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Desktop computers (sometimes referred to a personal computers) are designed to meet regular general purpose computational needs at a single location such as on or near a desk or table. Desktop computers, unlike handheld computers, generally require more power to support peripherals such as disks and monitors, therefore, even though Desktop computers can be moved they are cumbersome due to power requirements.Some of the peripherals include one or more monitors, internal and external disks, mice, printers and often Wired Network Ethernet connections. A stereotypical configuration general has a case housing the power supply, Motherboard with a Central Processing Unit (CPU); a keyboard and mouse for input; and a computer monitor, speakers, and, often, a printer for output. The case may be oriented horizontally or vertically and placed either underneath, beside, or on top of a desk. Often, Desktops use Wired Network Ethernet connection.

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