

## Computer Basics Part 2 – Game Controllers

In these instructions we will cover the following:

- What are Game Controllers?
- Different Types of Game Controllers
- Do I need a Game Controller?

Here is a list of the words you will learn in these instructions:

Force Feedback, Joystick

### What are Game Controllers?

Game Controllers are simply a device that plugs into the computer which allows you to more easily play a game. If the game you are playing is where you are running through the halls then a game controller may help you more easily run through the halls.

Game Controllers usually contain many buttons which give you the option to make different selections within the game very quickly, such as switching weapons, etc.

### Different Types of Game Controllers

There are many different types of Game controllers. Here are a few examples:



*Illustration 1: Steering Wheel*



*Illustration 2: Standard Game Controller*



*Illustration 3: Joystick*

There are many brands and types of Game Controllers. The standard Game Controller shown in Illustration 2 is a common design for many games. Some games are better suited for a Game Controller that is specifically designed for it such as a racing game is better when using a Steering Wheel (Illustration 1). Flight simulators are usually best when using a **Joystick** (Illustration 3).

Some game controllers have what is known as Force Feedback. **Force Feedback** is a feature which makes the game controller vibrate due to some action within the game. For

example, if there is a large explosion then the game controller may vibrate a lot. This gives a more realistic feeling. The game has to be designed to use a game controller and the game must be designed to use force feedback if you wish to use that feature.

### **Do I need a Game Controller?**

Obviously, if you do not play games or if you play games that work fine just with the mouse or keyboard then don't spend the extra money, however, if you are very much into games and want an advantage within a game (as long as the game supports using a game controller) then get one! Depending on the type and brand of controller you get the price can range anywhere from a few dollars to a couple of hundred.

I hope this information has been helpful to you.

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