## MODULE 1 - CHOOSING YOUR DEVICE AND PROTECTING IT

# CHAPTER 2

PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF DIGITAL DEVICES





# INTRODUCTION

Physically protecting your digital devices is an often underestimated necessity. Whether it is a smartphone, a laptop, a tablet or any other electronic device, these devices contain valuable information such as contacts, photos, documents useful on a daily basis. A simple fall or exposure to elements such as water or dust can lead to irreparable data loss.

It is therefore essential to protect your devices to prevent any inconvenience later on. In this chapter, we will cover different topics: screen protection, but also how to extend the life of the device.

Here we go!



#### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CASES AND COVERS!

#### **Guaranteed protection**

The phone or tablet case provides essential protection for your precious device, especially the screen, which is often the most vulnerable element to shocks and scratches.

#### How to choose your case?

- Make sure it is compatible with the brand and reference of your phone.
- Some materials are particularly resistant. Silicone or tempered glass cases offer excellent protection against scratches or bumps.
- There is something for everyone: wide range of colors, shapes, accessories. Be careful, however, with gadget cases that don't provide much protection!

#### **PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES**

- The case offers a better grip thanks to its adhesion. The risks of accidental falls are thus limited.
- The case also protects the buttons and ports of the mobile phone or tablet, thus extending its lifespan.

#### ALSO THINK ABOUT RECYCLED AND BIODEGRADABLE!

- biodegradable phone case website
- You can also make your own protective cases or covers
- Youtube tuotrial to make your own protective cases



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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHARGERS!

Choosing the right charger can help extend the life of your device.

To choose the right charger for your laptop, you need to consider the brand and model of your laptop, as well as the technical specifications of the charger.

### **GOOD PRACTICES**

- <u>Check your laptop brand and model</u>: Most laptop brands have specific chargers for their products.
- <u>Check the charger power:</u> You can check the power required for your laptop on the original power adapter or in the user manual.
- <u>Check the voltage and amperage</u>: Chargers have different voltages and amperages depending on the brand and model of the laptop. This information is in the charger's technical specifications.
- <u>Check the plug size and shape</u>: Charger plugs vary depending on the laptop brand and model. Make sure the charger plug size and shape are compatible with your laptop.
- <u>Check the quality</u>: Avoid counterfeit or inferior quality chargers as they can damage your laptop

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#### SOON A UNIVERSAL CHARGER!

- From **December 28, 2024, the universal charger (USB-C)** can be used for all smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices approved by the European Parliament!
- This measure should enable consumers to:
  - save money
  - reduce the waste generated by these objects.
- According to <u>the impact study</u> conducted by the European Commission, 420 million portable electronic devices are sold each year in the EU. The vast majority of them come with a new charger, sometimes making the previous one useless. These "duplicate" chargers would thus generate 11,000 tonnes of waste per year.

