Complete Buyers Guide to Gaming Equipment

**Choosing a Monitor**

* Response time under 10ms (5ms and under is ideal)?
* IPS Panel Type?
* Refresh Rate is 60hz or above?
* Aspect ratio is 16:9?
* Will your PC keep up with the specs if it’s above 1080p resolution?

\*Monitors don’t need good speakers, getting some without them will save you $ to get a more dedicated sound system (i.e headphones, external speakers)

\*Don’t hesitate to buy a monitor to just try it out with the expectation to return

**Choosing a Mouse**

* How well will it match the size of your hand? How do you want it to feel when you hold it?
* Does it come with weight adjustability?
* Is it easy to implement programmable features along with driver compatibility?
* Do you want to be able to change between smooth scrolling and wheelock scrolling?

\*Consider getting a wireless mouse and a charging pad? (Logitech G903)

**Choosing a Keyboard**

* Membrane / Mechanical or Scissor Type?

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* How do you want the keys to feel when you press them?
* Can you program keys (macros) and is the software easy to use? Logitech’s keyboards are the easiest
* Have you looked into how useful keyboard macros can actually be?

**Choosing Headphones / Speakers**

* Will they be comfortable enough to wear for a few hours without making your head hurt / feel nauseous?
* Is the mic quality good enough for your needs? Mic cord easy to adjust if needed?
* Does it come with too many cords? It ideally should be simple and portable
* Good balance of bass and treble? You shouldn’t feel the need to adjust them
* Cancel out enough noise? How much do you want them to?
	+ Most over the ear headphones already do a good job at that

\*External speakers should accommodate your setup. If you don’t have a dedicated room, consider a soundbar or desktop speakers such as the Klipsch Promedia 2.1.



\*Surround sound systems are possible if your motherboard supports 5.1 speaker units and you have the space for it