



A Free Guide to Buying a Computer in 2022- part 2

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So in this part of the series we will look at some other possibilities that you may want to consider when buying a computer. You will want to almost certainly buy additional equipment that does not come standard with your computer, such as extra USB cables, extra power cables if possible, adapters, and others mentioned in this guide.

I point this out because, even though you won't need all of this extra equipment right away, you will need at least some of the equipment through out the life of owning your computer, like having a spare tire for your car, you might not need it now, but when you have a flat, it's always nice to already have it in the truck waiting on you, instead of you having to call someone to bring it out and you waiting on them.

So please read and go over the suggestions below, which are in no particular order.

1 - Can it be upgraded

- Can you upgrade the CPU ([CPU](#))
- Can you upgrade the memory ([system memory](#))
- What is the maximum amount of memory you can upgrade to
- how big is the hard drive ([SSD](#))

2 – will it work with my older equipment

- does it work with your wireless WIFI network
- does it work with your wired network
- does it work with your existing monitor
- does it work with your existing router / switch / modem

3 – what will I be using it for

- will you use it for school
- will you use it for work
- will you use it for video editing
- will you use it for gaming (entertainment)

4 – what additional equipment do I need to buy for/with my computer

- do you need a USB hub ([USB hub](#))

- do you need USB cable ([USB cable](#))
- do you need USB-C cable ([USB-C cable](#))
- do you need a dock station (dock stations)

Dell [WD19](#) [WD15](#) [WD19S](#) [Dock-Stations](#)

- do you need an extra monitor
- do you need extra storage for backups
- do you need extra network interface cable for wired network ([Network cable wiki](#))
- do you need extra USB wireless adapter for wireless network ([wireless adapter wiki](#))

5 – what is my budget

- Will you buy a new computer
- will you buy a used computer
- will you buy the computer online
- will you buy the computer from a local store

6 – what type of software do I need to use the laptop for

- does your school require specific software
- does your job require specific software
- does you need specific software for a project
- what is the hardware requirement for the software that you need

7 – how to research before you buy

- go to your local store in your area and search for the new and used computers that are for sale
- write down or take of a picture of the computer models you are interested in
- google the online reviews of the computers that you found at the store
- ask store what type of warranties comes with the computers
- ask store if computer repair is done onsite or thru a third party vendor
- ask store / repair service, if they offer a backup service for your computer
- search on ebay, amazon, newegg, etc, and google search reviews as above

8 – what ports do I need for my computer

- do you need extra USB ports for devices
- does your computer come with a USB-C port ([USB-C](#))
- do you need a dock station for more than one monitor
- what type of video cable does your monitor use

9 – what features do I need on the laptop

- do you need a fast computer for gaming
- do you need a large storage to hold data backups ([SSD](#) / [HDD](#))
- do you need extra storage to hold data and system backups
- do you need a fast computer for video editing and graphics

10 – where to buy cheap laptops

- ebay
- amazon
- newegg.com

- your local department store

11 – Full disclosure, I sell used laptops (usually with a 30 day hardware / software warranty), so please consider buying a computer from me.

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