Peripherals, cables and connectors: the reminder and remainder of obsolescence
1. Epson Stylus RX620 printer
2. Philips TV—no model details
3. Sony Compact Component System—‘Hi-Fi’
4. Olympus Mju-II Stylus camera
5. Goodmans DV3 TV digital set-top box
6. Challenge 3 in 1 Detector
7. Fellowes ‘Digital’ paper shredder
8. Homebase oil filled electric radiator
9. One For All SV-9210 Flat indoor Antenna
10. Miele vacuum cleaner
11. BT Quartet 1500 Combined telephone and digital answering machine
12. Binatone Icarus 800 telephone and answering machine
13. JVC Video Cassette Recorder
14. Philips ‘smart’ steam iron
15. Homebase portable de-humidifier
16. Kasparov Computer PLUS chess computer
17. DAB LaGIO-R102 Receiver (radio)
18. Panasonic Lumix DMC-FS6 digital camera
“…electronic equipment connected by a cable to the Central Processing Unit (CPU) of a computer”
Power
USB stick—files
HDMI—monitor
Headphones
SD card—photos
Ethernet—network
Thunderbolt—phone
USB—printer
Thunderbolt—DVD
USB—printer
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Nine connections/seven interfaces
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- Power
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- USB stick—files
- Thunderbolt—phone
- SD card—photos
- HDMI—monitor
- USB—printer
- Thunderbolt—DVD
- Headphones
- Routers
- Modems
Modems

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Dropbox, Backblaze, ‘H-Drive’

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What’s in the box.

- MacBook Pro
- Power adapter, AC wall plug and power lead
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