

Buying Computer Hardware:

Sessions: One

Total Hours: Two

Prerequisite: None

Even at best, buying any type of computer hardware can seem confusing with many technical terms and choices to be made. How do you know what the differences between Processor or RAM selection will really mean to you, and how you will use your computer? The first step in gaining a better understanding of this hardware is to attend this Training Course. Armed with this new knowledge, you can make informed decisions when you go shopping, and in fact, will probably be able to save some money by not purchasing more equipment than you really need.

Your Instructor has gained much experience over many years with different types of computer hardware. This Course is designed to be as non-technical as possible, and the Instructor's focus will be on providing you with real world, usable information that you can understand without a Computer Engineering Degree. Questions such as; "what are the differences between Processors, and what does the Salesperson mean when Processor speed is discussed"? "What is RAM"? "How much RAM do I need, and what are the different types"? "Why would I pick one type over another"? "How large a Hard Drive should I have"? "What are Video and Audio expansion cards"? "What is meant by on-board Video or Audio"? "How would I select a Monitor"? These are the typical questions that are asked when we go shopping for computer equipment. Your Instructor will select Newspaper Ads from several well known computer suppliers, and discuss what those terms mean, and how you can make a determination of what to purchase.

The purchase of Printers and Scanners can be difficult as well. The selection of a Printer and Scanner to meet your particular requirements can be hard to define because there are so many manufactures and so many models to choose from. "Do I need a photo quality Printer"? "All I want to scan are pictures to E-Mail to my Grandchildren; do I have to purchase a \$200 machine to do that?" "What is DPI and PPM"? All of these questions and more will be answered in this Training Course.

After completion of this Training Course, the Member will have a much better understanding of the various types of computer hardware that are available in the marketplace today. In addition, they will also be aware of what the terms used to define this equipment means, so that an informed purchase can be made.