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GIFT GUIDE

Finding the right tech gift

(NC) Technology tops many wish lists, but finding the perfect gift for a friend or family member can be daunting. One of the best ways to narrow down your search is to first understand how they will be using the device.

This is especially true when shopping for computers, because rapid advancements in processing power made possible by companies like Intel mean there is an array of features and gadgets to choose from. The following tips can help you find the right present for everyone on your list.

Your (maybe not so little) gamer: When it comes to PC gaming, your loved one is likely a bit of an aficionado since performance and graphics are the keys to a great gaming experience. When doing your research, ask in-store experts to help you identify the graphics and processing power needed for the optimal gaming experience.

The movie lover: The ability to watch from wherever whenever has made computers a favourite screen for television and movies. PCs with Intel's new 8th Gen Core Processor make it possible to binge-watch up to 10 hours of your favourite show in 4K on a single charge.



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The worker bee: Whether it's the student in your life or a family member who loves to keep busy at home, a computer with a powerful processor and extended battery life can help your worker bee keep up with the demands of a busy day, including multi-tasking, scheduling meetings and running multiple programs.

The gift for all: Many families like to share a computer, and with the breadth of designs available today there's a form factor to meet everyone's needs. With detachable keyboards, special pen and ink functionality and many other designs, the holidays are a great time to try out new ways to interact with your tech. Visit a store and experience them for yourself so you can select the best option for your family's needs.

Protect yourself while shopping online

(NC) The holiday season is prime time for fraudsters, so it's important to be vigilant when hunting down deals and searching for the best gifts online. Here are some tips to keep your personal and credit card information safe:

- Shop only on secure websites. Double check that the website address begins with "https://" (the "s" stands for secure).
- Pay by credit card if you can. Never send cash.
- Be on the lookout for prices that are too good to be true. They're likely counterfeits.
- Don't use public Wi-Fi to shop on-

line. Wait to get home, or use your data plan.

- Read the site's privacy policy and find out how your information will be used.
- Don't respond to an email or pop-up message that asks for financial information. Legitimate companies don't ask for this information this way.
- Read your credit card statements and check for unauthorized charges.
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