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| 1. User Interface | The standard procedures for interaction with specific computers. |
| 2. Graphical User Interface (GUI) | A user-friendly interface based on graphics. A GUI uses a WIMP environment: windows, icons, menus and pointer. Typical examples are the Mac OS and Microsoft Windows. |
| 3. WIMP | windows, 20 icons, menus and pointer. |
| 4. desktop | the background screen that displays icons and folders |
| 5. icons | A picture representing an object, such as a document, program, folder or hard disk / hard drive icon |
| 6. files | A section of information stored on disk - a document or a program, |
| 7. folders | A directory that holds programs, data files and other folders |
| 8. menu bar | a row of words that open up menus when selected |
| 9. drop-down (pull-down) menu | a list of options that appears below a menu item when selected |
| 10. scroll bar | a horizontal or vertical bar that is clicked and dragged in the desired direction |
| 11. dock | set of icons at the bottom of the screen that give you access to the things you use most |
| 12. programs | A set of instructions that tells the computer how to do a specific task. The task can be anything from the solution to a Maths problem to the production of a graphics package. |
| 13. Windows | The operating system from Microsoft that runs on most PCs. The most recent versions are Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Vista |



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| 14. Mac OS | An operating system created by Apple and used on Macintosh computers |
| 15. Unix | a multi-user system; An operating system, designed by Bell Laboratories in the USA, found on mainframes and workstations in corporate installations. |
| 16. Linux | Open-source software developed under the GNU General Public License. This means anybody can copy its source code, change it and distribute it. |
| 17. Windows Mobile | An operating system used on many PDAs and smartphones. |
| 18. Palm OS | An operating system used on Palm hand-held devices |
| 19. RIM | An operating system used on BlackBerry communication devices, developed by Research In Motion |
| 20. Symbian OS | An operating system used by some phone makers, including Nokia and Siemens |
| 21. window | a scrollable viewing area on screen; it can contain files or folders |