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Q: What is thermal paste, and how do I apply it?

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A: \*Thermal paste\* is a heat-conductive compound applied between the CPU/GPU and the cooler to eliminate air gaps and improve heat transfer. Apply a small, pea-sized amount to the center of the CPU/GPU, then gently press the cooler down. The pressure will spread the paste. Avoid applying too much, as it can spill over and cause issues.

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Q: What are the different types of RAM, and which should I use?

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A: The primary types are DDR4 and DDR5. DDR5 is the newer standard, offering faster speeds and higher bandwidth, but requires a compatible motherboard. DDR4 is still common and more affordable. Check your motherboard's specifications to determine which type it supports.

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Q: What is the difference between an NVMe and SATA SSD?

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A: \*NVMe (Non-Volatile Memory Express)\* SSDs use the PCIe interface, offering significantly faster read and write speeds compared to traditional SATA SSDs, which use the older SATA interface. NVMe drives are ideal for faster boot times and quicker loading of applications and games.

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Q: How do I update my motherboard BIOS?

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A: Updating your \*BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)\* can improve compatibility and performance. Download the latest BIOS version from your motherboard manufacturer's website. Use a USB drive formatted to FAT32, place the BIOS file on it, and access the BIOS update utility from your motherboard's BIOS menu. Follow the on-screen instructions carefully.

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Q: What is the purpose of case fans, and how should I configure them?

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A: Case fans improve airflow, helping to dissipate heat and keep components cool. Configure fans to create a balanced airflow: front and side fans as intake, and rear and top fans as exhaust. This helps to bring cool air in and push hot air out.

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Q: How do I troubleshoot a PC that won't POST?

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A: \*POST (Power-On Self-Test)\* issues can be complex. Start by checking all power connections and ensuring all components are properly seated. Remove unnecessary components (e.g., GPU, extra RAM sticks) to isolate the problem. Check for BIOS error codes or beep patterns, which can indicate the specific issue.

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Q: What should I do if my CPU is overheating?

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A: Overheating can cause performance issues and damage. Ensure your CPU cooler is properly installed and making good contact. Check if the thermal paste needs replacing. Verify that case fans are functioning correctly to provide adequate airflow. You may also need to reduce the CPU's clock speed or voltage in the BIOS.

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Q: How do I install and configure drivers for my new components?

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A: Drivers are essential for your components to function correctly. Download the latest drivers from the component manufacturer's website (e.g., NVIDIA, AMD, Intel). Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions. For GPUs, use the manufacturer's software (e.g., NVIDIA GeForce Experience, AMD Adrenalin) to keep drivers updated.

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