



## So you want to buy a computer . . . checklist

- **Do I buy a laptop (mobile) or a desktop (stationary) computer?**
  - Laptops
  - Desktops
- **What type of system should I buy? Macintosh or Windows(also called PC)**
  - PC's ( windows)
  - Macintosh
- **What is this computer for? (Check the ones that apply)**
  - Basic use, meaning checking your email, searching the internet, writing documents, keeping track of finances, playing some games, basic editing of your photos, listening to music.
  - Moderate use, meaning doing the above plus more intensive photo editing, playing online video games like *Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games*, creating hefty WebPages or some video editing.
  - Intensive use, meaning the above plus anything graphic intensive like advanced film editing or processor intensive like crunching all of the data a major company would get.
- **Drives**
  - Floppy or 3 ½ Drive
  - CD Drive
  - CD-R Drive
  - DVD Drive
  - DVD-R Drive
- **Ports**
  - USB
  - FireWire
- **Memory**
  - Hard Drive between 40 GB's to 160 GB's
  - RAM should be 256 megabytes and up