

There are still 5 good reasons to use a desktop computer

Why would anyone possibly need a desktop?

For most, it goes against all common sense to use a desktop because they're not as convenient and portable as a laptop, and a laptop does what you need it to do just fine.

At the same time, the good ol' bulky, stationary desktop still has a place for many people. Here are five good reasons why you might want to use desktop computer.



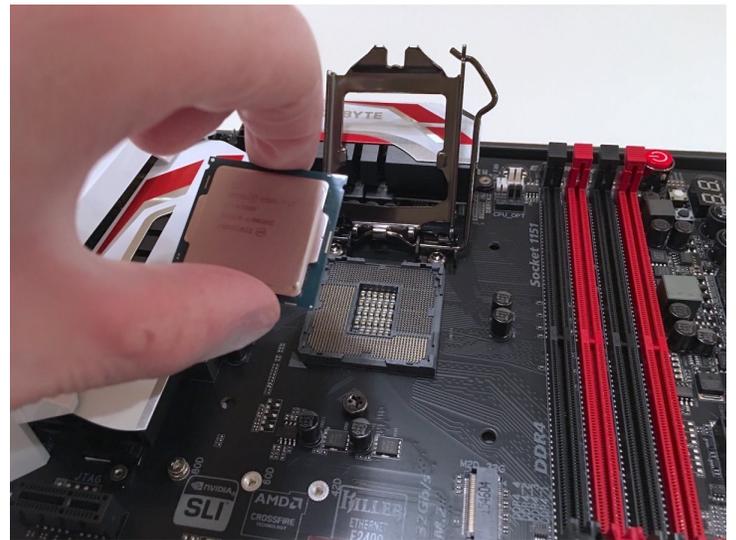
You can upgrade the parts, which is cheaper than buying a new laptop.

When a laptop starts to slow down, your only option is to buy a whole new one. Depending on what you need a computer for, a new laptop could cost thousands of dollars.

That's because you have to buy every single part inside the laptop brand new — the processor, motherboard, RAM, hard drive, and everything else. But most of the parts in your old laptop are probably still fine, and it's usually only the processor (and the motherboard it sits on) that needs upgrading.

With a desktop you can easily replace an aging processor (and motherboard) for around \$300.

That said, all-in-one desktops like the iMac can be a little difficult to upgrade.



You get more bang for your buck.

Depending on the brand, desktops and laptops with similar specs can often cost the same. Yet, the main differences between the two are the processor and the graphics processor.

Laptops use the smaller mobile version of a processor model, which often aren't quite as powerful as the full-size desktop versions. That could make a noticeable difference for people who use computers for power-intensive tasks, like photo or video editing.



Powerful desktops are cheaper than powerful laptops.

I picked a \$1,699 laptop from a well-known name brand and compared it to a desktop PC you could assemble yourself with equivalent specs.

The parts I chose for the desktop equivalent of the laptop would cost me about \$500 less than the desktop with the Windows 10 operating system included. On top of that, the full-size desktop parts are also more powerful than the laptop versions.



They're much better for gamers.

Gaming laptops are great, but some of them can hardly be considered "portable," as they can get insanely heavy and large. More important, laptop parts don't quite compare to full-size desktop parts in terms of performance.

For gamers who value performance over portability, a desktop is the best way to go. And it'll cost you a lot less than a laptop with equivalent specs.



You can still use a laptop (or tablet), but you don't need to buy an expensive model.

With the desktop as your main workhorse, you can buy a cheap laptop or tablet for light work, browsing the web, flicking through social media, or streaming videos while you're on the couch or traveling. And you don't need to worry as much about theft or damaging a cheap secondary laptop than you would if you owned a single, expensive primary laptop.

Cheap laptops like Chromebooks would be a great portable complement to a desktop, as you can carry them around wherever you need them for your general, basic day-to-day uses.



Some other notes:

- With desktops, you get to pick your own screen, keyboard & mouse. You can also add drives for more storage.
- Because notebooks are portable, there is a higher probability of accidents...like drops, spills, tripping over the power cord while plugged in. Spilling coffee on a notebook can do major damage, spilling coffee on a desktop's keyboard is nothing...\$15 to replace it.
- Because there is more space inside a desktop, there's more room to breathe, you don't have to worry about cleaning fan's as often.