The term software was once used for all non-hardware computer components. The instructions that tell a computer how to carry out a task are referred to as computer programs. These programs form the software that prepares a computer to do a specific task.

The two main categories of the software are system software and applications software. Operating systems are classified as system software. Device drivers, utilities and programming languages are also system software. Application software is designed to help people accomplish real-world tasks.

Security software is designed to protect computer from various forms of destructive software like viruses and malicious software. A computer virus is asset of program instructions that attaches itself to a file, reproduces itself and spreads to other files. The term malicious software refers to any program designed enter secretly in computer, gain unauthorized access to data or disrupt normal processing operations. Security software can be classified into various types: antivirus, antispyware, anti-spam. Each type focuses on a specific security threat. Just use a security suite, it integrates several security modules to protect against the most common types of malware, unauthorized access and spam, and antivirus software, it is a type of software that looks for and eradicates viruses, worms and bots.

A type of system software called utility software is designed to help people monitor and configure settings for your digital gear. Utilities focus on computer-centric tasks such as blocking viruses or diagnosing hard disk errors.

Software installation is the process of placing a program into a computer. Today we can use some software without installing it, but other software has to be installed before you can use it. A Web application is software that is accessed with a Web browser. Your device must have a Web browser and an Internet connection.

Also today we can use a portable software. It is designed to run from removable storage, such as CD or USB flash drive. Program files are not installed on the hard disk.

Also there are some useful terms about software. Software upgrade is replacing older version of software product with a new version. A software update is a small section (or patch) of program code. The term services pack is a set of patches.

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