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Building a PC from Nothing by [Betsy Zikakis](#)

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Many computers in retail stores are great deals compared to yesterday, but individuals get more when they order each piece separately. Every item in a custom build can be changed to accommodate different situations, and it gives the user more control of how they will upgrade in the future. It can be a challenging task figuring out what to order, but with a little bit of advice, this can be much easier than many believe.

Getting the parts of the best quality is one of the most important parts of a computer build. Taking a look at user reviews is a great way to cross the bad parts off the list, and there are several websites that have lots of these. Lots of people rate good products badly because of a single bad experience, and it is good to weed these out by looking at why people rate them badly.

The most significant parts of a computer to concentrate on are the CPU, RAM, hard drive and graphics card. A computer can be great or terrible according to the quality of these pieces, and the others only serve minor advantages from high to low end. Finding the most cores when acquiring a processor is important, but the speed in gigahertz is still of importance to many applications. People that want to play games will likely need to invest a bit into their graphics card. The second number designates the general performance range in the series, and the first number denotes the series. A graphics card in the 870 series can be faster than a 960, so doing a little bit of research is important.

RAM is very important, but it does not future proof the system as much as the CPU and graphics card do. The speed of the RAM is very important to pay attention to, and computers today should have no less than 8 gigs of RAM. Many pieces of RAM are not compatible with particular hardware, and the only way to tell is by user reviews. Hard drives can both be quicker and hold more, and as with everything else, the more the better. People tend to fill hard drives up quickly, and getting the largest possible drive will make sure this does not happen for a long time.

All the other pieces can be decided on by the builder. Many individuals want a computer to achieve a specific result, and doing some web performance testing can ensure that this happens. Doing a web load test also helps guarantee that the computer stays stable under the most intensive situations possible. After following these steps, it is a near-certainty that the computer will perform well for many years to come.

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