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Peter Lancelotti device drivers are pieces of computer software that allow application programs to communicate with hardware components. For example, sound card drivers allow multifunctional applications to deliver sound to computer speakers. When a user instructs the program to regulate sound, the driver is the software associated with the sound card. It is responsible for providing instructions to the machine so that it can change the volume directed to the speaker. Drivers exist for all hardware components. Windows operating systems have many common drivers that are pre-installed. This driver controls the instructions set to the audio card. The default setting for this driver is C:\windows\system32\drivers. It also uses other files, in conjunction with other drivers located outside the folder. In computer control, found at the touch of the right button my computer and choice control, look for Sound Video and game controllers. On the properties of the listed sound card, click on the Drivers tab to see a list of all the files associated with the installed driver. Use the property page to remove or update the sound driver. The graphics card is responsible for managing the content of images displayed on a computer monitor. Use computer control to find out which graphics card is on your computer. Expand your display adapters to see the device's control graphics on your computer. Right click on this device and select Properties. Here you will find the files and their location, compiling the driver. You can remove or update the driver from the property page. When you upgrade, Windows can save old driver files so you can roll back if the update doesn't work properly. Modems are responsible for connecting your computer to the phone network. They are used as backup devices with broadband routers using wireless or Ethernet connectivity, providing access to the Internet or local networks. Use your computer control to find information about this device. Expand the Modems option in the list and tap the right button on the above device. Choose properties where you'll find options to remove or upgrade your driver. The driver tab lists the files and their location. Windows operating systems have many built-in drivers to control the components of critical hardware systems. In computer control expand the System Devices module to see a list of all the devices supported in this category. These include Microsoft Update Device, a single system file responsible for managing Microsoft's automated updates. Bluetooth and Advanced Power devices such as fans, may have drivers listed here. This list will be different from computer to computer based on installed hardware components. Dear Lifehacker, I have built many computers over the years, but as they are obsolete I have replaced them with new new ones What to do with all the old parts of the computer? I don't want to just throw them in the trash. Sincerely, Hard Drive HoarderDear Hoarder, no matter how outdated your parts are, you can probably find one or two uses for them, even if they are not in the new computer for yourself. Here are some things you can do with them, both with the obvious end of the spectrum and less obvious. Create a low-ethered, single-purpose computer That's not the most original idea, but if you have enough parts to build a new machine-with or without a good occasion, you can always throw it together and repurpose it like you would an old computer. For example, no matter how old or crappy a computer might be, it can make for a pretty large home server that transfers files to other computers in your home, downloads torrents 24/7, or performs other tasks all day long. It also doesn't take much power to build a home PC cinema for all your movies and TV shows, so it's a good option as well. Despite all the assumptions, we geeks are not always involved in the latest and greatest ... Read moreNote that if you don't have an old case to use (since cases can pretty much last forever), you can always make a temporary case out of a cardboard box, or build this computer right in your desk or entertainment center for true family integration. So you have all the components to build your computer, except in case that an impatient geek do? MoreThe banned parts on your own parts can be repurposed by themselves. For example, you can easily turn an old hard drive into an external hard drive with a simple case or turn a DVD into an external DVD. If you have additional NVIDIA graphics cards, you can throw one into your existing computer as a dedicated PhysX card for games that support it (and if your current card isn't too powerful). If you really have some DIY skills, you can even turn it into an external graphics card for the best game on your laptop. Not all parts can be repurposed this way, but before you start throwing things away, see if any of them have a use for your current computers. More and more light laptops and netbooks are shipping without optical discs. Don't buy... Read moreTurn them in Fun DIY projects may not be particularly helpful, but if you have a lot of pieces lying around and want something fun to do, you can always turn them into a fun computer themed DIY project. For example, you can turn an old PC case into an aquarium, turn old motherboards and graphics cards into a coffee table or one in a million cool things. Search around to find projects that others have come up with, or think of other ways you can decorate your geek cave on your own. This is a sad fact of life: PCs are getting old, become obsolete, and you have to buy a new one. Instead of... MoreTrie and sell themYou may not have use for the old Intel Intel 4 and AGP graphics card, but someone else can. If you can't think of anything to do with them at home, put them on Craigslist or eBay and see if you can make a few bucks. You can either put them as separate parts or build them into multiple computers and sell them that way. You may not get a ton for your efforts, but you will at least get extra pocket money and someone will get the parts they want. Just make sure you don't get when selling online, Photo Cloud. Dear Lifehacker, I just started selling on Craigslist and it's a bit overwhelming. I keep... Read moreRecycle Them! If everything else fails and you just want to get rid of these old parts, don't throw them in the bin. These parts may have harmful metals in them you don't want to rot in the landfill. We ran down five simple places to recycle old computers and computer parts, and these suggestions should continue fairly. Your individual city may have other options and places, too, so Google around-you should be able to find an easy, free place to get rid of these parts responsibly. Maybe you have the next generation of gear for the holidays. Maybe you're just cleaning up unused... More Disinguous. LifehackerTitle image remix from Chris Butler (Shutterstock). If you are building a new computer or shopping for an upgrade, you need a safe place to buy. Not all retailers are the same - some offer great discounts, good customer service, and even useful tools, so you buy the best gear for your money. This week we're testing the top five based on your nominations. Building your own computer doesn't have to be super expensive, and there are many ways you can save money in the process. Earlier this week we asked you to let us know where you're going - online or offline - to buy computer components after you've collected your list of specifications. You weighed in with tons of great nominees, but we only have room for your top five. Here they are, in no particular order: Dear Lifehacker, I'm on the market for a new computer. My friend says it's cheaper to build one... Read moreMicro CenterMicro Center operates both brick-and-mortar stores and an extensive online store, both packed with everything from processors and motherboards to pre-built computer systems, laptops and monitors. Many people know The Micro Center specifically for their often incredible deals on processors, in many cases hundreds of dollars lower than those available elsewhere on the internet, and they often appear on your list of low prices when you start building your computer on a site like PCPartPicker. Their physical stores, rule laid out and stocked like geek amusement parks, with tons of systems to play with, game consoles to kill time, and plenty of opportunities to actually touch and try the technology you're interested in before you buy it, not to mention the massive system builder center With components, cables, cooling, pipes, and more-great for any system builder who is missing a cable or needs that one extra thing to finish building them and doesn't want to wait for delivery. Those of you who have appointed The Micro Center have also highlighted the popularity of its brick-and-mortar stores, as well as the great discounts and bundles available in person. They're not quite everywhere in North America yet, but they're in big enough cities to make them a great place, and even if you're not close to one, their online store has most of the same gear at equally high prices. You can even order online for an in-store pickup, and if you're working in trouble about what ingredients to buy, their staff at the store are usually actually knowledgeable, which is a refreshing breath of fresh air. Don't take my word for it though-read love in their nomination thread here. NCIXNCIX (and its American counterpart, NCIX USA) won the Canada Newegg title some time ago, but has since grown much higher and beyond comparison. NCIX is a juggernaut in its own right, serving both Canadian and American buyers with a wide range of computer components on its site at very competitive prices. If you need a new graphics card, hard drive, case or processor, NCIX has you covered. Their stock doesn't end there, though, and the company sells pre-built systems, peripherals like mechanical keyboards and monitors as well. Their pricing is extremely aggressive and if they don't have a better price on a particular item, they will match their competitors. NCIX also runs a rewards program and newsletter for its customers that offers exclusive sales, discounts and rewards just for registration. The company also strives to educate its customers and help you make smart buying decisions that we have seen through their NCIX YouTube channel and their support of other channels like Techquickie and Linus Tech Tips, all of which we love and are known to post videos from frequently. In their nomination thread, many of you have shown your love for NCIX, and specifically noted that Canadian buyers should ship through them exclusively, since they ship using Canada Post, meaning you pay less for shipping but get the gear earlier. You've also called NCIX customer service for being exceptionally useful, easy to work with on RMAs and DOA parts. Also, if you're thinking of saying goodbye to a new computer but don't want to build or burn it in yourself, an extra \$50 on your order means they'll collect everything for you, check it out, make sure it works, install the OS and then send it all to you. You can read more in your carving nomination here. NeweggNewegg is And for good reason. The company has been operating for centuries, selling computer components and peripherals to system builders and enthusiasts for years. For many people, Newegg is their first and Destination when it comes to building a PC, and even for those who end up buying elsewhere, they do most of their research at Newegg first to make sure they buy the best gear at the best prices. Newegg doesn't skimp on selection, or literally everything you need to build a computer available in their online store, with a fast and affordable delivery, complete with enough tools and options to make sure you buy exactly what you need, no more and no less, and that all your components will work together when you get them. Newegg has comparison tools to help you make this difficult decision between one graphics card and the next model over, and their sales and discounts, especially during the holidays, are the strength your wallet may not be able to resist. Their forums and customer reviews are well traveled, and while their customer service has been great in my experience, it is noteworthy that component manufacturers often hang out in their forums and in reviews of their products as well, making sure their customers are happy and offer to do any issues right if someone gets the bad part or has another problem. Newegg also runs a pair of YouTube channels dedicated to helping you make smart buying decisions - their flagship TV channel Newegg and their Newegg Products channel. On both they often post product reviews, unpacking videos, first impressions of upcoming products, and more. The nomination thread for Newegg was massive, and like any major retailer, was filled with both praise for their fast delivery, great selection, amazing discounts, and great customer service ... and full of complaints about the same things. Most of you, however, have highlighted the tools that Newegg makes available to help you compare products, check reviews, and learn more about any specific item you are thinking about buying. The community around Newegg, not just its employees, is passionate, intelligent, and really helpful. There's a reason Newegg was the obvious nomination. Many of you have noted that Newegg doesn't always win for the price, but they benefit from research and information, and depending on where you live, even their cheap delivery can mean that your gear gets to you the next day. If you need more reasons, check out the nomination thread here-it's packed with them. AmazonThe store that sells everything also sells computer components and parts, and is usually at fairly competitive prices, even better if you're a member of Amazon Prime and get free shipping on virtually all the components you buy. You need to know what you are looking for, of course Amazon doesn't make it easy for you to part with your computer or make sure the components will together or compatible with each other before you buy, but they offer a ridiculously huge selection of both common and obscure parts, new and old, so that You can always find what you are looking for, either directly from Amazon or through an Amazon seller. Their prices are good enough that if you use other tools to part with a computer like PCPartPicker, for example, you'll end up seeing an Amazon product listing in two or three of the most affordable versions of the parts you think about buying almost every time. In the nomination thread, many of you have called out the fact that you used to shop at other retail parts and now buy from Amazon almost as often, if not more, mainly because Amazon just kept everyone else to beat on the price. It makes sense - they are a logistical juggernaut, and they have the size and scale to compete with all other parts and electronics retailers, while undermining them by price and shipping costs. Many of you have even mentioned that you use these other sites to do your research and then end up finishing going with Amazon because of either free shipping or prices. To boot, many of you also praised Amazon's pretty liberal return and RMA policy (something I can confirm I bought some components from Amazon recently, was shipping delayed for a few days, we feared that it was lost, and Amazon night replacement for me the next day, with only the promise that if the original shipment appeared eventually that I send it back to them) if you ever have a problem with the items you ordered. You can read all the conversion stories in your nomination thread here. TigerDirectTigerDirect used to be a bit of a bad rap, but the retailer has come a long way to positioning itself as a solid option for people looking for another place to check prices and score deals on computer components, peripherals and software. They have brick-and-mortar stores (though not much) but their core business is through their website, where they offer a wide variety of PC parts from memory and processors to fully built systems and other consumer electronics. Their prices are often worth a solid look, although you can't think of them right away, in many cases TigerDirect can sneak in with the lowest priced-on-demand product (such as a 4K monitor or popular SSD model) with lots of stock and quick delivery straight to you. They also run a fan newsletter that is packed with exclusive offers just for registration. In their nomination thread, some of you have pointed out that their brick-and-mortar stores are worth seeing if you have one near you, and noted that their inventory is solid, their site is easy to use and browse, and while they don't have the same comparison and shopping tools as other retailers, they're a great option if you're shopping around at a good price then what could be stock or more expensive Everywhere. Read more in the nomination here. Now that you've seen the top five, it's time to put them on the to-ay-to vote to determine the determine Community favorite. This week's honorary mentions go out to Fry's Electronics and Other World Computing (OWC), both of which missed the top five with just a handful of votes. Fry's Electronics works as a brick-and-mortar and online store packed with groceries, and there with the Micro Center in what many people describe it as a bit of a geek amusement park-somewhere you can go and spend all day browsing, try out gear before you buy it, explore different options, check out the things you want to buy in person, and talk to other knowledgeable people. Their website is largely the same - packed with a large selection of products at great prices. You even described it as Costco for computer parts, and we think that's for sure. Check out his nomination thread here. In the same vein, Other World Computing has been in business for centuries, and while it was once the first place for Mac owners to find specialized gear for their computers (and find big prices for Apple's equipment, which often knock apple out directly, not to mention one of the first places to offer updated and refurbished Apple products at great prices) the site has grown to be a great resource for all computer buyers, whether shopping for a new computer. Check out his nomination thread here. Want to make a case for your personal favorite even if it wasn't on the list? Remember that the top five are based on your most popular nominations from calling for applicants to thread earlier in the week. Don't just complain about the top five, let us know what your preferred alternative is, and make your case for it - in the discussions below. Hive Five is based on reader nominations. Like most Hive Five posts, if your favorite stayed away, he didn't get the nominations needed in calling for job applicants to make the top five. We understand that this is a bit of a popularity contest. Is there an offer for Hive Five? Email us at [tips@hivefive@lifehacker.com](mailto:tips@hivefive@lifehacker.com)Title photo teknoeric. teknoeric. desktop computer all parts list. all computer parts price list. computer all parts name list. computer hardware all parts name list. computer all parts name and price list. computer hardware all parts name list.pdf. all computer parts full form list. computer all parts price list in india

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