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We no longer sell computers because most people are not interested in paying $2500 to $3000 for Business Class computers when they can go out and purchase a computer at best buy for $1200. Few people were interested in hearing the WHY of it all. It was a business decision based on a very long (*our family has been in the computer business for over 40 years)* history in the software development and support and hardware sales and support business. We cannot compete with Retail prices in today's market. <u>So, instead, we offer these services:</u>

·   List of specifications to guide you in your shopping

- **Windows 8 PROFESSIONAL Operating System**
  - ➤ Most computers today will come with Windows 8. The upgrade to Professional is approximately $99.99 and it is very easy to accomplish. I have walked many people through getting it going and it takes about 5 minutes to "do" what you have to do and then 30 minutes for the download to complete and install.
  - ➤ This PC does not come with Microsoft Office, but if you purchase Microsoft Office Home and Student at the same time that you purchase the pc, you can get it for $120.00. You can also use Office 2007 or 2010.
- 8 Gigs of **RAM** (with the capacity to upgrade to 32)
- At least an Intel 4th Generation Core **i7 CPU/processor** (the faster the better)
- At least a **500 GB Hard Drive** at 7200 rpm (or a Solid State Hard drive if it is an option)
  - ➤ Lots of pc's are including Terabyte drives now – that is a ton of space and that can be nice but the more space the lazier people tend to be about archiving so I say go with a smaller Hard Drive and get an additional (larger) external USB hard drive for Archiving – you will be glad that you did.
- At least **3 USB Ports** (but 4 or 5 is my preference but REALLY hard to find)
  - ➤ USB port replicators are NOT an acceptable option so do not bother letting a sales person talk you into that
- We ABSOLUTELY suggest that you look for a **pc with BOTH a Mic-In and a Headset Out port**
  - ➤ Many computers today are COMBINING these ports which then makes the Mic-In USELESS to you as you ALWAYS need the Headset Out port to monitor audio.

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We suggest that you go with a **computer manufacturer who has a reputation for solidly built computers that will last at least 3 years** (of course you get what you pay for in this respect and lots of the pc's available in the retail market are not built to last for three years the way that business class machines are)

- I personally stay away from:
  - § Dell's as they tend to be loud and have not worked well with Dragon in the past
  - § Off Brands are also risky.
- I personally like the following when I can find the specifications that I want and the warranty that I need in them:
  - § Republic of Gaming by Asus
  - § Sony
  - § Asus
  - § Acer
- o Purchase of a **business class onsite (or best possible) warranty** offered for the longest period that you can afford (3 years preferably)

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- o AudioScribe **Hard Setup** ($750) where you send us the pc and we install, configure and test it for you then ship it back to you FedEx second day
  Or
- o **Web Setup** where we dial in to your pc and do as much as we can (short of having the pc here) to clean up, streamline and configure for you ($75 per hour) which takes anywhere from 3 to 5 hours depending on your pc

What we have done for many people is this: you begin looking online for a pc that you like that fits your budget, we will happily follow whatever link that you send and check it out for you. We will make suggestions and offer pros and cons on what you have selected. We strongly suggest you do either the hard setup or web setup so that your pc is best configured to perform with SpeechCAT and Dragon.

Shopping List	
Processor/CPU	• 4th Generation Intel Core i7 Processor • *DO NOT GO WITH AN AMD processor*
Operating System	• <u>Genuine</u> Windows 7 Professional 64 or Windows 8 Pro *DO NOT GO WITH HOME PREMIUM or if you do, upgrade the OS IMMEDIATELY or at least prior to installation of AudioScribe software* *NO MACs! AudioScribe software DOES NOT RUN on the MAC environment.*
Word Processor	• Microsoft Word 2010 or • Word Perfect X6
RAM (memory)	• 8 GB to 16 GB
Hard Drive	• 500 GB, 7200rpm or • 128GB Solid State Drive, Serial ATA *for faster performance*
Recordable multi-burner	• DVD
Battery	• 6 cell Li-Ion – 55 + or • 9 cell 2.8Ah Li-Ion *for longer battery life*
Internet Access	• Wireless
WARRANTY	• BEST that you can afford *(our preference is a 3YR Onsite + 3YR Protection)*
Burning Software	• **NERO 8 Start Smart Essentials**
Optional	
Flash Drive	• 16 GB to 32 GB is a good size for moving files from one pc to another
External USB Hard Drive	• 1 -2 terabyte is a good size for use with archiving