

COMPUTERS IN OUR DAILY LIFE

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ABSTRACT

Computers have become an integral part of modern human life, influencing almost every sphere of activity. From communication, education, and healthcare to business, entertainment, and scientific research, computers provide speed, accuracy, and efficiency in handling complex tasks. Their ability to process large volumes of data, support decision-making, and enable global connectivity has transformed the way individuals and organizations function. Computers are no longer confined to offices; they are embedded in mobile devices, smart homes, automobiles, and industrial systems, making daily routines more convenient and productive. However, their widespread use also raises challenges related to dependency, data privacy, cyber security, and digital divides. This paper highlights the growing significance of computers in everyday activities, discusses their benefits and limitations, and emphasizes the need for responsible and secure usage in an increasingly digital society.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The computer has brought about a quantum leap in our daily life, and dependence on computers has increased to occupy an essential position in every home and company. All transactions in various fields have shifted to digital or electronic formats. Education depends on computers and technological development to improve performance and results, as do health and other sectors.

Computers have become one of the most important sources of knowledge, as they are connected to the Internet, allowing access to all sources of science and knowledge, whether written, audio, or visual. This information can be downloaded and accessed anytime. The current century is the age of the information revolution, and computers have become a basic element of human life.

2. COMPUTER FUNCTIONS

The following are the four main functions that a computer performs, which constitute the reasons for the existence of this device and how it works:

a) Data Input:

This is the first function a computer performs, during which data is entered into the computer through various input

devices such as the keyboard, mouse, and others. The process of entering data can also be automated using special tools that collect data automatically and send it directly to the computer.

b) Data Processing:

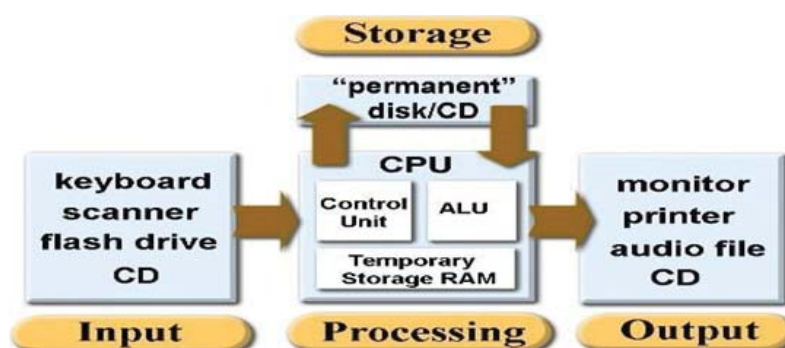
This is the main function of a computer. Raw data entered is processed and converted into useful information for the user. This function is carried out by the Central Processing Unit (CPU) and Random Access Memory (RAM).

c) Data Output:

Data output is the process by which processed data is extracted and converted into information useful to the user. This information is delivered through output devices such as printers, speakers, screens, and other output tools.

d) Data and Information Storage:

This is the fourth and final function of a computer. Data and information are processed and stored via computer memory on storage units such as hard disks. Data can also be saved using external storage tools such as optical disks, allowing access whenever needed.



1. CHARACTERISTICS OF COMPUTER

The computer has a set of characteristics that distinguish it from other electronic devices. These characteristics are as follows:

a) Speed:

The computer is characterized by its ability to process data at a high speed, reaching the point of processing millions of commands per second.

b) Accuracy:

It is considered one of the most important characteristics of a computer, as it can perform orders and instructions with a high degree of accuracy and efficiency without any error.

c) Durability:

The computer is characterized by its high ability to work continuously without fatigue or any change in its accuracy level.

d) Storage:

The computer can store large amounts of data and information across several storage devices for retrieval when needed.

e) Versatility:

The computer is used to perform different tasks almost simultaneously. For example, you can type in a word processing program while listening to music on the computer at the same time.

CHARACTERISTICS OF COMPUTER



4. TYPES & EFFICIENCY OF COMPUTERS

Computers can be classified according to their efficiency and ability to process data into five different types, as follows:

- **Personal Computer:**

A computer that contains a medium-power microprocessor present on a single chip in the device. It is used to process simple computer applications such as word processing and playing games.

- **Workstation Computer:**

A computer similar to a personal computer but with greater ability to process advanced applications, such as AutoCAD and other software that require higher processing capacity.

- **Mini Computer:**

A computer with greater processing capabilities than its

predecessors, despite its small size. This type of computer can be used by about 250 users simultaneously.

- **Mainframe Computer:**

A computer with very large capabilities. It can provide services to thousands of users at the same time and is capable of running many programs simultaneously so that they are processed and handled all at once.

- **Super Computer:**

The fastest and most powerful type of computer in the world. It can process millions of commands per second and is used in applications requiring extensive digital analysis, such as weather forecasting, scientific simulations, and nuclear energy research.

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a) Personal Computer (PC):

A personal computer contains a medium-power microprocessor present on a single chip in the device. It is used to process simple computer applications, such as word processing and playing games.

b) Workstation Computer:

A workstation computer is similar to a personal computer but is characterized by greater processing ability to handle advanced applications, such as AutoCAD and other software that require more computational power.

c) Mini Computer:

A mini computer has greater processing capabilities than its predecessors despite its small size. This type of device can be used simultaneously by about 250 users.

d) Mainframe Computer:

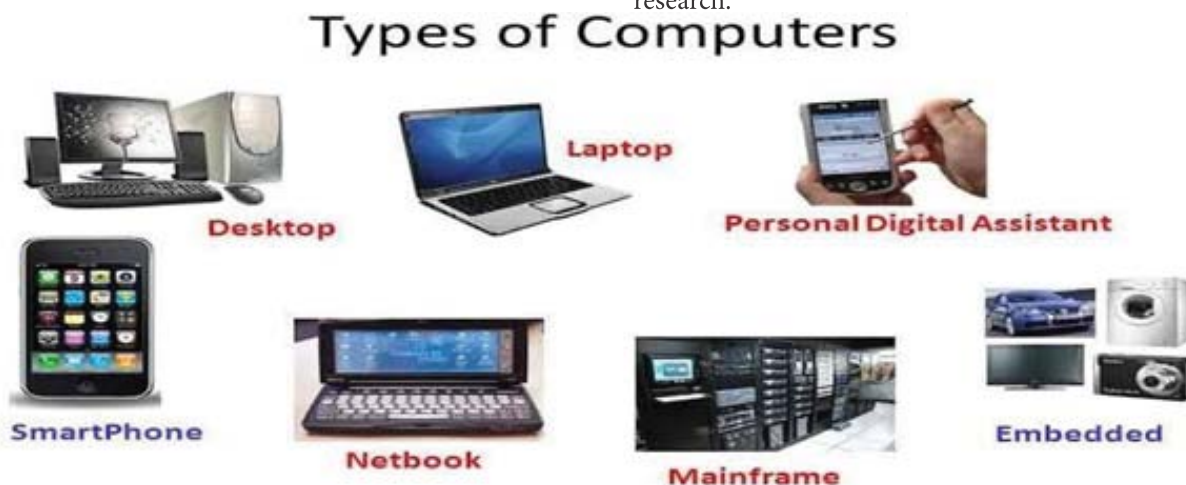
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e) Super Computer (optional, if needed):

The fastest and most powerful type of computer, used in applications requiring massive computational power, such as weather forecasting, scientific simulations, and nuclear research.

e) Super Computer:

A super computer is the fastest and most powerful type of computer in the world. It can process millions of commands per second, making it suitable for applications that require extensive computational analysis. These include weather forecasting, scientific simulations, and nuclear energy research.



2. MAIN PARTS OF COMPUTER

There are many basic components in a computer that enable it to perform its tasks. These parts are as follows:

Processor:

The processor receives inputs via the computer and processes them to obtain the required output. It is responsible for executing all instructions issued by the basic system units. In a computer, the processor is known as the Central Processing Unit (CPU).

Memory:

Memory provides rapid access to data, allowing information to be retrieved directly instead of from storage units. Computers contain different types of memory, such as Read-Only Memory (ROM) and Random Access Memory (RAM).

Motherboard:

The motherboard is the physical part through which all components of a computer are interconnected.

Storage Devices:

These devices are responsible for storing data permanently, such as the hard disk.

Input Devices:

Input devices allow the user to communicate with the computer and enter data, such as a keyboard or mouse.

Output Devices:

Output devices display or present the results of processing. The most common example is the computer screen.



3. IMPORTANCE OF COMPUTERS IN OUR DAILY LIFE

Education:

Computers play a significant role in education at schools and universities. They use hard and magnetic disks to explain lessons and deliver information to students. Students can also store information to retrieve it later. Computers equipped with the Internet provide important information and connect students worldwide. Concepts such as smart classes and e-books are only possible because of computers.

Medicine:

Computers are widely used in hospitals, clinics, and health centers to book appointments and manage patient files. They are also used in surgeries, preserving patient information, tracking medication, and monitoring patient health progress.

Internet:

Computers provide access to the Internet, helping users stay in touch with friends and family. The Internet is also used to search for information quickly—simply by typing a keyword in a search engine. Additionally, computers allow users to watch movies, videos, and news online.

Entertainment:

Computers serve as a major source of entertainment, offering options such as playing games, listening to music, watching movies, and chatting with friends.

Accounts:

Computers are used for calculations, data storage, and analysis in banks, commercial centers, and shops. They can also be used at home to manage family budgets.

Industry:

Industries heavily rely on computers, which operate modern machines and equipment to ensure high-quality production.

Transportation:

Computers are used to control transportation routes, book tickets online, manage airline schedules, and store information for transport and communication workers.

Companies and Banks:

Banks use computers to maintain accounts, manage transactions, and provide online services. Computers also facilitate everyday life by enabling bill payments, home budget management, and online communication through social media or applications like Skype. Computers are used across many sectors, including medical, industrial, airline, and weather forecasting.

Life Sciences:

Computers are vital in life sciences, using sensors and other devices to understand complex operations. They can perform calculations that would take humans years to complete within a few days. Examples include medical imaging, genomics, drug design and discovery, assistive technologies, and simulations.



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Health Damages:

Sitting for long periods at a computer may cause wrist pain due to frequent use of the mouse and keyboard. It may also lead to dryness and redness of the eyes from constantly looking at the screen. Users should take frequent breaks, move around, and practice exercises to reduce these health risks.

Learning Skills:

Although computers provide advanced educational programs, continuous use can weaken concentration and negatively affect learning. Games and other forms of entertainment can distract the mind. Frequent switching between programs and games may reduce focus, affecting students' academic performance over time.

Addiction:

Computer addiction has become common, affecting both children and adults. Excessive screen time may lead to avoidance of physical activity and social interaction. Parents should monitor and set limits on computer usage, paying attention to the types of games and programs children access.

Social Isolation:

Relying on computers as the primary means of entertainment or social interaction may lead to social isolation. Excessive use of the Internet can cause addiction and may lead to depression, especially when users compare themselves to others on social media.

Lack of Attention & Distraction:

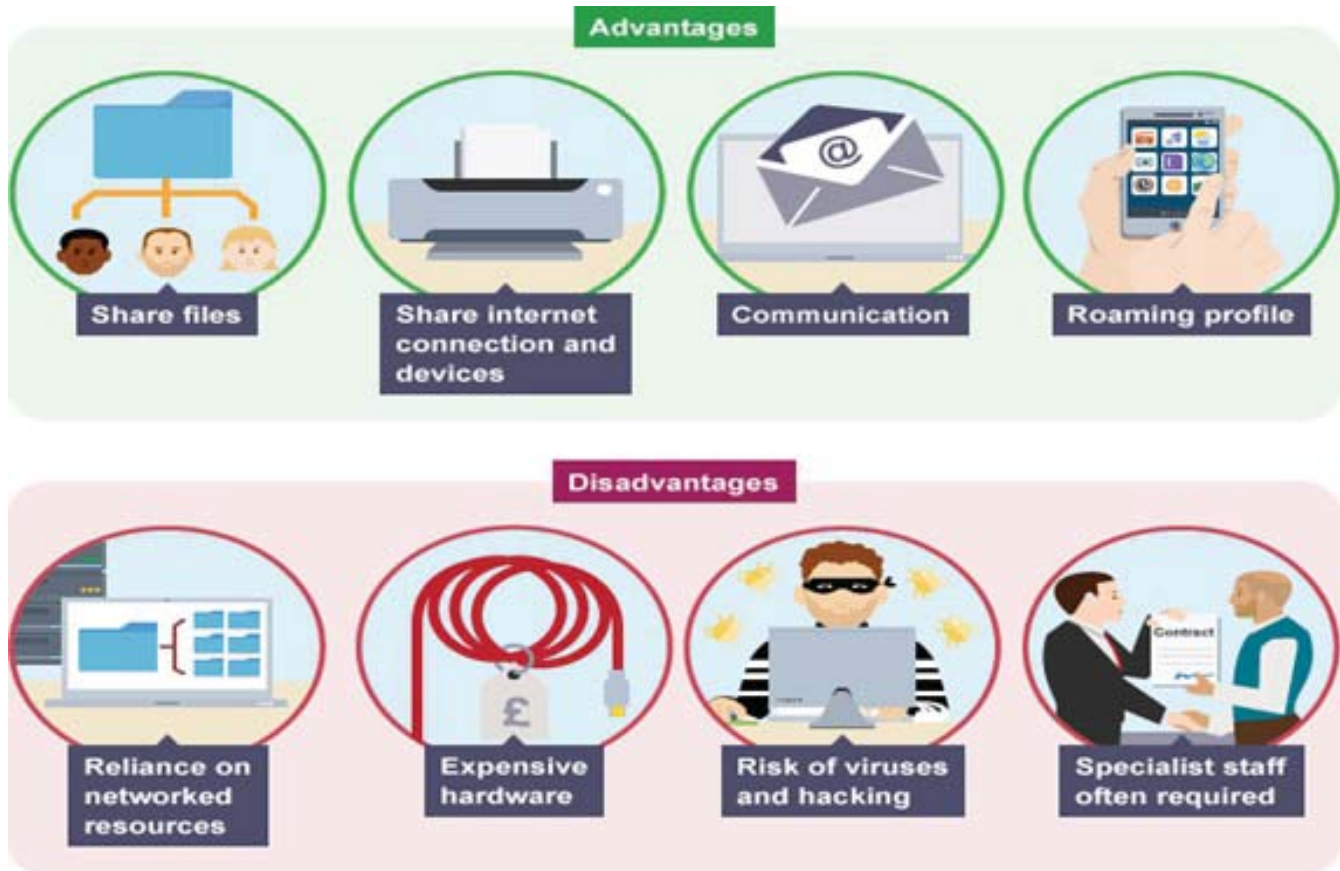
Computers and Internet access enable multitasking but can also lead to distraction. This reduces productivity, increases mistakes, and may cause frustration when users are unable to achieve desired results efficiently.

Waste of Time and Energy:

Many people use computers without productive purposes, spending hours on games, social media, or chatting. This results in wasted time and energy and may negatively impact health and social life.

Data Security:

Computers store sensitive data that can be accessed by unauthorized persons, posing serious data security risks. Users must implement proper safeguards to protect personal and organizational information.



5. TIPS TO PREVENT COMPUTER HARMS

- Do not continue to look at the computer screen for more than 40 minutes. Take breaks of at least 5 minutes. It is preferable to walk around and wash your face with cold water.
- Blink your eyes 20-30 times per minute to reduce dryness.
- Do not use glasses while working on a computer without consulting a specialist, even if they are prescribed for certain eye conditions.
- Rotate your eyes in an anti-clockwise direction 4-5 times after every hour of work in front of the screen.
- Close your eyes firmly for 5 seconds, then open them as wide as possible to relax eye muscles.

6. CONCLUSION

This study highlights the role of computers in our daily life. We have discussed the components of computers, types of computers, their importance in education, medicine, industry, transportation, and entertainment, as well as the disadvantages and potential harms of excessive use. Practical tips to prevent these harms have also been outlined.

Computers have become indispensable, facilitating numerous human activities, and are now considered the nerve of modern life.

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