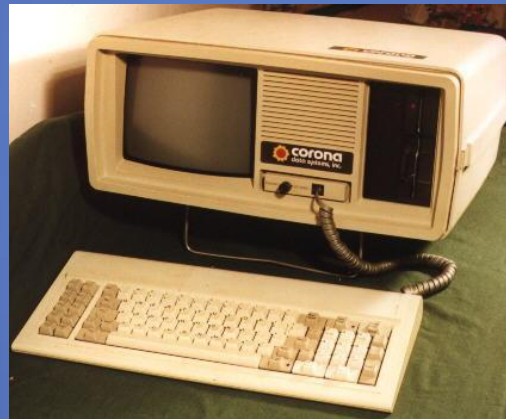


# So you bought a new computer. Now what?

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- Horowitz home page Blog
  - <http://www.michaelhorowitz.com/index.htm>
- Horowitz New Computer Class page
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# Setting up, configuring and testing a new computer

- Cleanup stuff - Remove unwanted programs
  - Revo Uninstaller - freeware better than built-in
- Add needed programs
  - Anti-virus – AVG , AVAST, etc
    - <http://anti-virus-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>
  - Browser – configure, add Foxfire, Mozilla, etc
  - Image software – Picasa, Irfanview, etc
  - E-mail software – setup -move contacts
  - Office software – Microsoft or OpenOffice, etc

# Modify Startup Programs

- Startup Control Panel is compatible with all modern versions of Windows through Windows XP. Windows Vista, after all these years, finally has a very good startup manager built-in; go to Control Panel > Performance Information and Tools, and then click on Manage Startup Programs on the left.

# How to transfer files to new computer?

- PCmover is the leading data transfer software
  - <http://www.laplink.com/pcmover?ClickID=alnaktar9vawota5twyntso05rlstzyyporn>
- Windows Transfer wizard
  - <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-vista/features/easy-transfer.aspx>
- Backup drive & software – Cobian etc
- Use flash drive or Cd's

# Preparing Old computer for New Use

- Remove all personal information
  - Easier said than done
- Totally erasing a hard disk
  - <http://www.pcworld.com/article/123786/article.html>
- Re-cycling or donating an old computer
  - [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9131824/Recycle\\_your\\_tech\\_gear\\_It\\_s\\_easier\\_than\\_you\\_think](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9131824/Recycle_your_tech_gear_It_s_easier_than_you_think)
  - <http://reconnectpartnership.com/howitworks.php>