



Ultimate

COMPUTER BUYING GUIDE

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STORAGE (SSD)

Recommendation for most users: 180GB SSD
Common sizes 128GB, 180GB, 256GB
Select a size appropriate for your individual needs
Use cloud storage (e.g.- Google Drive) to limit size
Hard drives are cheaper but performance is poor

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PROCESSOR (CPU)

Recommendation for most users: Intel Core i5
Common options i3, i5, i7
A new generation chipset is released yearly
AMD is cheaper but we don't recommend them

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MEMORY (RAM)

Recommendation for most users: 8GB RAM
Common sizes 8GB, 16GB
Recommendation for MS Teams users: 16G RAM

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OPERATING SYSTEM (OS)

Recommended for most users: Windows 10 Pro
Common options MacOS, Windows 10 Home
Most business applications run on Windows
Graphic Designers may opt for MacOS

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SUPPORTABILITY

Purchase business grade laptops
Purchase a manufacturer warranty
Expected lifespan 3-4 years for laptops
Install OS Updates regularly
Leverage manufacturer-specific update tools

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WHERE TO BUY

Purchase directly from the manufacturer's website
or
Purchase from an authorized reseller (e.g.- Blue
Maven IT)