

## Tips on moving a PC for inexperienced users

There is nothing special about moving a PC from one location to another, but for inexperienced or first-time users the “jungle” of cables at the back of a PC can look daunting and instil the fear of connecting the PC wrongly and possibly damaging it as a result.

In truth, 90% of the time PC cables will plug only into a very specific port at the back of your PC anyway, which is why, once you have moved a PC once or twice in your life, you can do it the next time with your eyes closed (well, almost!). Also, from 2005 onward, almost all new PCs have colour coded cable ends where you can match the green end of, say, your mouse cable with the green mouse port at the back of your PC, etc...

### Moving the PC

- Using **small sticky labels**, write about 20 labels with duplicated numbers, e.g. two labels with the number 1, two labels with the number 2, two labels with the number 3, and so on.
- Make sure the PC is fully turned off and unplugged from the mains.
- Before you disconnect a cable from the back of the PC, do the following :
  - Take two labels that have the **same** number
  - Stick one label onto the end of the cable that plugs into the PC.
  - Stick the other label right next to the port of the PC where the cable plugs into
  - Unplug the cable.
- Carefully move the PC to its new location.
- Reconnect all cables by matching like numbers, e.g. cable end no.1 plugs into the back of the PC in the place where you stuck Label no.1, cable end no.2 plugs where you stuck Label no. 2, etc...

*If a cable has pins, be **extremely careful** when plugging the cable back in. Cables with pins usually go in in one way only, so never force a cable if it will not go in relatively easily (if you bend a pin, that cable will be wrecked permanently). Check the shape of the cable connection first, then have a look at the back of the PC, and you will almost always get a very good idea as to how exactly the cable should go in.*
- That's it. You're done.**

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