

This weeks article is Buying a PC part 3.

This is the final part in Tips for buying a PC.

**Windows** - Microsoft's operating system Windows is included with most PCs. Since 2001, Windows XP has been the version for home users but 2007 has seen the launch of its successor Windows Vista. Most new computers come without a choice and have Vista installed. XP is still an option when purchasing from an online store like newegg.com and mwave.com.

**Software** - some packages will include office suites, security programs, DVD creation, games and entertainment software. Most of the software that comes with a new PC is trial software, which will need to be removed, unless you choose to purchase. There are free programs on the web that do just as well as their counterparts, Open Office is one of them.

**Internet Access** - many packages come with free Internet trials, but you can choose a different provider if you find a better deal. To access the Internet from home you will need to connect your PC to your phone line. There should be instructions with your PC how to do this. There are many different Internet packages available, and with some you will need to buy additional equipment. To learn more, contact an ISP(Internet Service Provider) or visit their web site.

**Wireless Internet** - modern PCs often come with built-in wireless support, to allow you to connect to any wireless Internet networks within range. If not, wireless adapters can be bought separately.

You can usually replace and upgrade your PC components in the future if you decide you need more memory or a faster graphics card, for example.

And you can always upgrade or buy new software if you find the included programs too limited for your needs.

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