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What is the Commodore 64 Ultimate?



In 1982 Commodore introduced the computer **Commodore 64**. It was in production until 1994 was a very huge succes in sales and enthusiasm for it by it's users. Many millions units where sold.

The Commodore 64 remained to have fairly large group of people interested in this now technologically antiquated computer. New software and hardware to work with this devices was created by hobbyist. To extent the possibility of the original devices. Or the replace parts to keep the ageing computers in a working order.

Eventually all the core pieces where available to build a new computer that is very close to an original Commodore 64. With some modern additions.

In 2025 the YouTuber Perifractic ([Christian Simpson](#)) of [the channel RetroRecipes](#) managed to buy most of the rights of the brand 'Commodore' and the associated patents. *Commodore International Corporation* was recreated with the help of people involved with the original Commodore.

The new owners of the new Commodore put the pieces together of several independent projects to make new parts of Commodore 64. And offered for sale a new commercial product; the Commodore 64 Ultimate.

This is a computer that looks nearly identical to the original Commodore 64, it behaves in its default mode as a C64, has the original ports to connect and work with original hardware like tape data recorders and floppy drives.

The 'Ultimate' part is that its has additional software functionally and modern conveniences like usb ports, ethernet and Wifi.

It is a Commodore 64. **It is nearly 100% compatible with the original hardware. But it has extra tricks under the hood.**

That is what this is about. And this website is about that version of the Commodore 64. The Ultimate edition.

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