
- Basic Computer
- Business Class
- Fully Loaded
- Gamer Rig

Add On Hardware

- Optical Drives – CD, DVD, Burner, Dual Layer, HD, LightScribe
- Floppies, Media Cards, Thumb Drives
- Network, Modem, Sound
- Power Strip vs. UPS

Software

- Internet
- Business
- Video and Audio Editing
- Virus, Anti-Spyware
- Fun – iTunes, Media Player, Picasa

Computer Operating System

- PC – Windows Vista
- Mac – Mac OSX
- PC – Linux

Laptop vs. Desktop

- Do you need to be portable
- Will you want to upgrade
- Heavy Processing
- Specialty Processing

Where to Buy Your Computer

- Big Box - Preconfigured
 - Best Buy
 - Circuit City
- Online – Custom Configurations
 - Dell
 - HP
 - Gateway
- Mom and Pop Shop – Very Custom Configs

For More Information

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<http://Blog.MySmBC.com>
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