

Basic Parts of a Computer

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A desktop computer is made up of several basic parts.

The computer case contains the main components of the computer. This is where the actual processing happens. Today, most cases are , which means they stand up vertically. Sometimes you may see a horizontal case, which is often called a

In order to view anything on your computer, you'll need to have a monitor. The monitor connects to the inside your computer, to display images and text on the screen.

Most monitors have LCD or displays, which can be made very thin, so they don't use much desk space. To save even more space, you can buy an computer, which combines the monitor and the computer case into a single unit.

To interact with your computer, you'll need a and mouse. Keyboards come in different shapes and sizes: for example, ergonomic and wireless keyboards. The mouse is used to control the on the screen.

It can either be , which has an electronic eye on the bottom, or , which uses a rolling ball to detect movement.

Some people prefer to use a trackball or instead of a mouse. These use less desk space, since they don't need to move when you're using them.

So those are the basic parts of a desktop computer. As you can see, each part plays an important role, and you'll become very familiar with these parts as you gain more experience with your computer.

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