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Asus Eee PC Ultra-light Mobile PC (UMPC)

<http://eeepc.asus.com/us/product.htm>

The Asus Eee PC is a member of a new class of ultra-light (under 3 lbs) low-cost (under \$400) computers. The Eee PC has a Linux (Xandros) operating system and comes with a suite of open source software including video, sound & image editing, games and Open Office (open source productivity software that looks and performs much like Microsoft Office). It has a 4GB hard drive, three USB ports, Wi-Fi, Ethernet, a VGA port for connecting to a projector or monitor and a secure digital (SD) card slot for additional storage.

1. To turn ON or OFF hold down the silver Power button on the top right of the keyboard directly below the screen.
2. To navigate, use the touchpad. You can use the silver button below the touchpad to click/double-click OR you can tap directly on the touchpad.
3. Tabs organize applications: **Internet, Work, Learn, Play, Settings, & Favorites.**
4. To locate Open Office applications, click the **Work** tab. Documents = Word, Spreadsheets = Excel, Presentations = PowerPoint, Base = Access.
5. To surf the Internet, click the **Internet** tab. Common websites like Wikipedia & Google Docs are broken out with their own icons. The Eee PC uses Firefox.
6. To play games, to use the web camera to record sound and/or video, or to edit video, sound, or images already recorded, click the **Play** tab.
 - a. Games included: Sudoku, LTris (Tetris), Penguin Racer (3D racing game), Solitaire, Potato Guy (build your own Mr. Potato!), Frozen Bubble (only uses the arrow keys – no mouse!)
7. Click the **Settings** tab to access system preferences (exception: hit Fn + F2 turn Wi-Fi on or off).
8. To update all software on the Eee PC, click the **Settings** tab, then double-click Add/Remove software.

GENERAL TIPS:

- ▶ Have a USB drive handy so you can save files
- ▶ To exit applications that don't offer you a **File** menu, press the **Esc** key
- ▶ The processor is pokey, so don't be surprised if it takes a bit to open applications!
- ▶ Battery life is average (about 2 hours on a full charge) so be prepared to plug in!