

## What to Know Before You Press the Power Button

Course length: 1 Hour

Course type: Instructor led demonstration and discussion

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### Course Details

This session takes a look at computers and the “stuff” associated with them. You will focus on things to know before you hit the power button and how to avoid common issues when you do start up the computer. Activities include matching connector types with cables and identifying the use/purpose for each of them, recognizing common startup issues and fixes, discovering the identity of a computer and learning similarities/differences with Macs and Windows. Come play with and explore computing technology and terminology. Sound like a pro next time you make a technology purchase, respond to Jeopardy answers or reduce calls to tech support!

Topics include:

- BIOS / Firmware - flash what?
- CPU - protect me with a UPC
- Integrated Graphics or Discrete Graphics - yes it makes a difference
- RAM - it is not the same as hard drive space & it is not the animal
- Clock battery - what happens when it stops
- Hard drive, Solid State or Fusion - confusion to me