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**Types of computer keyboard**

There are basically 2 types of keyboards namely:

1. **Basic keyboard**
2. **Extended keyboard**

**1.Basic keyboard:** The Basic keyboard contains 104 keys and is enough to perform all the functions that can be done on a Windows PC. There are four main areas on the basic keyboard:

* **Function keys:**These keys are positioned on the top row of the keyboard. They’re labeled F1, F2, F3, and on up to F11 and F12.
* **Typewriter keys:** These keys are the same types of keys you find on an old typewriter: letters, numbers, and punctuation symbols.
* **Cursor-control keys:**Often called arrow keys, these four keys move the text cursor in the direction of their arrows. Above them are more cursor-control keys — the six-pack of Insert, Delete, Home, End, Page Up, and Page Down.
* **Numeric keypad:** Popular with accountants, bank tellers, and airline ticket agents, the numeric keypad contains calculator-like keys.

**2.Extended keyboard:** The extended keyboard is a larger version of a basic computer keyboard that has additional function keys which can be assigned to trigger regular actions such as printing, connecting to the internet and file saving. These are usually customized keyboards that are specific to certain operating systems or applications. A keyboard for Macintosh computers that contains up to 15 function keys above the alphanumeric keys, and a numeric keypad. It is sometimes called enhanced keyboard  because of its similarity to the PC enhanced keyboard. Under the extended computer we have various designs such as:

1. Flexible keyboard

2. Egronomic keyboard

3. Gaming keyboard

4. Wireless keyboard

5. Laptop keyboard

6. Virtual keyboard

7. Projection keyboard

8. Membrane keyboard

9. Multimedia/internet keyboard

10. Mechanical keyboard

**Differences Between Basic And Extended Keyboard**

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| **Basic keyboard**  | **Extended keyboard**  |
| It contains only 110 keys | It contains the basic keys and more |
| Requires little or no training to use | Requires training to use  |
| Performs basic operations in a computer  | Performs complicated operations  |
| It is cheap | It is expensive  |
| It is designed to only works with windows operating system  | It is designed to works with different operating systems  |