



It is easy to relate to the way that dust can affect the senses of a human being. An unexpected poof of dust up your nose, in your eye or (if you stack it regularly like me) in your mouth is debilitating and yuk!

Dust in the wrong place at the wrong time can cause some seriously profound and uncomfortable consequences. Dust is just as equally bad for computers as it is for humans.

Something that every PC user should be aware of with relation to the well being and overall performance of their treasured hunk of chips and peripherals is that of dealing with the multitude of problems that dust can cause. Being a Weipa resident, it is easy to understand just how much dust hangs around your town. Rub your fingers along the outside of your louvers or your car only a few days after washing them down and see how much dust has accumulated on them, grrrrrrrrrrrrrr! Dust penetrates its way into everything and anything, including your computer. Keeping your computer in a clean, air conditioned environment is one of the best ways to reduce dust intake, although this does not completely protect it.

Computer fans are imperative with regards to cooling, but they do become covered with dust. Not only do they become covered with dust, the fan will suck dust into the computer's box as well. Whether it is a little fan on a graphics card or the computer's huge power supply block fan, after a year or so, fans are completely covered in fine dust filaments.

The CPU (Central Processing Unit), the heat sink, interface and ram cards, the mother board and all other components will accumulate a good layer of dust, which will generate quite a lot of heat and in turn reduce performance. Dust needs to be regularly cleaned out of computers. Along with the dust issue, lots of God's special little creatures, such as spiders and gecko's, often take an interest in the residential potential of your computer's box. Funny things such as spider webs and fried gecko carcasses only add to the dust and heat problem inside your computer. Some people do open their computer once a year or so and clean all the dust inside and around the fans as well as remove any uninvited creatures (I do it every couple of months, but I'm pedantic!) Some people just don't know how to, and if you are unsure, get a professional to give your computer a good clean out. Removal of dust and other foreign matter will improve overall performance and extend the life of your computer.

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