

Programs every new laptop must have



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There are many things to think about when shopping for a new laptop. The speed, how much RAM, the size of the screen, and the price of the laptop are just a few of the things you might consider. While many people take the time to reflect on all of these things and more as they make their decision about which laptop to buy, they often forget one of the more important matters. They ignore the programs that may be pre-installed on the laptop.

Most laptops come with some basic programs already installed. They usually include an operating system and may include at least one program with which to access the internet. They may also, typically, include programs from the specific manufacturer of the laptop.

Other programs that can be used on a trial basis, such as Microsoft Office, may also be installed. Keep in mind that if a program you need is not already installed on the laptop, you will have to purchase the software separately. In order to avoid spending more money than necessary, take a look at this list of programs you may need for your laptop. When you find a computer that you like, be sure you consider these essentials as you make a decision about whether to make the purchase.

Security Software

The most important program for any new laptop is some type of security program. It is important that you have this in place before you start surfing the internet or engaging in any other activities that could put your new laptop at risk. Many computers come with a trial subscription to antivirus software. This can last anywhere from 30 days to six months or more. The software that you obtain in this way can help at the start, but you will want to make sure you have the best protection you can get at some point in time.

There are plenty of options for security software. You might download [free Windows antivirus offered by Immunet](#) or you can turn to more expensive programs. It may be a good idea to include free software along with a paid security program to give your laptop more protection. Whenever you have more than one security program on your computer, however, it is essential to make sure they are compatible.

Office Software

Word-processing software, spreadsheet, and other similar software used to be included with all new computers. Now they often offer versions that do not have all of the features that an individual needs. It is a good idea to look for software such as the Microsoft Office Suite which will provide users with the full version of all of office software they need. The starter version of this software has a lot of limitations that make it difficult for many to use.

E-Readers

A few years ago, people were paying hundreds of dollars for e-readers. It is much easier to use software for your laptop which allows you to download books and read them on your laptop. Kindle and Overdrive are two programs that allow you to read books that you either purchase or download from the public library.

Maintenance Software

Over time, computers slow down because they are getting filled with unneeded files and other things that find their way onto the hard drive. A program such as [CCleaner](#) is the best way to keep your computer running at its optimum. This program can clean out temporary files and unneeded data when it performs regular routine maintenance.

Cloud Storage

The best way to make sure you do not lose anything you have stored on your new laptop is by investing in cloud storage. Programs such as [Dropbox](#) allow you to save all of the pictures, documents and anything else you want in the cloud. If you buy a new computer, or if your laptop stops working, you will still have access to all of the things that you have stored in the cloud.

Media Player

Windows computers come with a media player, but a program to add is the VLC media player. It provides many more options than the media player that is installed and does not slow down your computer.

As you find different software that is available, the list of programs you may want on a new laptop will grow. There is nothing wrong with looking for programs that you feel are important to the way you use the computer. It is fun to personalize your laptop to fit your needs. While there will be other programs that you find to be essential, do not minimize the importance of the programs listed above. Your software list should start with these and then you can add others as you come across them.

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