

What is Information Technology (IT)?

KEY WORDS

store: almacenar retrieve: recuperar transmit: transmitir manipulate: manipular peripheral equipment: equipos periféricos IT is the use of computers to store, retrieve, transmit and manipulate data or information.

It is generally a computer system, including hardware, software and peripheral equipment.

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development: desarrollo

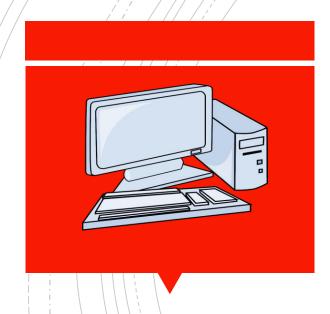
support: sostén

management: manejo

ensure: asegurar

It is the study, design, development, implementation, support or management of computer-based information systems - particularly software applications and computer hardware.

IT workers help ensure that computers work well for people.



Computer Hardware

It includes any **physical device** or equipment used in or with a computer system (anything you can see and touch).

External hardware devices (peripherals) — any hardware device that is located outside the computer:

Input device – devices used to **enter** information to a computer for processing.

Output device – devices that **receive** information from a computer.

Internal hardware devices: – any piece of hardware device that is located inside the computer.

Computer parts













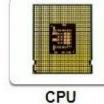


motherboard

memory

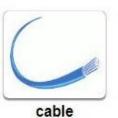
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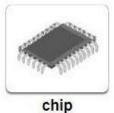
























DVD

flash drive

hard drive

headphones

joystick

laptop

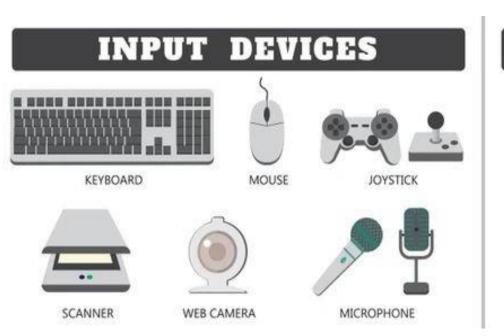




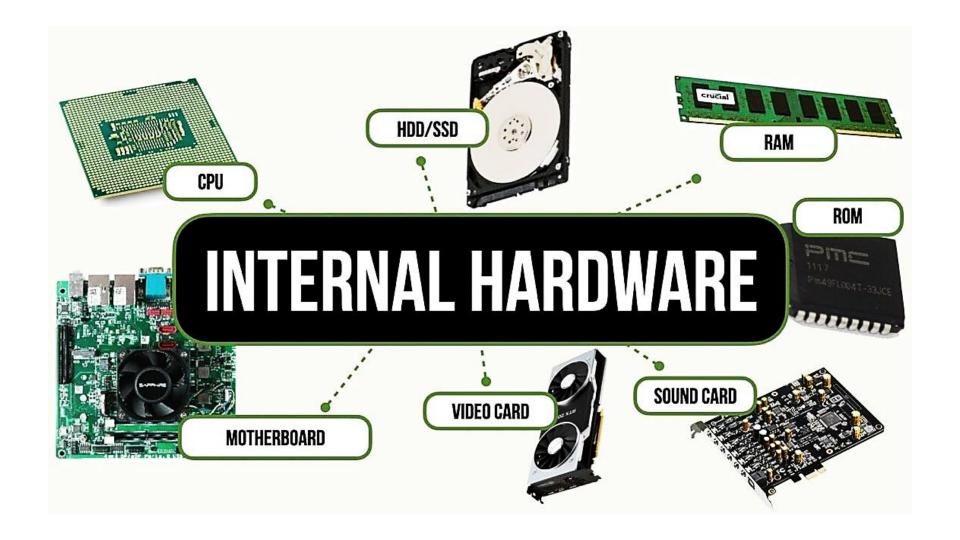


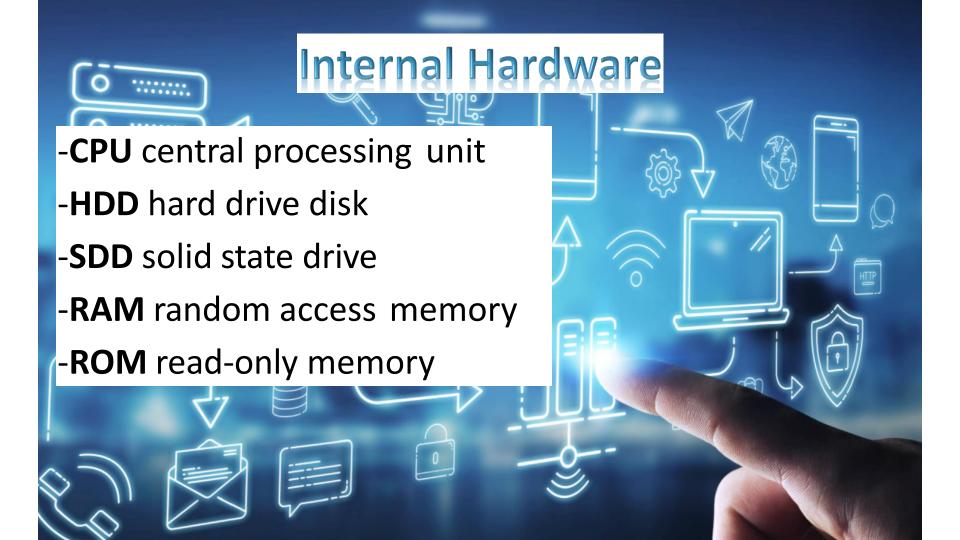


External hardware (peripherals)









Computer Software



- It is a set of instructions or programs that tells a computer what to do or how to perform a specific task.
- It is **digital programs** running on the hardware.
- It is the computer logic users interact with.
- Written in programming languages(Java, C, C++, Perl, etc.).

Types of software



System software: it is designed to provide a platform for other software.

Application Software: it provides users with tools to accomplish a specific task.