

CPU

- Full name: Central Processing Unit
- Skills: handles most system input, like mouse clicks and running applications
- Favorite color: **Glow-in-the-dark**

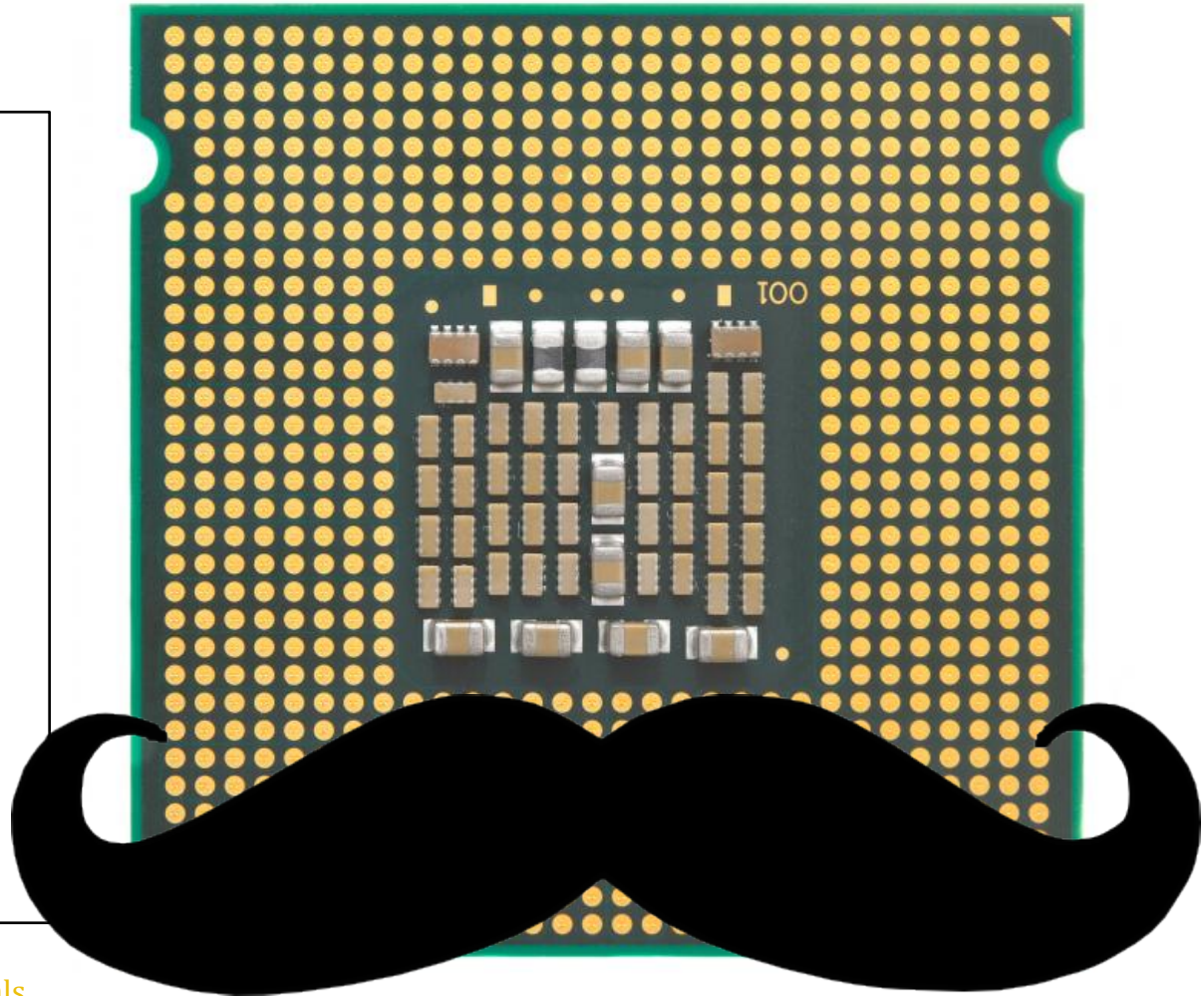


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Hard Drive

- Full name: Hard Disk Drive
- Occupation: permanently stores all information saved to the computer, then retrieves it later when it is needed.
- Favorite hobbies: Reading and writing. A lot.



SSD

- Full name: Solid State Drive
- Skills: Also permanently stores data, but without clunky moving parts. This makes it much faster than a hard drive.
- Favorite Olympic sport:
Sprinting

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RAM

- Full name: Random Access Memory
- When you open a program, it gets loaded from the hard drive into the RAM. RAM is much faster than the hard drive, so this allows your computer to run smoothly. Only temporary things access RAM; anything that is saved permanently is sent back to the hard drive.
- Favorite activity: Juggling



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Optical Drive

- Other names: CD Drive
- Skills: Loading information from CDs, DVDs, and Blu-Rays, or writing information back onto them
- Favorite artist: Taylor Swift



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Graphics Card

- Also known as:
Video Card
- Skills: Converts information from the CPU into actual images on your monitor.
- Favorite activity: rollerblading

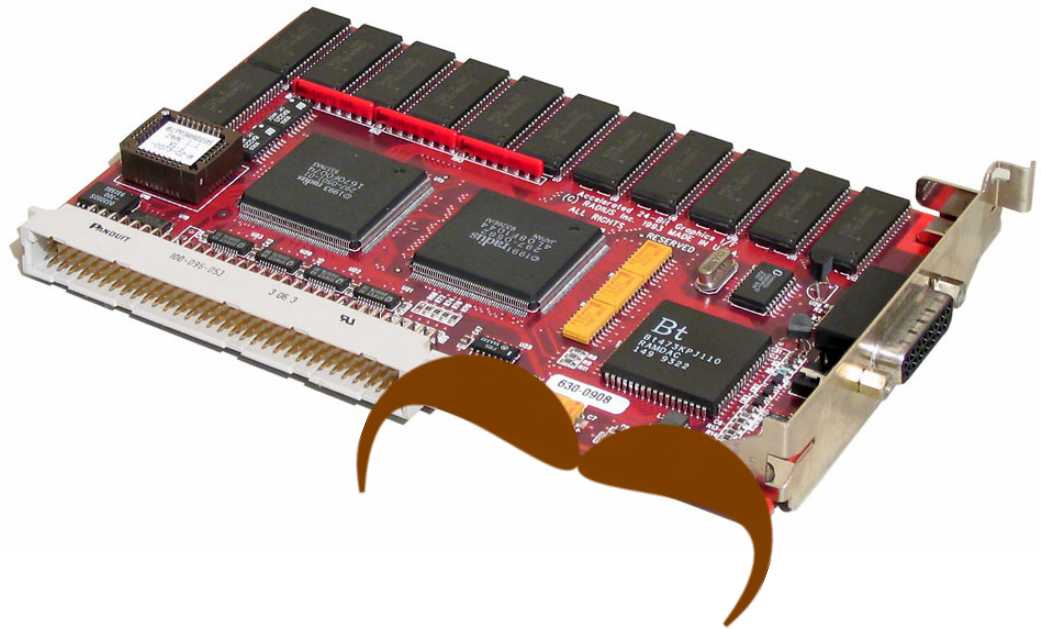


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Monitor

- Casual Nickname:
Screen
- Skills: Displays images and applications using tiny dots of light called **pixels**.
- Alter Ego:
Make-up Artist



Motherboard

- The motherboard is a circuit board that connects the main parts of the hardware, allowing them to communicate with each other
- Favorite activity: Playing board games with her daughterboard.

