



BUYING A NEW COMPUTING DEVICE

What are the choices?

What we will be covering today

- What are the choices for buying a new computing device?
- Do I need more than one?
- The differences between each type
- What do I need it for?
- We will look at these issues through the lens of “what do I need it for”
 - *But first....*

What are the choices for buying a new computing device?

- Apple or Windows
 - *Stick with what you know*
- Desktop / AiO
- Laptop
- Tablet
- Phone
- Linux
 - *Replaces the Windows software on a Windows computer*
 - *Not recommended, unless you are desperate not to buy new “large” hardware*

What is best to use?

	Desktop / AiO	Laptop	Tablet	Phone	Linux
Setting Up	2	3	5	5	1
Typing	5	5	3	2	5
GUI	3	3	4	3	3
Screen	5	5	3	2	4
Convenience	1	3	4	5	3
Printing	5	5	4	4	3
Safety	4	4	5	4	4

What do I need a “computer” for?

- Internet browsing
 - *Includes Social Media e.g. X, Facebook*
- Email
- Diary / Contacts
- “Work” applications
 - *Word processor, Spreadsheet, Presentations*
- Streaming
 - *iPlayer, Netflix, ITVx etc etc*
- Photos / Video
 - *Storage and manipulation*
 - *Have I missed anything?*

Internet Browsing

- Desktop / Laptop
 - *Default browser Microsoft Edge – can easily be changed*
 - *Log in details easily saved and relatively safe*
 - *More screen space, so easy to find extras like bookmarks, history, tabs*
- Tablet
 - *iPad default Safari – can easily be changed*
- Phone
 - *Android default Chrome*

Email

- Windows has historically too many solutions, and is therefore potentially messy
 - *Via Web browser*
 - *New outlook (previously called "Mail")*
 - This is the easy solution, but may be more simplistic than you are used to. No contacts or calendar
 - *Office outlook*
- Tablet and Phone
 - *Built in solution from the get-go*
 - *iPad and iPhone - Apple Mail*
 - *Android phone - GMail*

Diary / Contacts

- Windows - Accessible through web based email. As with all systems, not easy to swap to a new one
 - *Separate Contacts app on Windows*
 - *No native calendar on Windows*
 - *But you can use programs/apps such as Outlook or New Outlook for Windows*

- Tablet – Phone
 - *Built in. Apple aptly named Contacts and Calendar*
 - *Android – ditto*

- General Rule. Whichever system you use, use it on all devices
 - *Apple, Google, Outlook*

Work Applications

- Windows
 - *Microsoft 365 (subscription)*
 - *Standalone office suite (one-off payment)*
 - *Online versions*
 - *Can be used with apps on portables, but not universally*
 - *Free office programs (e.g. Libre office)*
- Apple (Ipad and phone)
 - *Pages and Numbers (built in)*
- Phone (Android)
 - *Docs and Sheets (built-in)*

Streaming

- Windows
 - *Apps through Store, or use internet*
- Tablet and Phone
 - *Download apps*
- Apps will remember log in credentials, but not across devices

Photos and Videos

- Windows
 - *Great for local storage*
 - *Easy to backup*
 - *Built-in storage solution (photos) including editing tools*
 - *Nice screen to view*
- Tablet and phone
 - *No easy path to backup (deleting off your device, can easily mean deleting off the cloud too)*
 - *Purchased solutions available*
 - *Free storage is limited*

Just to muddy the waters....

- Chromebook
 - *Online only Google device*
 - *Laptop sized*
 - *Much of the “work” is done online, so can be low powered*

Finally

- Happy to give buying advice if needed
 - *Provide a list of what you want to use the device for*
 - *Advise us your proficiency*
 - *budget*