

WHAT TYPE OF COMPUTER SHOULD I BUY ?

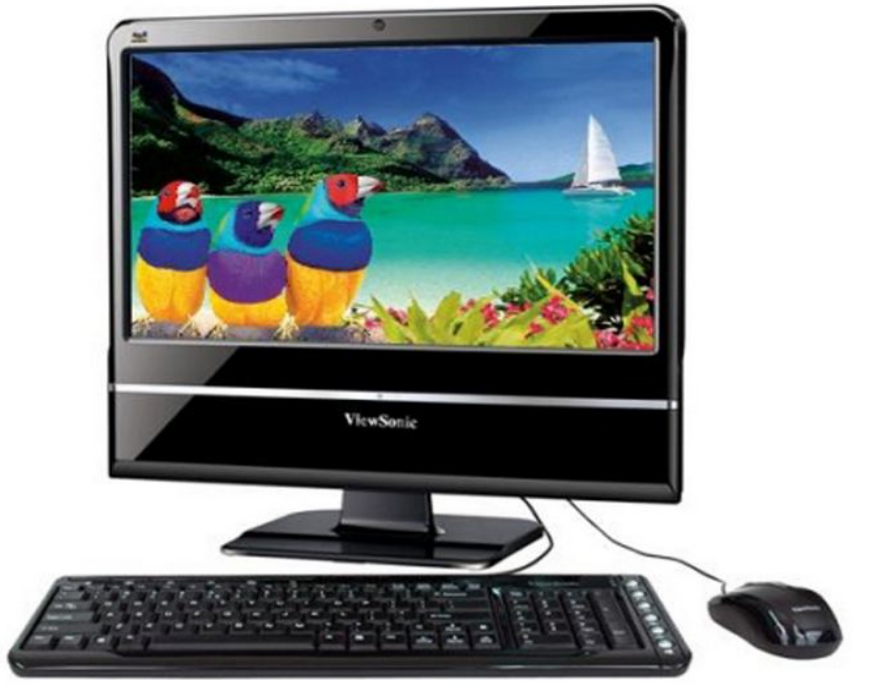
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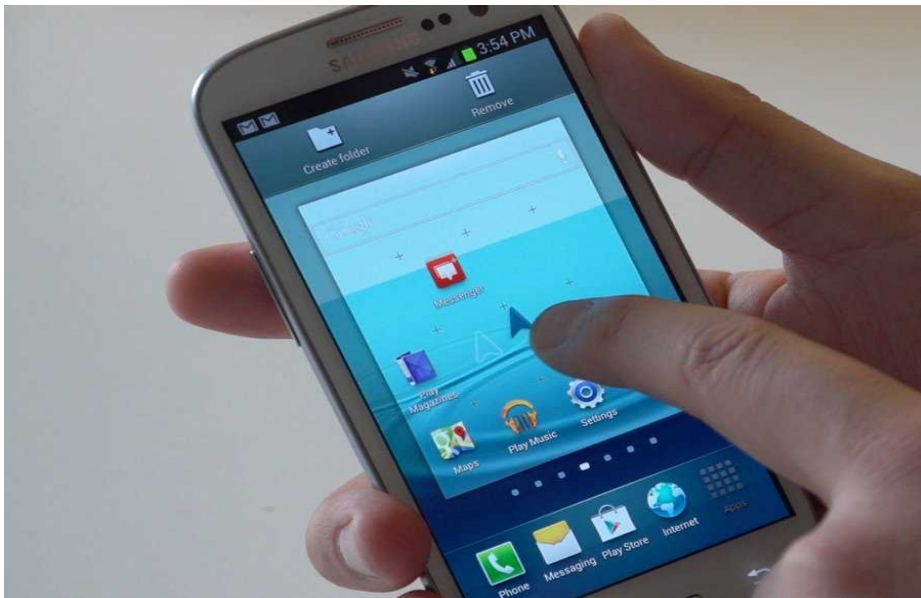
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COMPUTER ?

- Do I really need a (another) computer ?
- What type of things do I want to do with this computer ?
- What type: Desktop, laptop, netbook, tablet or a “smartphone” ?
- What are the capabilities/limitations/portability of the different types?





Capabilities/Limitations

Desktop – Lots of programs , run many programs at a time, larger, not portable.

Laptop – Lots of programs, run many programs at a time, small to medium size are quite portable.

Netbook – Smaller yet, run a number of programs at a time, Less capable processor/memory.

Tablet – Even smaller, page size to hand held size, run one or two apps at a time. Other features: camera, video, GPS etc. .

Smartphone

- Most of the features of a tablet, smaller screen limits use of some apps, extremely useful due to pocket size. Run one app at a time. Added feature is it's a phone. Continuing cost of monthly data connection/plan (~~ \$ 40-\$60/month).

Which for you ??

- What types of things do you want/need to use it for ?
- How portable does it need to be ?
- Is WiFi OK or do you need cellular connection ? Continuing monthly costs.
- Purchase costs vary from few hundred to a thousand \$\$.