

Raspberry Pi review

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The Raspberry Pi is one of the most eagerly-awaited computers of 2012. With more than 350,000 people on the Raspberry Pi waiting list, it's an enthusiasts' machine with mainstream appeal.

The computer provides exceptional value. It's a \$40 computer with a range of intuitive programming tools and the capability of an average PC - browsing the web, running office software or playing HD video. The Pi is also suited to projects as diverse as controlling robots and building an in-car computer.

But in its present form novice computer users - weaned on the simplicity of Windows PCs, smartphones and iPads - may struggle to get to grips with the Raspberry Pi.

The difficulties that some noobs may experience stem from the nature of its operating system. Several Linux distributions are recommended.

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