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Prepare a comparative study of specifications of desktop and serverclass computer.

Procedure

Aim

Server-class computer

A server is a piece of infrastructure or a piece of hardware very similar to your standard desktop or laptop computer but a lot more powerful, which will have a lot more RAM, a lot more CPU, a lot more capacity. It is a powerful computer that receives requests from the client computers, processes, and sends back the output. A web server responds to related web requests. There can be other servers, like, application servers, mail servers, FTP servers, etc. You can add additional cards that are not necessarily available on a standard desktop or laptop computer. It will be used primarily in a business environment to serve the customers out in a business.

Desktop

A desktop computer is a personal computer designed for regular use at a single location on or near a desk due to its size and power requirements. The most common configuration has a case that houses the power supply, motherboard (a printed circuit board with a microprocessor as the central processing unit, memory, bus, certain peripherals and other electronic components), disk storage (usually one or more hard disk drives, solid state drives, optical disc drives, and in early models a floppy disk drive); a keyboard and mouse for input; and a computer monitor, speakers, and, often, a printer for output. The case may be oriented horizontally or vertically and placed either underneath, besides, or on top of a desk.

Comparison

A desktop computer system typically runs a user-friendly operating system and desktop applications to facilitate desktop-oriented tasks. In contrast, a server manages all network resources. Servers are often dedicated (meaning it performs no other task besides server tasks). Because a server is engineered to manage, store, send and process data 24-hours a day it has to be more reliable than a desktop computer and offers a variety of features and hardware not typically used in the average desktop computer.

Server	Desktop
It has multiple processors for faster access	It has a single processor in most cases
The files are stored at a secure location	The files are present at the individual's desktop
It has mirrored hard drives which have the backup	It has a single hard drive, if it fails you lose the
of the data on the servers	data.
It requires more than one power supply	It has only one power supply
It is more secure to viruses, malware and cyber	It is vulnerable to viruses, malware and cyber
threats	threats
The hardware parts are costly	The hardware parts are not costly
It offers higher processing power, memory and	It has lower processing power, memory and
storage	storage