Chapter 6

Motherboards

Episode **Form Factors** title:

Objective: N/A

Episode **Chipsets** title:

Objective: N/A

Episode Choosing the Right Motherboard title:

Objective: Motherboard compatibility

CPU socket types, Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Intel , Multi-socket

OBJ - CPU socket types

OBJ - Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)

OBJ - Intel

OBJ - Multi-socket

The motherboard is the backbone of a PC

Desktop or laptop?

Multi-socket motherboard can have multiple processors installed

Series of chipset – Support overclocking, PCIe lanes, USB connectivity support

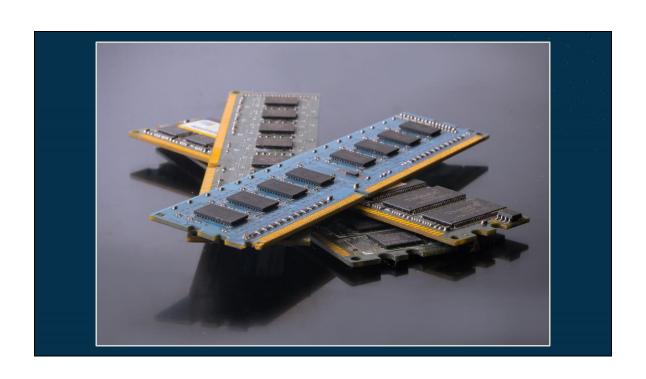
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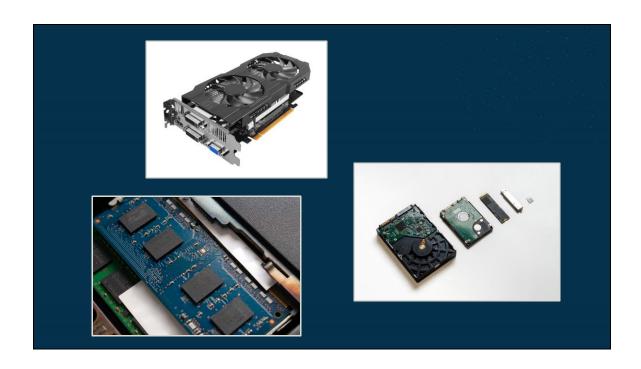
Multi-socket motherboards can have multiple processors physically installed on it

Generally manufactured by AMD or Intel











Motherboard Criteria

- Form factor
- CPU compatibility
- Power requirements
- Chipset features
- RAM support
- Expansion slots
- Storage and I/O slots

Episode Installing and Troubleshooting a

title: Motherboard

Objective: 20+4 pin motherboard connector

Electrostatic discharge (ESD)

ESD strap/ESD mat

Standoffs - critically important screws for the protection of the motherboard

Electronic circuit with dozens of points for a signal to go through (Motherboard)

standoffs provide a stable mounting to protect motherboard

Capacitors - small components with sole task of holding a charge.

I/O (Input/output)

I/O shield – dust blocker that fills I/O ports space

Motherboard connects to PSU with two cables

- ATX 24-pin connector
- 8-pin connector

Step-by-step troubleshooting process should isolate the issue in most cases

OBJ - 20+4 pin motherboard connector

Power Connectors

The 24-pin connector has two connectors: a 20-pin connector for older motherboards and a 4-pin connector for newer motherboards.

