

# Meeting 1 - Computer

# What is a Computer

The first use of the word "computer" was recorded in 1613, referring to a person who carried out calculations, or computations, and the word continued with the same meaning until the middle of the 20th century.

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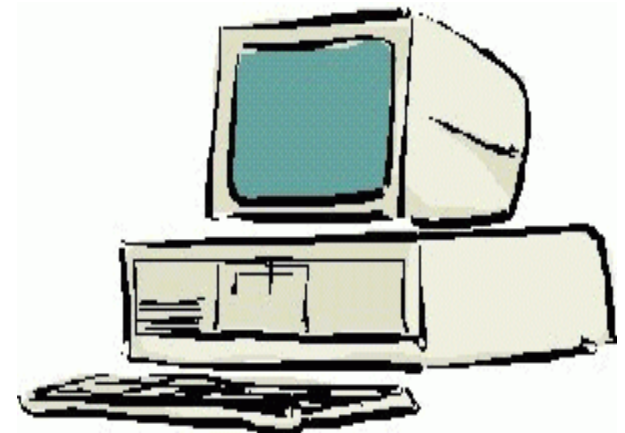
**A computer** is a general purpose device that can be programmed to carry out a finite set of arithmetic or logical operations. Since a sequence of operations can be readily changed, the computer can solve more than one kind of problem.



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Also we can say .....

An electronic device that stores, retrieves, and processes data, and can be programmed with instructions. A computer is composed of hardware and software, and can exist in a variety of sizes and configurations.



# Types of Computers

## Mini and Mainframe Computers

Very powerful, used by large organisations such as banks to control the entire business operation. Very expensive!



## Personal Computers

Cheap and easy to use. Often used as stand-alone computers or in a network. May be connected to large mainframe computers within big companies.

# Exercises Meeting-1

1. What is the meaning Mini Computer ? Give Example!
2. What is the meaning Mainframe Computer? Give Example!
3. What is the meaning Personal Computer?