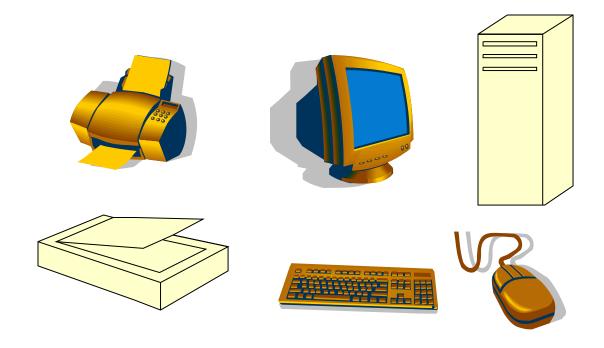
## **Basics Of Computers**

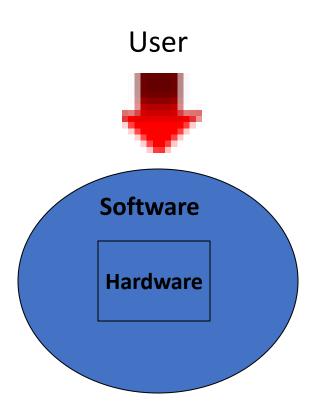
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# A Desktop Machine



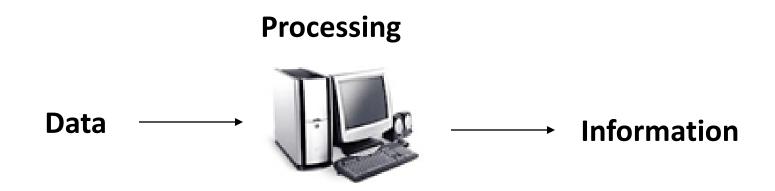
# A Computer System

- Hardware
- Software
- User



## A Computer System (Contd.)

• In general, a computer is a machine which accepts data, processes it and returns new information as output.



#### Software

• Software is set of programs (which are step by step instructions) telling the computer how to process data.

- Softwares can be divided into two groups:
  - System SW
  - Application SW

## Software (Contd.)

#### **System Software**

- It controls the overall operation of the system.
- It is stored in the computer's memory and instructs the computer to load, store, and execute an application.
- Examples: Operating System (OS), Translators DOS, Windows, Unix etc.

### Software (Contd..)

#### **Application Software**

They are Softwares written to perform specific tasks.

The basic types of application software are:

word processing, database, spreadsheet, desktop publishing, and communication.

Examples: MSOffice, Tally, MSOutlook.

## Advantages of Using Computers

- **Speed:** Computers can carry out instructions in less than a millionth of a second.
- Accuracy: Computers can do the calculations without errors and very accurately.
- **Diligence**: Computers are capable of performing any task given to them repetitively.
- Storage Capacity: Computers can store large volume of data and information on magnetic media.

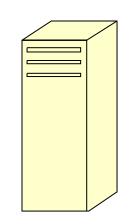
#### Types of Computers

#### On the basis of Computing Power & Size:

- Laptop / Palmtop
- Micro Computer / Desktop
- Mini Computer / Mainframe
- Super Computer

## **CPU (Central Processing Unit)**

 The central processing unit (CPU), also known as just a "processor", is the "brain" of your computer.



• It contains various electronic circuits.

## Keyboard

The keyboard looks like a typewriter.



• It contains all the letters of the alphabet, numbers and some special symbols.

 It operates like a typewriter keypad, but instead of moving an arm, which strikes the paper, it sends an electronic impulse to the computer, which displays a character on the monitor.



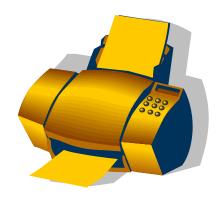
#### Mouse

• Its a device that is used to control the computer. A cable connects the mouse to the computer.

- When the mouse is moved on a pad, called a mouse pad, the cursor on the screen moves.
- A cursor is a small symbol displayed on the computer screen (normally a diagonal arrow that is used as a pointer) that shows you what the mouse is referencing on the screen.



#### Printer

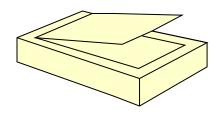


- A printer is designed to output information from a computer onto a piece of paper.
- There are three kinds of printers:

dot matrix, laser, and inkjet.



#### Scanner



- A scanner is a device used to copy an image off paper and convert it into a digital image, which can be saved as a computer file and stored on a hard drive.
- Scanners can also use a special kind of technology called Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to read text from paper and save it as an editable document file