PC "Destruction Derby" Teardown

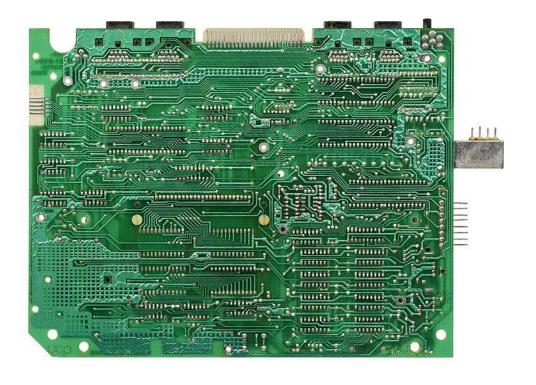
Some components to look for...

Scavenger Hunt?

Motherboard

Probably the first thing you'll see, it's large...





• Role: interconnect for all the other pieces.

Heat Sinks

• Often spiky and weird looking. Will probably be a few of these.



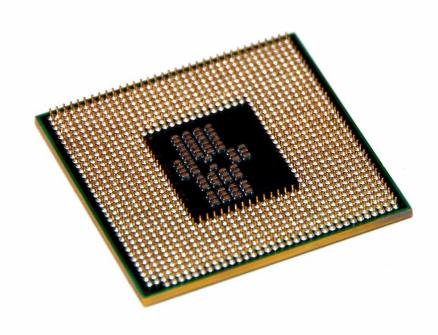


• Role: use large surface area to pull heat off components.

Central Processing Unit (CPU)

• Small square with lots of tiny pins. Found under a large heat sink.

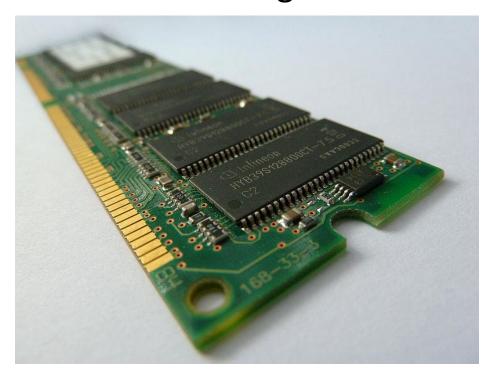


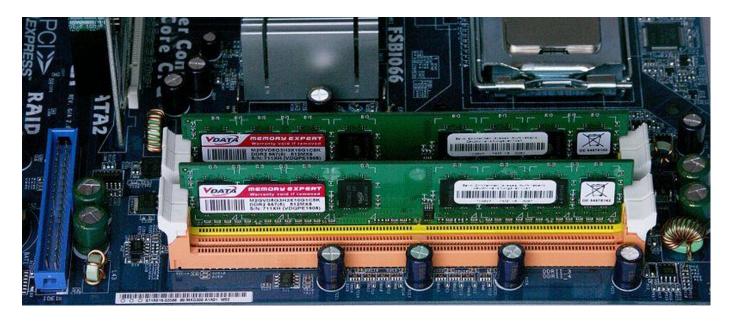


• Role: execute program instructions, drive the machine.

Memory / Random Access Memory (RAM)

Small rectangular board found in motherboard sockets.





Role: short term memory / scratch space for current execution.

Disk (Traditional Spinning)

Chunky metal box with spindles inside.





• Role: long term file data storage.

Disk (Solid State)

• Small metal/plastic box with circuit boards inside.

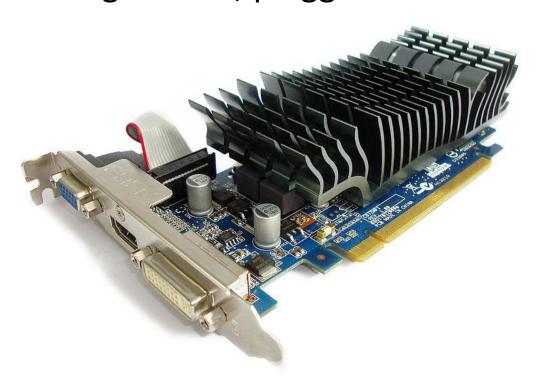




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Graphics Card

• Large board, plugged into motherboard socket, with heat sink.





• Role: send images to monitor.

Be Safe, Have Fun!

• We don't need these machines, will recycle left over parts.

Watch for sharp metal!

Wash your hands afterwards.

Don't eat thermal paste (duh?)