There are two types of computer peripherals namely input devices and ouput devices.

1. INPUT DEVICES

* Keyboard

The keyboard helps in inputting the data to the computer

* Mouse

Mouse can be used to control the position of cursor on screen.

* Joystick

Joystick is also a pointing device which is used to move cursor position on a monitor screen.

* Scanner

Scanner is an input device which works more like a photocopy machine. It is used when some information is available on a paper and it is to be transferred to the hard disc of the computer for further manipulation.

* Microphone

The microphone is used for various applications like adding sound to a multimedia presentation or for mixing music.

* Bar code reader

Bar Code Reader is 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 etc.

* Webcam

A webcam is a small camera attached to a computer. They serve a variety of purposes, from taking still images to sending a live video over conference calls.

* Optic pen

An optical pen is a lightweight, pen-shaped pointing device. It can be utilized much like a normal pen, used to write or draw in computer software programs. An optical pen can also be used as a normal mouse, as it has a trackball with which to move objects and buttons with which to click.

* Touch screen monitor

A touchscreen is a display device that allows the user to interact with a computer by using their finger. They can be quite useful as an alternative to a mouse or keyboard for navigating a graphical user interface (GUI).

2.OUTPUT DEVICES

* Screen or monitor

A computer monitor is a display adapter that displays information processed by the computer's video card. Monitors have display functions that include powering it on and off, controlling brightness, contrast and position, among others.

* Printers

A printer prints information and data from the computer onto a paper.

* Speaker

it's used for listening music, for being audible in seminars during presentations, etc. Computer speakers are the speakers which are attached internally or externally to a computer system.

* Headphones

Headphones are a pair of small loudspeakers or less commonly a single speaker, held close to a user’s ears and connected to a signal source such as an audio amplifier, radio, CD player or portable media player. They are also known as stereo phones, headsets or cans.

* Plotter

A plotter is an output device that uses a pen, pencil, marker or other writing tool for making vector graphics. A plotter is a special kind of output channel, like a printer, that produces images on paper. They are mainly used to produce large drawings or images such as construction plans, blueprints for mechanical objects, AUTOCAD, CAD/CAM etc.

* Fax

A fax machine is a device that is used to send documents electronically over a telephone network. The transmissions it sends are called “faxes, ” and these can be between two fax machines, or between a fax machine and computer or online fax service that is equipped to send and receive faxes.