

## A REGULAR PC VERSUS NETPC - A COMPARISON

<b>Description</b>	<b>Regular PC</b>	<b>netPC</b>
<b>Sourcing hardware, software, and Internet</b>	Different vendors	All features are sourced by Novatium
<b>Cost</b>	Rs. 20,000 to 30,000	Rs. 5000 with Internet
<b>Software</b>	Needs to be purchased separately	netPC comes preloaded with genuine software
<b>Internet</b>	Needs to be subscribed and paid for separately	netPC comes bundled with Internet
<b>Data security</b>	Regular data backup needs to be taken; additional protection from virus and spam is required	Data is password protected; data backup is taken regularly at the server end
<b>Antivirus</b>	Needs to be purchased separately	netPC comes preloaded with antivirus and is regularly updated
<b>Hackers/Misuse</b>	Prone to attacks. Protection will cost extra	Highly Secure.
<b>Hardware maintenance</b>	Required; involves additional cost and expertise	Does not require any maintenance
<b>Hardware upgrades</b>	Required; involves additional cost & expertise	Not required
<b>Software upgrades</b>	Required; involves additional cost & expertise	Automatically done free of cost at the server
<b>Power consumption CPU Monitor (15" CRT)</b>	50W 80W	5W 80W
<b>Operating voltage</b>	Sensitive to voltage and current fluctuations; may result in performance problems	Not affected
<b>Harm to software, hardware in case of sudden power shutdown</b>	Yes, can prove fatal to system performance	No harm caused

<b>Power backup</b>	Required; involves additional cost	UPS is not required
<b>Ease of use</b>	Complicated boot up process required	Simple appliance-like one-switch boot up process
<b>Requires technical knowledge to operate</b>	Yes	No
<b>Effective life (avg)</b>	4-5 yrs	Lifetime
<b>AMC</b>	Required; involves additional cost of Rs 150-200 per month	Not required
<b>Maintenance cost</b>	Rs. 200 per month (approx for AMC)	Zero