

# Checklist for buying a computer

1. Set your budget first and stick to it
  - a. Ask your computer expert to advise on the current average or “sweet spot” for computer prices right now or...
  - b. Check the average price in the market right now, avoid the cheapest and the most expensive.
2. Choose your priorities from these:
  - a. Windows/Linux/Apple
  - b. Desktop/Laptop
  - c. Screen size
  - d. Speed (CPU dual/quad/..., GHz)
  - e. RAM (working memory GBs)
  - f. Storage (hard disk GBs)
3. Make a list of essential jobs it has to do e.g. Word processing, internet, games etc.
4. Make a list of “nice to haves” e.g. very large screen, small footprint etc.
5. Visit 3 stores & see 3 different computers (1 at each store) **doing the essential jobs.**
  - a. Have them give you written spec’s for each pc you look at.
  - b. Send these to your trusted computer expert for advice if you aren’t comfortable choosing yourself.
6. To fend off premature replacement, **buy the most expensive one** within your budget that satisfies these criteria

