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Dear readers,

This **Computer Digest** is a complete docket of important fundamentals and basics of **Computer Knowledge**. The Computer Digest is relevant for **IBPS RRB exams 2020**.

Basics & Fundamentals of Computer

Computer: A **computer** is a truly amazing machine that perform a specified sequence of operation as per the set of instructions (known as **programs**) given on a set of data (**input**) to generate desired information (**output**).

A complete computer system consists of four parts:

➤ Hardware: Hardware represents the physical and tangible components of the computer.	➤ User: The computer operators are known as users.
➤ Software: Software is a set of electronic instructions consisting of complex codes (Programs) that make the computer perform tasks.	➤ Data: Consists of raw facts, which the computer stores and reads in the form of numbers.

Hardware:

Input Devices	Processing Devices	Output Devices	Storage Devices
Keyboard	Mother board	Monitor	Magnetic Disk
Microphone	Processor	Printer	Optical Disk
Mouse	RAM	Speaker	Flash Memory
Web camera	ROM		Magnetic Tape
Touch Screen	SMPS		
Light Pen			

The following features characterize this electronic machine:

- ✓ Speed
- ✓ Accuracy
- ✓ Storage and Retrieval
- ✓ Repeated Processing Capabilities
- ✓ Reliability
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Low cost

Software

Utility Software	Application Software	System Software (OS)
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Utility Tools	Text	Single user	Multi User
Customized Software	Graphics	DOS	Unix
	Multimedia	Mac-OS	Windows Server
	Language	Windows xp,7,8.1	
	Accounting		

Computer hardware consists of the following components:

- 1. CPU (Central Processing Unit):** CPU is considered as the brain of the computer. It performs all types of data processing operations, stores data, intermediate results and instructions (program).It controls the operation of all parts of computer.

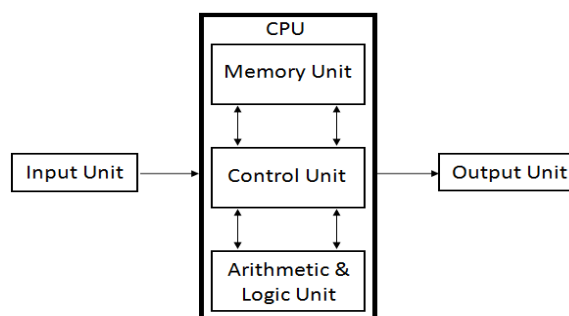


Fig: The relationship between different hardware components

[A] CPU itself has following three components:

- ✓ **ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit):** When the control unit encounters an instruction that involves mathematical calculation or decision/logic, it passes the control to the second component, i.e., the arithmetic logic unit (ALU). The ALU includes a group of registers - memory locations built directly into the CPU - that are used to hold data that are being processed by the current instruction.
- ✓ **Registers:** The register is the smallest high-speed storage area in the CPU. All data must be represented in a register before it can be processed.
- ✓ **Control Unit:** This unit controls the operations of all parts of computer but does not carry out any actual data processing operations

[B] Primary memory consists of mainly two types of memories:

- ✓ **Random Access Memory (RAM):** RAM is the internal memory of the CPU for storing data, program and program result. It is read/write memory which stores data until the machine is working. As soon as the machine is switched off, data is erased.
- ✓ **RAM is volatile**, i.e. data stored in it is lost when we switch off the computer or if there is a power failure. Hence a backup uninterruptible power system (UPS) is often used with computers. RAM is small, both in

terms of its physical size and in the amount of data it can hold.

There are mainly three types of RAM available:

- ✓ **Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM):** A type of physical memory used in most personal computers. The term dynamic indicates that the memory must be constantly refreshed (reenergized) or it loses its contents. This type of memory is more economical.
- ✓ **Static Random Access Memory (SRAM):** A type of memory that is faster and less volatile than DRAM,

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but requires more power and is more expensive. The term static is derived from the fact that it does not need to be refreshed like DRAM.

- ✓ **Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM):** A type of DRAM that can run at much higher clock speeds.

- ✓ **Read Only Memory (ROM):** The memory from which we can only read but cannot write on it. This type of memory is **non-volatile**. The information is stored permanently in such memories during manufacture. A ROM, stores such instructions that are required to start a computer. This operation is referred to as bootstrap.

There are mainly three types of ROM available:

- ✓ **MROM (Masked ROM):** The very first ROMs were hard-wired devices that contained a pre-programmed set of data or instructions. These kinds of ROMs are known as masked ROMs which are inexpensive.
- ✓ **PROM (Programmable Read only Memory):** PROM is read-only memory that can be modified only once by a user. The user buys a blank PROM and enters the desired contents using a PROM program
- ✓ **EPROM (Erasable and Programmable Read Only Memory):** The EPROM can be erased by exposing it to ultra-violet light for a duration of up to 40 minutes. Usually, an EPROM eraser achieves this function.
- ✓ **EEPROM (Electrically Erasable and Programmable Read Only Memory):** The EEPROM is programmed and erased electrically. It can be erased and reprogrammed about ten thousand times. Both erasing and programming take about 4 to 10 ms (milli second).

Memory

A memory is just like a human brain. It is used to store data and instructions. Computer memory is the storage space in computer where data is to be processed and instructions required for processing are stored. The memory is divided into large number of small parts called cells. Each location or cell has a unique address which varies from zero to memory size minus one.

Memory				
Primary Memory		Secondary Memory		
Cache Memory	Main Memory		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Magnetic Disk(HDD) ➤ Optical Disk (CD, DVD,BRD) ➤ Flash Memory (Memory card, Pen Drive) 	
Registers	RAM	ROM		
	SRAM	DRAM		PROM
				EPROM
				EEPROM

Memory is primarily of three types

- **Cache Memory:** It is a very high speed semiconductor memory which can speed up CPU. It acts as a buffer between the CPU and main memory.
- **Primary Memory/Main Memory:** Primary memory holds only those data and instructions on which computer is currently working. It has limited capacity and data is lost when power is switched off.
- **Secondary Memory:** This type of memory is also known as external memory or non-volatile. It is slower than main memory. These are used for storing data/Information permanently.

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- 2. Secondary Storage (External Storage Devices) :** Floppy diskettes, hard disk, tapes and optical disks come under the category of external storage devices or ancillary storage devices. These devices are very sensitive to environmental conditions (humidity and temperature) as well as to external magnetic fields and need to be stored carefully.
 - ✓ **Floppy Disk :** Floppy disks are primarily used on PCs. Information on a floppy disk is recorded in the magnetized states of particles of iron oxides evenly placed upon concentric circles known as tracks.
 - ✓ **Hard Disk:** It is a non-removable enclosed magnetic disk included in most PCs. It contains a stack of metal platters, each coated with iron oxide, that spin on a spindle and the entire unit is encased in a sealed chamber.
 - ✓ **Magnetic Tape:** This is plastic tape, usually made of Mylar that is coated with iron oxide, thereby enabling the introduction (writing); retention (memory) and reading of magnetically recorded information. The best use of tape storage is for data that you do not use very often.
- 3. Peripherals:** Peripheral devices are devices connected to the computer externally. If a peripheral device is disconnected, the computer will still be able to work; only functions performed by this peripheral device will not be available.

Mainly there are following types of peripheral devices:

- 1. Input Devices (How to tell it what to do):** This unit makes link between user and computer. The input devices translate the information into the form understandable by computer.
 - **Keyboard-** The most common and very popular input device which helps in inputting data to the computer
 - **Mouse-** Mouse is the most popular pointing device and cursor-control device having a small palm size box with a round ball at its base which senses the movement of mouse and sends corresponding signals to CPU when the mouse buttons are pressed.
 - **Joy Stick-** To move cursor position on a monitor screen. It is mainly used in Computer Aided Designing (CAD) and playing computer games.
 - **Light pen-** It is used to select a displayed menu item or draw pictures on the monitor screen.
 - **Track Ball-** Mostly used in notebook or laptop computer, instead of a mouse. This is a ball which is half inserted and by moving fingers on ball, pointer can be moved
 - **Scanner-** A scanner allows you to scan printed material and convert it into a file format that may be used within the PC.
 - **Digitizer-** It converts analog information into digital form.
 - **Microphone-** Microphone is an input device to input sound that is then stored in digital form.
 - **Magnetic Ink Card Reader (MICR)-** MICR input device is generally used in banks because of a large number of check to be processed every day.
 - **Optical Character Reader (OCR)-** OCR scans text optically character by character, converts them into a machine readable code and stores the text on the system memory.
 - **Bar Code Reader-** A device used for reading bar coded data (data in form of light and dark lines). Bar coded data is generally used in labeling goods, numbering the books.
 - **Optical Mark Reader (OMR)-** A special type of optical scanner used to recognize the type of mark **made** by pen or pencil.
- 2. Output Devices: (How it shows you what it is doing)** Output devices translate the computer's output into the form understandable by users.
 - Monitors:** Monitors, commonly called as Visual Display Unit (VDU), are the main output device of a computer. It forms images from tiny dots, called pixels that are arranged in a rectangular form. The sharpness of the image depends upon the number of pixels.
 - There are two kinds of viewing screen used for monitors.**
 - **Cathode-Ray Tube (CRT):** The CRT display is made up of small picture elements called pixels. The smaller the pixels, the better the image clarity, or resolution
 - **Flat- Panel Display:** The flat-panel display refers to a class of video devices that have reduced volume, weight and power requirement in comparison to the CRT.

Printer: Printer is an output device, which is used to print information on paper.

- **Impact Printers:** The impact printers print the characters by striking them on the ribbon which is then pressed on the paper.
- **Non-Impact Printers:** Non-impact printers print the characters without using ribbon. These printers print a complete page at a time so they are also called as Page Printers. Laser Printers, Inkjet Printers.

Note:

- ✓ **Data:** Data can be defined as a representation of facts, concepts or instructions in a formalized manner which should be suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing by human or electronic machine.
- ✓ **Information:** Information is organized or classified data which has some meaningful values for the receiver. Information is the processed data on which decisions and actions are based.
- ✓ **Data Processing Cycle:** Data processing is the re-structuring or re-ordering of data by people or machine to increase their usefulness and add values for particular purpose. Data processing consists of basic steps input, processing and output.
These three steps constitute the data processing cycle.
- ✓ **Input** -Input data is prepared in some convenient form for processing. The form will depend on the processing machine. For example, when electronic computers are used, the input data could be recorded on any one of several types of input medium, such as magnetic disks, tapes and so on.
- ✓ **Processing** - In this step input data is changed to produce data in a more useful form. For example, paychecks may be calculated from the time cards, or a summary of sales for the month may be calculated from the sales orders.
- ✓ **Output** - The result of the proceeding processing step are collected. The particular form of the output data depends on the use of the data. For example, output data may be pay-checks for employees.

Language Processors:

- ✓ **Assembler:** This language processor converts the program written in assembly language into machine language.
- ✓ **Interpreter:** This language processor converts a HLL (High Level Language) program into machine language by converting and executing it line by line.
- ✓ **Compiler:-**It also converts the HLL program into machine language but the conversion manner is different. It converts the entire HLL program in one go, and reports all the errors of the program along with the line numbers.

Classification of Computers:

Computers can be broadly classified by their speed and computing power:

Sr. No.	Type	Specifications
1	PC (Personal Computer)	It is a single user computer system having moderately powerful microprocessor.
2	WorkStation	It is also a single user computer system which is similar to personal computer but have more powerful microprocessor.
3	Mini Computer	It is a multi-user computer system which is capable of supporting hundreds of users simultaneously. Software technology is different from minicomputer.
4	Main Frame	It is a multi-user computer system which is capable of supporting hundreds of users simultaneously. Software technology is different from minicomputer.
5	Supercomputer	It is an extremely fast computer which can execute hundreds of millions of instructions per second.

Following are the main memory storage units:

S. No.	Unit	Description
1	Bit(Binary Digit)	A binary digit is logical 0 and 1 representing a passive or an active state of a component in an electric circuit.

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2	Nibble	A group of 4 bits is called nibble .
3	Byte	A group of 8 bits is called byte . A byte is the smallest unit which can represent a data item or a character. (1 byte = 8 bits)
4	Word	A computer word, like a byte, is a group of fixed number of bits processed as a unit which varies from computer to computer but is fixed for each computer. The length of a computer word is called word-size or word length and it may be as small as 8 bits or may be as long as 96 bits. A computer stores the information in the form of computer words.

Few higher storage units are following:

S.No.	Unit	Description
1	Kilobyte (KB)	1 KB = 1024 Bytes
2	Megabyte(MB)	1 MB = 1024 KB
3	GigaByte (GB)	1 GB = 1024 MB
4	TeraByte (TB)	1 TB = 1024 GB
5.	PetaByte (PB)	1 PB = 1024 TB

Software

Software: software represents the set of programs that govern the operation of a computer system and make the hardware run. **There are two types of software**

- **System Software:** The system software is collection of programs designed to operate, control, and extend the processing capabilities of the computer itself. System software are generally prepared by computer manufactures. System software serves as the interface between hardware and the end users. **Examples:** Operating System, Compilers, Interpreter, Assembler etc.
- **Application Software:** It is the set of programs necessary to carry out operations for a specified application.

Application software can subdivide into three categories:

(A) Packages:

Packages	
Word Processing	A package that process textual matter and creates organized and flawless documents.
Spreadsheets	An electronic spreadsheet is a program that accepts data in a tabular form and allow users to manipulate , calculate, analyze data in the desired manner.
Database Management Systems	DBMS is a package that can handle and manage bulk of stored data.
Desktop Publishing Software	Handles page layout by combining the functions of a traditional typesetter and a layout artist.
Graphics, Multimedia and Presentation applications	Application software that manipulates images is known as Graphics software.

(B) Utilities: Utilities are those application programs that assists the computer by performing housekeeping functions like backing up disk or scanning viruses etc.

Utilities	
Text Editor	Program is used for creating, editing text files.

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Backup Utility	Program facilities the backing-up of disk.
Compression Utility	Large files can be compressed so that it takes less storage area.
Disk Defragmentor	It speeds up disk access by rearranging the files and free space on your computer.
Antivirus Software	It scans yours disk for viruses and removes them if any virus is found.

(C) Customized Software: This type of software is tailor-made software according to a user's requirements.

Following are the main five generations of computers:

S. No.	Generation & Description
1	First Generation (1946-1959): Vacuum tube based
2	Second Generation (1959-1965): Transistor based
3	Third Generation (1965-1971): Integrated Circuit based
4	Fourth Generation (1971-1980): VLSI microprocessor based
5	Fifth Generation (1980-onwards): ULSI microprocessor based

Boot: When computer starts, the operating system is first loaded (as it is essential for running all other programs), this process is known as booting.

Cold Boot: -When you turn the computer ON from an OFF position.

Warm Boot: - When you reset the computer that is already ON.

Motherboard: The motherboard serves as a single platform to connect all of the parts of a computer together. A motherboard connects CPU, memory, hard drives, optical drives, video card, sound card, and other ports and expansion cards directly or via cables. It can be considered as the backbone of a computer.

Combinational Circuit: It consist of AND, OR, NOT,NAND,NOR Gate. Output will depend on input and there is no time gap between input and output. There are different type of combination circuit used for different purpose.

Multiplexer: It has multiple input and Single output. Multiplexer may be of different type like 4×1 MUX, 8×1 MUX, 16×1 MUX etc.

De Multiplexer: It perform opposite function of Multiplexer. It has single input line and multiple output line. $n \times 2^N$.

Decoder: It is use to convert one code system to anther like Binary to Octal digit or Binary to Hexadecimal digit.

Adder: Adder is use to add bits Adder is of to type Half adder and full Adder. Half Adder is use to add two bits and full Adder is use to add three bits.

Encoder: It perform opposite function of Decoder;

Software categories

Freeware: Software which is completely costless.The producers of this software are either public institutions such as universities or developers who do it for personal interest or advertisement or private company who do it for dumping reasons.

Shareware: Software which is initially costless but after a certain period the user is asked to pay a fee or delete it. Or software which has two versions a free one, but incomplete or with advertisement banners and a complete advertisement free one for which the user must pay. The most common example is WinZip compression program.

Commercial: Software for which the user has to pay a license to use it. Common examples are Microsoft Windows operating system and Microsoft word.

Private: Software uniquely built, under payment for a specific customer to fit his need. Only the customer may use it.

Open Source: Software may be modified by anyone, sometimes under certain restrictions. Open source software is also freeware.

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Proprietary: Software is distributed with the explicit with the explicit legal warning not to modify it and technically locked to prevent other developers to see or modify its source.

Number System

When we type some letters or words, the computer translates them in numbers as computers can understand only numbers. A computer can understand positional number system where there are only a few symbols called digits and these symbols represent different values depending on the position they occupy in the number.

A value of each digit in a number can be determined using

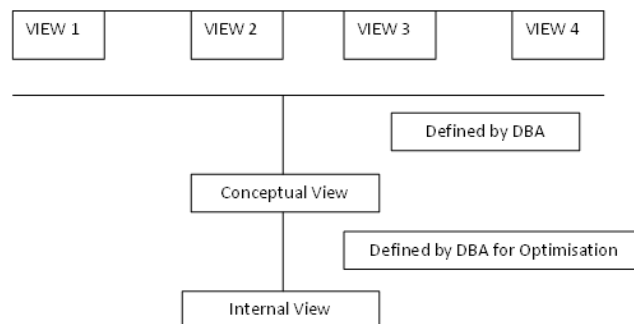
- ✓ The digit
 - ✓ The position of the digit in the number
 - ✓ The base of the number system (where base is defined as the total number of digits available in the number system).
1. **Decimal Number System:** The number system that we use in our day-to-day life is the decimal number system. Decimal number system has base 10 as it uses 10 digits from 0 to 9. In decimal number system, the successive positions to the left of the decimal point represent units, tens, hundreds, thousands and so on.
 2. **Binary Number System:** Uses two digits, 0 and 1, also called base 2 number system . Each position in a binary number represents a 0 power of the base (2). Last position in a binary number represents a x power of the base (2).
 3. **Octal Number System:** Uses eight digits, 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7, also called base 8 number system, Each position in an octal number represents a 0 power of the base (8).
 4. **Hexadecimal Number System:** Uses 10 digits and 6 letters, 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F. Letters represents numbers starting from 10. A = 10, B = 11, C = 12, D = 13, E = 14, F = 15. Also called base 16 number system .Each position in a hexadecimal number represents a 0 power of the base (16).

DBMS – Data Base Management System

DBMS: DBMS is the acronym of Data Base Management System. DBMS is a collection of interrelated data and a set of programs to access this data in a convenient and efficient way. It controls the organization, storage, retrieval, security and integrity of data in a database.

Architecture of DBMS divided into three levels:

1. **External view or User view/View Level:** It is the highest level of data abstraction. This includes only those portions of database of concern to a user or Application program. Each user has a different external view and it is described by means of a scheme called external schema.
2. **Conceptual view/Logical Level:** All the database entities and the relationship among them are included. One conceptual view represents the entire database called conceptual schema.
3. **Internal view/Physical Level:** It is the lowest level of abstraction, closest to the physical storage method. It describes how the data is stored, what is the structure of data storage and the method of accessing these data. It is represented by internal schema.



Keys in DBMS:

A DBMS key is an attribute or set of attributes which helps to identify a row in a table. They establish the relation between two tables. Keys help uniquely identify a row in a table by a combination of one or more columns in that table.

Super key of an entity set is a set of one or more attributes whose values uniquely determine each entity.

Candidate key is a super key with no repeated attribute. It is an attribute or a set of attributes that can act as a primary key for a table to uniquely identify each record in a table.

Primary key is a candidate key that is most appropriate to become main key of the table. It is a key that uniquely identifies each record in the table. The Primary key should be selected from the candidate keys

Alternate key: All the keys which are not primary key are called an alternate key. It is a candidate key which is currently not the primary key.

Foreign key is a column which is added to create a relationship with another table. It helps us to maintain data integrity.

Compound key has many fields which allow to uniquely recognize a specific record. A column when combined with the other column or columns the combination of composite keys become unique.

Composite key is a key which has multiple attributes to uniquely identify rows in a table. The difference between compound and the composite key is that any part of the compound key can be a foreign key, but the composite key may or maybe not a part of the foreign key.

Surrogate key is an artificial key which aims to uniquely identify each record. They are created when you don't have any natural primary key.

LOGIC GATES

Logic gate: is an elementary building block of a digital circuit. Most logic gates have two inputs and one output. At any given moment, every terminal is in one of the two binary conditions low (0) or high (1)

There are seven basic logic gates: AND, OR, XOR, NOT, NAND, NOR, XNOR

Networking

Network: Computer Networks means interconnected set of autonomous system that permit distributed processing to information.

Five components:

- ✓ Sender Computer
- ✓ Sender equipment (Modem)
- ✓ Communication Channel (Telephone Cables)
- ✓ Receiver Equipment (Modem)
- ✓ Receiver Computer

Classified on the basis of Geographical Coverage:

- **Local Area Network (LAN):** A local area network is relatively smaller and privately owned network with the maximum span of **10 km**.
- **Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) :** MAN is defined for less than **50 Km** and provides regional connectivity within a campus or small geographical area.
- **Wide Area Network (WAN):** A wide Area Network (WAN) is a group Communication Technology, provides **no limit** of distance.

Types of Network

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1. **Point to Point Network:** When a packet is sent from one router to another intermediate routers, the entire packet is stored at each intermediate router, stored there till the output line is free and then forwarded. A subnet using this principle is called **point to point** or **packet switched network**.

Topologies for a point to point Subnet

- **Star:** Each device has a dedicated point to point link only to a central controller, usually called a hub.
 - **Tree:** A tree topology is a variation of a star.
 - **Ring:** Each device has a dedicated point to point line configuration only with the two devices on either side of it.
 - **Bus:** One long cable acts as a backbone to link all the devices in the network.
2. **Broadcast Networks:** Broadcast networks have a single communication channel that is shared by all the machines on the network.

Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI)

The Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI) is a conceptual model that characterizes and standardizes the internal functions of a communication system by partitioning it into abstraction layers. The model is a product of the Open Systems Interconnection project at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Seven layers of OSI Model are:

- **Application Layer:** The application layer is the OSI layer closest to the end user, which means both the OSI application layer and the user interact directly with the software application.
- **Presentation Layer:** The presentation layer establishes context between application-layer entities, in which the application-layer entities may use different syntax and semantics if the presentation service provides a big mapping between them.
- **Session Layer:** The session layer controls the dialogues (connections) between computers. It establishes, manages and terminates the connections between the local and remote application.
- **Transport Layer:** The transport layer provides the functional and procedural means of transferring variable-length data sequences from a source to a destination host via one or more networks, while maintaining the quality of service functions.
- **Network Layer:** The network layer provides the functional and procedural means of transferring variable length data sequences from one node to another connected to the same network.
- **Data link Layer:** The data link layer provides node-to-node data transfer -- a link between two directly connected nodes. It detects and possibly corrects errors that may occur in the physical layer.
- **Physical Layer:** It defines the electrical and physical specifications of the data connection. It defines the relationship between a device and a physical transmission medium.

Transmission Media

- **Network Cables:** Network cables are used to connect computers. The most commonly used cable is Category 5 cable RJ-45.
- **Distributors:** A computer can be connected to another one via a serial port but if we need to connect many computers to produce a network, this serial connection will not work. The solution is to use a central body to which other computers, printers, scanners etc. can be connected and then this body will manage or distribute network traffic
- **Repeaters:** A repeater is an electronic device that receives a signal and retransmits it at a higher level or higher power, or onto the other side of an obstruction, so that the signal can cover longer distances.
- **Bridge:** A bridge is a product that connects a local area network (LAN) to another local area network that uses the same protocol (for example, Ethernet or token ring).
- **Routers:** A router is a device that forwards data packets along networks. A router is connected to at least two networks, commonly two LANs or WANs or a LAN and its ISP's network. Router sare located at gateways, the places where two or more networks connect.

- **Internal Network Cards:** Network card is a necessary component of a computer without which a computer cannot be connected over a network. It is also known as network adapter or Network Interface Card (NIC). Most branded computers have network card pre-installed. Network cards are of two types: Internal and External Network Cards.
- **External Network Cards:** External network cards come in two flavours like Wireless and USB based. Wireless network card need to be inserted into the

motherboard but no network cable is required to connect to network.

- **Universal Serial Bus (USB):** USB card are easy to use and connect via USB port. Computers automatically detect USB card and can install the drivers required to support the USB network card automatically.
- **Modem (Modulator –DE Modulator):** Modem is a device attached to computers that can convert digital signals to analog signals to analog signals and vice versa.

Operating System

An Operating system is a program, which acts as an interface between a user and the hardware.

Characteristics of Operating System:

- ✓ **Memory Management** -- keeps tracks of primary memory i.e. what part of it is in use by whom, what part is not in use etc. and allocates the memory when a process or program requests it.
- ✓ **Processor Management** -- allocates the processor(CPU) to a process and de-allocates processor when it is no longer required.
- ✓ **Device Management** -- keeps track of all devices. This is also called I/O controller that decides which process gets the device, when, and for how much time.
- ✓ **File Management** -- allocates and de-allocates the resources and decides who gets the resources.
- ✓ **Security** -- prevents unauthorized access to programs and data by means of passwords and similar other techniques.
- ✓ **Job accounting** -- keeps track of time and resources used by various jobs and/or users.
- ✓ **Control over system performance** -- records delays between request for a service and from the system.
- ✓ **Interaction with the operators** -- The interaction may take place via the console of the computer in the form of instructions. Operating System acknowledges the same, does the corresponding action and informs the operation by a display screen.
- ✓ **Error-detecting aids** -- Production of dumps, traces, error messages and other debugging and error-detecting methods.
- ✓ **Coordination between other software and users** -- Coordination and assignment of compilers, interpreters, assemblers and other software to the various users of the computer systems.

MS - Window

MS-Windows is a GUI based operating system. In Windows Operating system multiple applications can be simultaneously run in different windows.

- In **MS-Windows**, the screen upon which icons, windows, too are displayed is known as **desktop**.
- An **icon** is a graphic symbol that represents a window element like, file, folder, or **shortcut**.
- Loading up of operating system files into the computer's memory in called **booting up**.
- The **taskbar** is a bar, which is usually located at the bottom of the screen.
- **My computer** is helpful for viewing the contents of a single folder or drive.
- **Windows Explorer** is another way of seeing what is on your computer. Windows Explorer shows the computer's contents as a hierarchy.
- **File:** A program or document stored on a disk.
- **Toolbar:** A set of button you click to perform common tasks.
- A **folder** is a location in which you can store files and other folders.
- To create a new folder, **File—New—Folder** commands are clicked in My Computer windows.

- To find files or folders, **Start---Find---Files** or Folder commands are clicked.
- To create a **shortcut** to a file, firstly select the file or folder, whose shortcut is to be created. Then drag the file icon through right mouse button to

desired location where shortcut to be placed, and then select create shortcut(s).
 ➤ **To shut down** the computer, Start—Shut Down commands are clicked.

MS-Word

- ✓ A **word processor** is a package that processes textual matter and creates organized and flawless documents.
- ✓ The word processor offers very useful features like speed, powerful editing and formatting features, permanent storage, Graphics, object linking and embedding, spell check and mail merge etc.
- ✓ The word processor automatically fits the typed text within the specified left and right margins. This feature is called word wrapping.
- ✓ Margins can be four type viz. left, right, top and bottom.
- ✓ The distance between text boundaries and page margins is called indent. The indent can be positive, negative or hanging indent.
- ✓ The text layout
- ✓ In Word, paragraphs can be formatted through Paragraph option of Format menu and the borders can be applied through Borders and shading option of Format menu.
- ✓ The page formatting in Word can be controlled through Page Setup ... option of **File** menu. The

- header and footer can be created and formatted using Header and Footer option of the view menu.
- ✓ In word, the document can either be printed through print button of standard toolbar or through the Print.. option of **File** menu. The help is available in Word through the Help menu.
- ✓ In word, spelling and grammar can be checked either through the **spelling and Grammar** option of Tools menu.
- ✓ The Autocorrect feature of Word converts shorthand into longer strings. You can create your own Autocorrect entries by clicking to **Autocorrect** command to **Tools** menu.
- ✓ Tables can be inserted in a Word document through Table button of Standard toolbar and can be manipulated through the table drop menu.
- ✓ In MS-Word, **the mail merge** involves two files – Main document and data source file to produce the merged document. The main document and data source can handled through Mail Merge option of Tools menu.

Keyboard Shortcuts in MS Word

Shortcut	Description
Ctrl+W	Close the active window / document
Ctrl+Z	Undo an action
Ctrl+Y	Redo the last action or repeat an action
Ctrl+S	Save a document
Ctrl+P	Print a document
Ctrl+K	Insert a hyperlink.
Alt+Right.	Arrow Go forward one page.
Ctrl+C	Copy selected text or graphics to the Office Clipboard.
Ctrl+V	Paste the most recent addition to the Office Clipboard.
Ctrl+Shift+A	Format all letters as capitals.
Ctrl+B	Applies or removes bold formatting.
Ctrl+I	Applies or removes italic formatting.
Ctrl+=	Apply subscript formatting (automatic spacing).
F1	Open Help
F4	Repeat the last action performed (Word 2000+)
F5	Open the Find, Replace, and Go To window in Microsoft Word
F7	Spellcheck and grammar check selected text or document
F12	Save As

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Some of the valid file names are as follows:

Type of File	File name and Extension
Notepad File	Type.txt
Paintbrush File	Painting.bmp
Word	Document.doc
Excel	Book.xls
PowerPoint	Presentation.ppt
Database	Db1.mdb
Executable	Game.exe

MS-EXCEL

- ✓ A **spreadsheet** is a software tool that lets one enter, calculate, manipulate and analyze set of numbers.
- ✓ A **Worksheet** is a grid of cells made up of horizontal rows and vertical columns.
- ✓ A workbook is a group of worksheets.
- ✓ Three types of data can be entered in a worksheet (i) **number** (ii) **Text** (iii) **Formulas**.
- ✓ Cell can be referenced in three ways (i) **relative** (ii) **absolute** (iii) **mixed**
- ✓ A **cell can be edited either by overwriting or by partially modifying the cell contents**.
- ✓ A **range** can selected using mouse or keyboard.
- ✓ A range can be either through **copy** and **paste** operations or by dragging the fill handle.
- ✓ A range can be moved either through cut and paste operations or by dragging the range border.
- ✓ A range can be cleared through **Edit--Clear** command.
- ✓ To erase everything from a worksheet ,select all the cells in the worksheet and then use **Edit—Clear—All**.
- ✓ To save a workbook use **File- Save** command.
- ✓ To open a workbook use **File—Open** command.
- ✓ To insert cells, rows or columns in worksheet, use **Insert---Cells----**, **Insert-----Rows** or **Insert-----Column** command respectively.
- ✓ General arrangement of data is known as formatting.
- ✓ Formatting does not affect the actual cell value only the appearance change.
- ✓ Formatting is performed in MS-Excel through options available in Format menu.
- ✓ Charts are the pictorial representation of worksheet data.
- ✓ Various chart types in MS- Excel are area chart, column chart, bar chart, line chart, pie chart, XY(Scatter) chart.
- ✓ Chart in MS-Excel saved in two ways : (i) embedded chart (ii) chart sheet
- ✓ Embedded chart is a chart object that is placed on a worksheet and saved with that work sheet.
- ✓ Chart sheet is a sheet in workbook that contains only a chart.
- ✓ Charts are created using chart wizard.

Keyboard Shortcuts in MS Excel

Shortcut	Description
Jump to the top/bottom of a column	Ctrl + ↑ or ↓
Jump to the corner of a selection	Ctrl + .
Close the active workbook window	Ctrl + w
Switch to previous workbook window	Ctrl + Shift + F6
Start a new chart sheet	F11
Insert a new sheet	Shift + F11
Fill selected cell with the content in the cell above selected cell	Ctrl + d
Fill selected cell with the content in the cell to the left of selected cell	Ctrl + r
Show all values as percentages	Ctrl + Shift + %
Show all values as currency	Ctrl + Shift + \$
Hide selected rows	Ctrl + 9

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Unhide selected rows	Ctrl + Shift + (
Hide selected columns	Ctrl + 0
Unhide selected columns	Ctrl + Shift +)
Insert current date	Ctrl + ;
Insert current time	Ctrl + Shift + :
Expand the selection by one cell upward/downward	Shift + ↑ or ↓
Select entire column	Ctrl + spacebar
Select entire row	Shift + spacebar
Select entire sheet	Ctrl + a
Select only the visible cells in the current selection	Alt + ;
Edit active cell	F2
Open spelling & grammar check	F7
Insert a comment (see screenshot below)	Shift + F2

PowerPoint

- ✓ The application software that can create professional looking visual aids is called Presentation Graphics Software.
- ✓ **MS-PowerPoint** can be started by clicking at Start—Program---Microsoft PowerPoint.
- ✓ A slide can contain one or more of these components: **Titles, Graphs, Drawing objects, ClipArt** and **Pictures**.
- ✓ The slide components that are used for reference are: **Handouts, Notes , Outlines**.
- ✓ A new presentation can be created through one of these methods:(i) **Auto content Wizard** (ii) **Design Templates** (iii) **Sample Presentation** and (iv) **Blank Presentation**
- ✓ A new side can be added by either clicking at **Common Tasks** options of **Formatting** toolbar and then selecting New Slide option, by clicking at Insert menu’s **New Slide** option.
- ✓ A presentation in PowerPoint can viewed in any of these views: **Normal, Outline, Slide, Slide Sorter, Slide Show** and **Notes Page View**.
- ✓ To apply new design to slides, click either at Apply Design Template option of **Common Tasks** options of Formatting toolbar, or at Format menu’s Apply Design Template option or ever from the shortcut menu.
- ✓ A color scheme is a combination of various colors used for text and other presentation elements.
- ✓ A color scheme can be changed by clicking at **Slide Color Scheme** option of Format menu.
- ✓ Background color can be changed by clicking at **Format---Background** command or even through slide’s shortcut menu.
- ✓ You can change text font and style by using **Format---Font** command.
- ✓ Header and Footer information can be viewed and changed by clicking at **View---Header** and Footer option.
- ✓ The slide ---shorter view in useful for viewing the slides in miniature forms and for rearranging them.
- ✓ Movies (Vedio) & Sound can be inserted by using Insert—**Movies & Sounds** command.
- ✓ While creating slide shows you can add transitions to slides by using Slide Show --- Slide Transition command.
- ✓ To add animation, you can use Slide **Show-----Custom** Animation commands.

Internet

The **Internet** is a global system of interconnected computer networks that use the standard Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) to link several billion devices worldwide. It also known as “**network of networks**” that consists of millions of private, public, academic, business, and government networks.

Various Applications of Internet are:

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- ✓ Exchange messages using e-mail (Electronic mail).
- ✓ Transfer files as well as software.
- ✓ Browse through information on any topic on web.
- ✓ Communicate in real time (chat) with others connected to the Internet.
- ✓ Search databases of government, individuals and organizations.
- ✓ Read news available from leading news groups.
- ✓ Send or receive animation and picture files from distant places.
- ✓ Set up a site with information about your company's products and services.
- The **World Wide Web** commonly known as the Web or www developed founded by **Tim Berners – Lee** in 1989, is a system of interlinked hypertext documents that are accessed via the Internet. These multimedia pages are ever-changing.
- A **web browser** (commonly referred to as a browser) is a software application for retrieving, presenting and traversing information resources on the World Wide Web.
Examples: Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox

Various features of a Web Browser are:

- ✓ **Menu bar:** The menu bar, located at the very top of the screen, can be accessed using the mouse. Actions that are in black can be performed, while actions that cannot be performed will be in gray or lightened.
- ✓ **Tool bar:** The tool bar is located at the top of the browser; it contains navigational buttons for the Web. Basic functions of these buttons include:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Function</u>
Home	Opens or returns to starting page
Back	Takes you to the previous page
Forward	Takes you to the next page
Print	Prints current page
Stop	Stops loading a page
Reload	Refresh/redisplays current page
Search	Accesses search engine

- ✓ **Location bar:** The location bar, below the tool bar, is a box labelled "Location, "GoTo," or "Address." You can type in a site's address, and press the Return or Enter key to open the site.
- ✓ **Status bar:** The status bar is located at the very bottom of the browser window. You can watch the progress of a web page download to determine if the host computer has been contacted and text and images are being downloaded.
- ✓ **Scroll bar:** The scroll bar is the vertical bar located on the right of the browser window. You can scroll up and down a web page by placing the cursor on the slider control and holding down the mouse button.
- ✓ A **website** is a set of related web pages served from a single web domain.
- ✓ The **Uniform Resource Locator (URL)** is the Address for web sites. Most of them begin with http (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), followed by a colon and two slashes. In most web browsers, the URL of a web page is displayed on top inside an address bar. An example of a typical URL would be "**http://www.gradeup.co**".
- ✓ A **Home page, index page, or main page** is a page on a website. A home page usually refers to:
- ✓ A **Hyperlink** is a reference to data that the reader can directly follow either by clicking or by hovering or that is followed automatically.
- ✓ **Downloading** means to receive data to a local system from a remote system, or to initiate such a data transfer.
- ✓ **Uploading** refers to the sending of data from a local system to a remote system such as a server or another client with the intent that the remote system should store a copy of the data being transferred.
- ✓ An **email attachment** is a computer file sent along with an email message. One or more files can be attached to any email message, and be sent along with it to the recipient. The first email was sent by **Ray Tomlinson** to himself in 1971.
- ✓ **CC (Carbon Copy)** in e – mail indicates those who are to receive a copy of a message addressed primarily to another. The list of CCed recipients is visible to all other recipients of the message.
- ✓ An additional **BCC (blind carbon copy)** field is available for hidden notification; recipients listed in the BCC field receive a copy of the message, but are not shown on any other recipient's copy (including other BCC recipients).
- ✓ The **Drafts folder** retains copies of messages that you have started but are not yet ready to send.

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- ✓ **Hotmail**, a free e-mail service provided by Microsoft which was established in 1995 was co - founded by an Indian American entrepreneur Sabeer Bhatia along with Jack Smith in July of 1996.
- ✓ An **Internet Protocol address** (also known as an **IP address**) is a numerical label assigned to each device (e.g., computer, printer) participating in a computer network. It acts as an identifier for a computer. It is a unique address for every computer.
- ✓ **Top-level domain**: Each part of a domain name contains certain information. The first field is the host name, identifying a single computer or organization. The last field is the top-level domain, describing the type of organization and occasionally country of origin associated with the address. For e.g. - .com – **Commercial**, .edu – **Educational**.

Important Keys in a Keyboard

Toggle keys- toggle the input from a group of keys on a keyboard between two different input modes.

- ✓ Caps Lock
- ✓ Num Lock
- ✓ Scroll Lock
- ✓ Insert

Modifier Keys - In computing, a modifier key is a special key (or combination) on a computer keyboard that temporarily modifies the normal action of another key when pressed together. For e.g.-

- ✓ Shift
- ✓ Alt
- ✓ Ctrl
- ✓ Fn

Function keys – A function key is a key on a computer or terminal keyboard which can be programmed so as to cause an operating system command interpreter or application program to perform certain actions, a form of soft key. For e.g. - **F1 through F12** keys are known as function keys. Each keys perform different functions.

Computer Viruses:

A virus is a parasitic program that infects another legitimate program, which is sometimes called the host. To infect the host program, the virus modifies the host so that it contains a copy of the virus.

Boot sector viruses: A boot sector virus infects the boot record of a hard disk. The virus allows the actual boot sector data to be read as through a normal start-up were occurring.

Cluster viruses: If any program is run from the infected disk, the program causes the virus also to run . This technique creates the illusion that the virus has infected every program on the disk.

Worms: A worm is a program whose purpose is to duplicate itself.

Bombs: This type of virus hides on the user's disk and waits for a specific event to occur before running.

Trojan Horses: A Trojan Horses is a malicious program that appears to be friendly. Because Trojan Horses do not make duplicates of themselves on the victim's disk. They are not technically viruses.

Stealth Viruses: These viruses take up residence in the computer's memory, making them hard to detect.

Micro Viruses: A macro virus is designed to infect a specific type of document file, such as Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel files. These types of documents can include macros, which are small programs that execute commands.

Computer Security

Computer security is the protection of computer systems and networks from the theft of or damage to their hardware, software, or electronic data, as well as from the disruption or misdirection of the services they provide.

- **Information security**: is securing information from unauthorized access, modification & deletion

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- **Computer Security:** means securing a standalone machine by keeping it updated and patched
- **Cybersecurity:** is defined as protecting computer systems, which communicate over the computer networks.

Computer security can be defined as controls that are put in place to provide confidentiality, integrity, and availability for all components of computer systems.

components of a computer system:

- **Hardware:** the physical part of the computer, like the system memory and disk drive
- **Firmware:** permanent software that is etched into a hardware device's nonvolatile memory and is mostly invisible to the user
- **Software:** the programming that offers services, like operating system, word processor, internet browser to the user.

Computer security is mainly concerned with four main areas:



- **Confidentiality** is ensuring that information is available only to the intended audience
- **Integrity** is protecting information from being modified by unauthorized parties
- **Availability** is protecting information from being modified by unauthorized parties
- **Authentication:** are you really communicating with whom you think you are communicating with

Why is computer security important?

- Prevention of data theft such as bank account numbers, credit card information, passwords, work related documents or sheets, etc. is essential in today's communications since many of our day to day actions depend on the security of the data paths.
- Data present in a computer can also be misused by unauthorized intrusions. An intruder can modify and change the program source codes and can also use your pictures or email accounts to create derogatory content such as pornographic images, fake misleading and offensive social accounts.
- Malicious intents can also be a factor in computer security. Intruders often use your computers for attacking other computers or websites or networks for creating havoc. Vengeful hackers might crash someone's computer system to create data loss. DDOS attacks can be made to prevent access to websites by crashing the server.

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- Above factors imply that your data should remain safe and confidential. Therefore, it is necessary to protect your computer and hence the need for Computer Security arises.

What is firewall?

A firewall is a security-conscious piece of hardware or software that sits between the Internet and your network with a single-minded task: preventing them from getting to us. The firewall acts as a security guard between the Internet and your local area network (LAN). All network traffic into and out of the LAN must pass through the firewall, which prevents unauthorized access to the network.

What are the types of firewalls?

1. **Packet-filtering firewall** examines each packet that crosses the firewall and tests the packet according to a set of rules that you set up. If the packet passes the test, it's allowed to pass. If the packet doesn't pass, it's rejected. Packet filters are the least expensive type of firewall. As a result, packet-filtering firewalls are very common.
2. **Stateful packet inspection (SPI)** is a step up in intelligence from simple packet filtering. A firewall with stateful packet inspection looks at packets in groups rather than individually. It keeps track of which packets have passed through the firewall and can detect patterns that indicate unauthorized access.
3. **Deep packet inspection (DPI)** is the actual content of the packets is inspected so viruses, spam, and other harmful content can be blocked. DPI also allows practices, such as data mining, eavesdropping, and content censorship, which make its use a controversial subject.

Computer security threats:

Computer security threats are possible dangers that can possibly hamper the normal functioning of your computer. In the present age, cyber threats are constantly increasing as the world is going digital.

Types of Computer Security Threats

There are several types of computer security threats such as Trojans, Virus, Adware, Malware, Rootkit, hackers and much more. Check some of the most harmful types of computer Security Threats.

1. **Computer Virus**
 - A Computer Virus is a malicious program, which replicates itself and infects the files and programs of your PC and can make them non-functional.
2. **Computer Worms**
 - A self-replicating computer program that spreads malicious codes, computer worms make use of the network to send copies of the original codes to other PCs.
 - It can also go to the extent of sending transferring documents utilizing the email of the user
3. **Scareware**
 - Scareware is a malware that tricks victims to buy software by displaying fake virus alerts.
 - A scareware infected PC may get pop-ups of fake malware threats and to get rid of those, users are prompted to purchase a fake anti-malware software.
4. **Keyloggers**
 - Keyloggers can track the real-time activity of a user on his computer.
 - Keylogger runs in the background and records all keystrokes made by a user and passes the information to the hacker with the motive to steal password and banking details.
5. **Rootkit**
 - A rootkit is considered extremely dangerous as they appear to be legitimate files and deceives the computer user.
 - Rootkit masks viruses and worms and makes them appear as necessary files. These are very difficult to remove and only an antivirus with the anti-rootkit feature can remove a rootkit.

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Tips for Best Computer Security

For best computer security, you must follow certain guidelines, which are also called computer best practices.

1. Use the best antivirus software, which not only provides protection to your PC but also internet protection and guards against cyber threats.
2. Do not download untrusted email attachments and these may carry harmful malware.
3. Never download software from unreliable sites as they may come with a virus that may infect your system as soon as you install the software.

Commonly Used Computer Terms

- ✓ **Abort:** To stop a program or function before it has finished.
- ✓ **Algorithm:** A set of instructions that provides a solution to a given problem.
- ✓ **Animation:** A simulation of movement created by displaying a series of pictures, or frames. For example, cartoons on television.
- ✓ **ANSI:** American National Standards Institute, a powerful industry association of USA, promoting Programming language standards.
- ✓ **Antivirus:** Program A utility that searches a hard disk for viruses and removes any, that is found.
- ✓ **Architecture:** A design. It can refer to either hardware or software or to a combination of hardware and software. The architecture of a system defines its broad outlines.
- ✓ **ASCII:** American Standard Code for Information Inter change. This is a seven/eight bit code widely used in computers for the transfer of data.
- ✓ **Bandwidth:** The amount of data that can be transmitted in a fixed amount of time. It is usually expressed in bits per second (bps) or bytes per second.
- ✓ **Bit:** The smallest unit of information in computer system. Bit is short for binary digit; either a "1" or a "0".
- ✓ **Boot:** The process of getting the computer started.
- ✓ **Byte:** A byte is made up of 8 bits. The amount of memory it takes to store a single character.
- ✓ **Cache:** A separate area of Primary Memory (RAM) where the computer stores a copy of frequently used information for quick access. This is meant to speed up the operation of the hard disk.
- ✓ **CD-ROM:** Compact Disk-Read Only Memory. This is a permanent storage device used to store large quantities of information that need not be changed.
- ✓ **CGA:** Color Graphics Adapter. Low-resolution screen (640x200 pixels) with color capability.
- ✓ **Character:** A number, letter, symbol, or punctuation mark.
- ✓ **Chip:** A small piece of silicon containing thousands or millions of electrical elements. Also called an Integrated Circuit (IC).
- ✓ **Compatible:** The ability of one device or program to work with another device or program. For example, a printer and a computer are said to be compatible if they can be connected to each other.
- ✓ **Conventional Memory:** The first 640K of electronic Memory (RAM) in a computer used to run OS and applications.
- ✓ **Debug:** In computer related systems, fixing software related problem is known as debugging.
- ✓ **Digitize** To scan a piece of artwork in very fine detail and store it in a form that computer understands.
- ✓ **DOS:** It stands for Disk Operating System. It is a single user operating system.
- ✓ **DVD:** Digital Versatile Disc or Digital Video Disc
- ✓ **Dynamic:** Refers to actions that take place at the moment they are needed rather than in advance.
- ✓ **EDP:** Electronic Data Processing.
- ✓ **E-Mail:** Electronic Mail. A facility to send electronic messages to another person on a computer network.
- ✓ **End-User:** The end user is the individual who uses the product after it has been fully developed and marketed.
- ✓ **EPROM:** Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory. A type of ROM that can be programmed or reprogrammed usually by exposing a normally covered sector to UV-Light.
- ✓ **Extended Memory:** Memory in addition to conventional memory used to run and manage applications; together with expanded memory, it helps PCs to address increased amounts of data in memory.
- ✓ **Fax/Facsimile:** A way of transmitting copies of documents over telephone lines. Fax is short for Facsimile.

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- ✓ **Gigabyte:** Abbreviated as GB, is equal to 1024 MB.
- ✓ **GUI Graphical User Interface.** A user interface that works visually and is based on the selection of actions using a mouse or a similar pointing device to click on icons or to pick options from menus; see also icon.
- ✓ **Hertz:** A unit of frequency that means Cycles per Second.
- ✓ **High Density:** The amount of information a disk can hold. High Density disks hold more information than Double Density disks.
- ✓ **Hypertext:** A method of presenting information so the user can view it in a non-sequential way, regardless of how the topics were originally arranged. It has now evolved as a flexible software technology to create electronic books provides fast and flexible access to search criteria and provides quick access to information in large documents.
- ✓ **HTML:** Hyper Text Markup Language. A markup or structuring language used to describe Web and Intranet documents. It is used to define structure, appearance and placement of HTML elements including, fonts, graphics, text, hypertext links to other sites and many more details.
- ✓ **IBM:** International Business Machines, a USA based multinational Company.
- ✓ **Icon:** A graphical screen element that executes one or more commands when selected with a mouse or other pointing device
- ✓ **IDE:** Integrated Device Electronics, a standard used for connecting hard drive to a computer. IDE hard drives are very common and relatively inexpensive.
- ✓ **Intel:** The manufacturer of the most popular microprocessors or CPUs.
- ✓ **Intelligent:** Printer combining laser, computer and photocopying technology.
- ✓ **Internet:** The world's largest computer network that links many of the scientific, research and educational computers as well as commercial networks. The internet uses TCP/IP protocols, and computers on Internet can run on any operating system, like, several variations of UNIX, Windows NT, and VMS etc.
- ✓ **Intranet:** In the most general sense, a private corporate network that uses Internet technology based software and TCP/IP protocol standards. Many companies use intranets for tasks as simple as distributing a company letter and for tasks as complex as posting and updating technical support bulletins to service personnel worldwide. An intranet does not always include permanent connection to Internet.
- ✓ **Kilobyte (K, KB)** Approximately one thousand characters; actually 1024bytes.
- ✓ **LAN** An acronym for local area network. A system of PCs that are located relatively near to each other and connected by wire so that individual users can cooperatively process information and share resources; see also WAN.
- ✓ **Laptop Computer:** A portable computer, small enough to be held on a lap, but slightly larger than a notebook computer.
- ✓ **LED:** Light Emitting Diode. An electronic device that lights up when electricity is passed through it.
- ✓ **Light Pen:** An input device that allows a user to write on or point to a special pad or the screen of a pen-based computer, such as a PDA.
- ✓ **Macintosh:** A PC based on a Motorola microprocessor employing GUI. Apple Macintosh has been in use since late eighties.
- ✓ **Macro:** A symbol, name, or key that represents a list of commands, actions or keystrokes.
- ✓ **Math co-processor:** Part of the microprocessor; a companion chip designed to perform complex calculations.
- ✓ **Megabyte (M, MB):** Approximately one million characters; actually 1,048,576 bytes. A measure of memory or storage.
- ✓ **Megahertz (MHz):** A measure of processing speed. The higher the value, the faster a computer can work.
- ✓ **Microprocessor:** A single chip containing all the elements of a computer's CPU.
- ✓ **MIPS:** Million Instructions Per Seconds, a unit for measuring the speed of a computer.
- ✓ **Mother Board:** The main circuit board of a computer, which carries electrical signals to and from various parts of the computer.
- ✓ **Multimedia:** A computer system that combines text, graphics, animation, music, voice and video media; may include stereo speakers as an output device.
- ✓ **Multiprocessing:** It refers to a computer system's ability to support more than one process at the same time. It is also called multitasking.
- ✓ **Nibble:** Half a byte i.e. 4bits.
- ✓ **Non-Volatile Memory:** This is data storage that does not lose its contents on power off; for example, ROM.
- ✓ **Notebook Computer:** A portable computer, approximately 8½ by 11 inches, that fits inside a briefcase.
- ✓ **Numeric keypad:** The part of a keyboard that looks like an adding machine, with 10 digits and mathematical operators; usually located on the right side of the keyboard.
- ✓ **Office-Automation:** The use of computer systems to execute a variety of office operations, such as word processing, accounting and Email.
- ✓ **Parallel Port:** An outlet on a computer used to attach a device, such as a printer. A parallel port sends data (bits) down the wire side by side (parallel to each other).

- ✓ **Pentium:** The fifth generation of microprocessors. The Pentium is 2 to 3 times faster than the 80486, the fourth generation of microprocessors.
- ✓ **Peripheral:** Any piece of hardware attached to the outside of a computer. Examples are printers and modems.
- ✓ **Pixel:** Short for "Picture Element". A Pixel is the smallest dot the computer can control on the screen.
- ✓ **Portable computer:** A small computer that usually runs on batteries. In the categories of portable computers are laptop, notebook, sub-notebook and palmtop.
- ✓ **Protocol:** In networking and communications, the formal specification that defines the procedures to follow when transmitting and receiving data. Protocol defines the format, timing, sequence and error checking used on the network.
- ✓ **Resolution:** The size and quantity of dots that make up a printed page, screen or scanned image.
- ✓ **Runtime:** Error An error that occurs during the execution of a program.
- ✓ **Scanner:** An input device used to copy a printed document into a computer's memory in digital form, without requiring manual keying.
- ✓ **SCSI:** Small Computer System Interface. A standard for connecting a hard drive to a computer.
- ✓ **Serial Port:** An outlet on a computer used to attach a device, such as a modem. A serial port sends data (bits) down the wire one at a time (in a series).
- ✓ **Service Pack:** It is an update to a software version that fixes an existing problem, such as a bug or provides enhancements to the product that will appear in the next version of the product.
- ✓ **TCP/IP:** Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol is a set of communication protocols that encompass media access, packet transport, session communications, file transfer, e-mail, and terminal emulation. TCP/IP is supported by a large number of H/W and S/W vendors and is available on many computer systems, from PCs to mainframes.
- ✓ **Troubleshoot:** To isolate the source of a problem and fix it. In case of computer systems, troubleshoot is usually used when the problem is hardware related.
- ✓ **UNIX:** A multi user operating system.
- ✓ **Upgrade:** A new version of a software or hardware product designed to replace an older version of the same product.
- ✓ **UPS:** Uninterruptible Power Supply. It is a power supply that includes a battery to maintain power in the event of a power cut for several minutes to some hours.
- ✓ **Utility:** A program that performs a very specific task, usually related to managing system resources.

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