

Buttons and Ports on a Computer

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A typical desktop computer has various buttons and ports on the front and back of the computer case.

Most desktop computers have the on the front, although some all-in-one computers put it on the back, behind the screen.

Your computer will probably have an, also known as a CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive. This has either a tray or a slot where you can insert a CD, DVD, or even a Blu-ray disc, if it's a newer computer. If you have blank CD-R or DVD-R discs, you can write – or burn – data onto them.

For convenience, your computer may have and USB ports on the front. That makes it easier to plug in your phone, headphones, or USB flash drive.

You can also find audio and USB ports on the back of the computer. You'll usually have several USB ports so that you can plug in all of the that you need.

The is also found on the back, and this is where you'll connect the power cord.

To connect your computer to the internet, you can use an Ethernet cable to connect your to your modem or router. This port looks a lot like a telephone port, but it's a little bit wider.

You'll use your computer's monitor port to connect the monitor. There are many different types of monitor ports. This computer has a, but your computer may have a different kind, such as DVI or HDMI.

Expansion allow you to upgrade your computer by adding expansion cards. For example, you can add a graphics card to get better gaming performance.

Many computers use to connect the mouse and keyboard. The mouse port is usually green, and the keyboard port is usually purple. If you have a USB mouse and keyboard, then you won't need to use these ports.

Finally, some computers have a serial port and a for connecting to older peripherals such as printers. But today most devices use the USB ports instead.

So those are the main types of buttons and ports that you'll find on a desktop computer. Your computer may have the ports in different places, and it may even have a different type of port, but chances are, most of these basic parts are there.

Related Terms

- parallel port
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- audio ports
- power socket
- power button
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