Classification of peripherals

Within TCO Certified, certain product categories are classified as peripherals. These are typically lower-cost, less technically complex products.

Peripherals often differ from core IT products in terms of expected lifespan, usage patterns, and market conditions. Therefore, some criteria are adapted to ensure that requirements remain relevant, feasible, and aligned with the functional role of these products.

The following product categories are classified as peripherals:

- Audio headsets (Headsets)
- IP telephony devices (IP phones)
- Computer keyboards (Keyboards)
- Computer mice (Mice)
- Web cameras - excluding video conferencing systems (Webcams)
- Computer docking stations and hubs (USB hubs / docks)
- Portable powerbanks (Powerbanks)
- External power supplies and chargers (Chargers)

As TCO Certified expands to include new product categories, each category is assessed individually to determine whether it should be classified as a peripheral.

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