

How do I clean my computer?



You'll need:

- A can of compressed air (or a small computer vacuum)
- A clean, lint-free cloth
- Mild cleaning solution
- Screen cleaning wipes
- Cotton swabs (Q-Tips)

Keeping your computer clean is crucial for keeping it healthy. However, many users either don't know how to or are afraid to clean the various parts of their computer. Check out the instructions below to see how it's done.

CPU

Clean the outside surface of the CPU with a clean cloth and cleaning solution. Wipe all openings, especially the vents to clear them of dust. Do not open computers if you are not familiar with how to clean them or aware of electrical hazards.

MONITOR

If you have a LCD (flat-screen) monitor, you will need to use special screen cleaning wipes that will not damage the surface. Be careful to use minimal pressure when cleaning this type of monitor. If you have a CRT monitor (old fashioned), you can clean the screen with a clean, lint-free cloth and just plain water.

KEYBOARD

Turn the keyboard upside down and gently tap on the back to knock out any loose debris. Hold the can of compressed air 8-12 inches away from the keyboard and spray out any remaining debris. Wipe the keys and the surface of the keyboard with a clean cloth and cleaning solution. ALWAYS spray the cleaning solution on the cloth, not the keyboard.

MOUSE

Wipe the mouse with a clean cloth and cleaning solution. ALWAYS spray the cleaning solution on the cloth, not the mouse. If you have a wireless mouse, check the batteries and change if necessary.