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Practical 1:- Introduction of Parts (Processor, Motherboards, RAM, Floppy Drive, CD/DVD Drive, Hard disk, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, SMPS, Printer, Scanner, ext. Devices etc..)

1. **Processor (CPU - Central Processing Unit):**
   - The CPU is the brain of the computer, responsible for executing instructions and performing calculations.

2. **Motherboard:**
   - The motherboard is the main circuit board that connects and facilitates communication between various components, including the CPU, RAM, storage, and peripherals.

3. **RAM (Random Access Memory):**
   - RAM is volatile memory that the computer uses to store data that is actively being used or processed. It provides fast access to data for the CPU.

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4. **Floppy Drive:**
   - ○ A now-obsolete storage device that used floppy disks to store small amounts of data. It has been largely replaced by more advanced storage solutions.

5. **CD/DVD Drive:**
   - ○ Optical drives that read and write data to CDs or DVDs. These are also becoming less common as digital distribution methods have gained popularity.

6. **Hard Disk Drive (HDD):**
   - ○ A non-volatile storage device used for long-term data storage. It stores data magnetically on spinning disks.

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7. **Monitor:**

The display screen of the computer, providing a visual interface for users to interact with the system.

Monitors, commonly called as Visual Display Unit (VDU), are the main output device of a computer. It forms images from tiny dots, called pixels that are arranged in a rectangular form. The sharpness of the image depends upon the number of pixels.

• There are two kinds of viewing screen used for monitors.

• Cathode-Ray Tube (CRT)

• Flat-Panel Display

Cathode-Ray Tube (CRT) Monitor

The CRT display is made up of small picture elements called pixels. The smaller the pixels, the better the image clarity or resolution.

It takes more than one illuminated pixel to form a whole character.

There are some disadvantages of CRT –

• Large in Size

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- High power consumption

Flat-Panel Display Monitor

- The flat-panel display refers to a class of video devices that have reduced volume, weight and power requirement in comparison to the CRT.

- You can hang them on walls or wear them on your wrists. Current uses of flat- panel displays include calculators, video games, monitors, laptop computer, and graphics display.

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8. **Keyboard:**
   o An input device with keys that allow users to input data and commands into the computer.
   o Keyboard is the most common and very popular input device which helps to input data to the computer.
   o The layout of the keyboard is like that of traditional typewriter, although there are some additional keys provided for performing additional functions.
   o Keyboards are of two sizes 84 keys or 101/102 keys, but now keyboards with 104 keys or 108 keys are also available for Windows and Internet.
   o The keyboard is used as a text entry interface for typing text.
   o A **computer keyboard** is a peripheral input device modeled after the typewriter keyboard
   o The keys on the keyboard are as follows –

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S.No	Keys & Description
1	**Typing Keys** These keys include the letter keys (A-Z) and digit keys (09) which generally give the same layout as that of typewriters.
2	**Numeric Keypad** It is used to enter the numeric data or cursor movement. Generally, it consists of a set of 17 keys that are laid out in the same configuration used by most adding machines and calculators.
3	**Function Keys** The twelve function keys are present on the keyboard which are arranged in a row at the top of the keyboard. Each function key has a unique meaning and is used for some specific purpose.
4	**Control keys** These keys provide cursor and screen control. It includes four directional arrow keys. Control keys also include Home, End, Insert, Delete, Page Up, Page Down, Control(Ctrl), Alternate(Alt), Escape(Esc).
5	**Special Purpose Keys** Keyboard also contains some special purpose keys such as Enter, Shift, Caps Lock, Num Lock, Space bar, Tab, and Print Screen.

9. **Mouse:**
   o An input device that allows users to interact with the graphical user interface by moving a cursor on the screen and clicking on icons.

• Mouse is the most popular pointing device.

• It is a very famous cursor-control device having a small palm size box with a round ball at its base, which senses the movement of the mouse and sends corresponding signals to the CPU when the mouse buttons are pressed.

• Generally, it has two buttons called the left and the right button and a wheel is present between the buttons.

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• A mouse can be used to control the position of the cursor on the screen, but it cannot be used to enter text into the computer.

Advantages

• Easy to use

• Not very expensive

• Moves the cursor faster than the arrow keys of the keyboard

10. **SMPS (Switched-Mode Power Supply):**
   o The power supply unit that converts electrical power from an outlet into the correct form for the computer's components. It provides power to the motherboard, CPU, and other peripherals.

11. **Printer:**
   o Output device that produces a physical copy of documents or images on paper.

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12. **Scanner:**
- o Input device that captures images or documents and converts them into digital format for storage or processing on a computer.

13. **External Devices:**
- o This category includes various peripherals like external hard drives, USB drives, webcams, and other devices that can be connected to the computer externally.

Practical 2:-installation of Operating Systems

General Steps for Installing an Operating System:

1. Prepare Installation Media:

- **DVD/CD or USB Drive:** Create a bootable installation DVD/CD or USB drive containing the operating system. You can use tools like Rufus, UNetbootin, or the official tool provided by the OS.
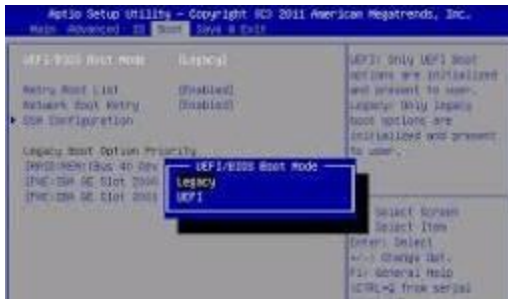

2. Backup Data:

- Before proceeding, it's advisable to back up important data on your computer to prevent any potential loss.
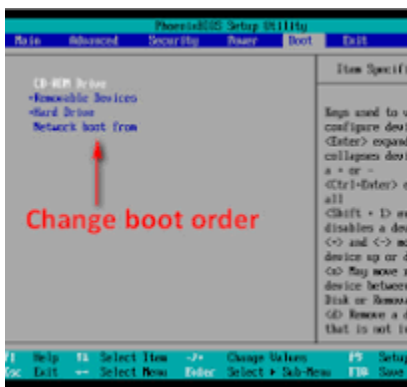

3. Access BIOS/UEFI:

- Restart your computer and enter the BIOS/UEFI setup. You can usually do this by pressing a specific key during the boot process (common keys include Esc, Del, F2, F10, F12).

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4. Set Boot Order:

- In the BIOS/UEFI settings, change the boot order to prioritize the installation media (DVD/USB drive).

5. Insert Installation Media:

- Insert the bootable DVD/CD or connect the USB drive to your computer.

6. Restart Computer:

- Save changes in the BIOS/UEFI settings and restart your computer.

7. Follow Installation Wizard:

- The computer should boot from the installation media. Follow the on-screen instructions provided by the installation wizard. You'll typically be prompted to choose a language, time zone, keyboard layout, and disk/partition to install the OS.

8. Partitioning:

- You may need to create, delete, or select existing partitions on your hard drive where the OS will be installed.

9. Format and Install:

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- Format the selected partition (if required) and proceed with the installation. This process may take some time.

10. Configuration:

- After the OS files are copied, you'll be prompted to configure settings such as creating user accounts, setting passwords, etc.

11. Complete Installation:

- Once the installation is complete, the computer will prompt you to remove the installation media and press Enter. The system will then restart.

12. Post-Installation Setup:

- After rebooting, you may need to configure additional settings, install drivers, and update the system.

Practical 3:-(Windows 98, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows Server 2003)

Installing Windows 98:

1. **Boot from Installation Media:**
   - Insert the Windows 98 bootable CD into the CD-ROM drive and restart the computer.
2. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
   - Windows 98 will start from the CD. Follow the on-screen instructions to set up Windows, including accepting the license agreement, partitioning your hard drive, and choosing a file system.
3. **Complete Installation:**
   - The installation process will copy files and set up the system. Follow any prompts to complete the installation.
4. **Post-Installation:**
   - After installation, you may need to configure additional settings, drivers, and applications.

Installing Windows XP:

1. **Boot from Installation Media:**
   - Insert the Windows XP CD into the CD-ROM drive and restart the computer.

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2. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
   - o Follow the on-screen instructions to set up Windows XP, including partitioning your hard drive and entering the product key.
3. **Complete Installation:**
   - o Allow the installation to copy files and set up the system. Follow any prompts to complete the installation.
4. **Post-Installation:**
   - o After installation, configure additional settings, install drivers, and update the system.

Installing Windows Vista:

1. **Boot from Installation Media:**
   - o Insert the Windows Vista DVD into the DVD-ROM drive and restart the computer.
2. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
   - o Follow on-screen instructions to set up Windows Vista. Choose a partition and enter the product key.
3. **Complete Installation:**
   - o Allow the installation to copy files and set up the system. Follow any prompts to complete the installation.
4. **Post-Installation:**
   - o After installation, configure additional settings, install drivers, and update the system.

Installing Windows 7:

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1. **Boot from Installation Media:**
    o Insert the Windows 7 DVD or USB drive into the computer and restart it.
2. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
    o Follow on-screen instructions, including selecting a language, time, and keyboard input. Choose a partition and enter the product key.
3. **Complete Installation:**
    o Allow the installation to copy files and set up the system. Follow any prompts to complete the installation.
4. **Post-Installation:**
    o After installation, configure additional settings, install drivers, and update the system.

Installing Windows Server 2003:

1. **Boot from Installation Media:**
    o Insert the Windows Server 2003 CD into the CD-ROM drive and restart the computer.
2. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
    o Follow on-screen instructions to set up Windows Server 2003, including partitioning your hard drive and entering the product key.
3. **Complete Installation:**
    o Allow the installation to copy files and set up the system. Follow any prompts to complete the installation.
4. **Post-Installation:**
    o After installation, configure additional settings, install necessary roles and features, and update the system.

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Practical 4:-Introduction of All Ports, Sockets, Slots, Chipset

Ports:

1. USB (Universal Serial Bus):

- **Purpose:** Used for connecting a wide variety of peripherals like keyboards, mice, printers, cameras, and external storage devices.
- **Types:** USB-A, USB-B, USB-C.

2. HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface):

- **Purpose:** Transmits high-definition audio and video signals between devices, commonly used for connecting computers to monitors or TVs.

3. Ethernet Port (RJ-45):

- **Purpose:** Enables wired network connections for data transfer.

4. Audio Ports:

- **Purpose:** Used for connecting headphones, microphones, and speakers.

5. Thunderbolt:

- **Purpose:** High-speed interface for connecting peripherals, displays, and external drives.

6. VGA (Video Graphics Array):

- **Purpose:** Older video connection standard for monitors.

7. DisplayPort:

- **Purpose:** High-performance digital audio and video interface.

8. PS/2 Port:

- **Purpose:** Older port for connecting keyboards and mice.

Sockets:

1. CPU Socket (Processor Socket):

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- **Purpose:** Holds the central processing unit (CPU) on the motherboard.

2. RAM (Memory) Slots:

- **Purpose:** Hold random access memory (RAM) modules.

3. GPU Socket/Slot:

- **Purpose:** Connects the graphics processing unit (GPU) to the motherboard.

Slots:

1. PCI Express (PCIe) Slots:

- **Purpose:** High-speed slots for connecting various expansion cards like graphics cards, network cards, and storage cards.

2. PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) Slots:

- **Purpose:** Older standard for connecting expansion cards.

3. RAM Slots:

- **Purpose:** Holds memory modules for the computer's RAM.

4. M.2 Slot:

- **Purpose:** Compact slot for connecting M.2 solid-state drives (SSDs) directly to the motherboard.

Chipsets:

1. Northbridge:

- **Purpose:** Manages communication between the CPU, RAM, and graphics card.

2. Southbridge:

- **Purpose:** Manages communication between the CPU, peripheral devices (USB, SATA), and expansion slots.

3. PCH (Platform Controller Hub):

- **Purpose:** Modern replacement for the traditional Northbridge and Southbridge, integrating various functions.

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4. GPU Chipset:

- **Purpose:** Manages graphics processing functions on the motherboard.

Practical 5:-Assembling / Dissembling System

Assembling a Hardware System:

1. **Gather Components:**
   o Make sure you have all the necessary components, such as the motherboard, CPU, RAM, GPU, storage devices, power supply, and peripherals.
2. **Prepare Workspace:**
   o Choose a clean, well-lit, and static-free workspace.
   o Use an anti-static wrist strap to prevent electrostatic discharge.
3. **Motherboard Installation:**
   o Install the CPU into the motherboard socket.
   o Attach the CPU cooler.
   o Install RAM modules into the RAM slots.
   o Mount the motherboard into the case.
4. **Power Supply Installation:**
   o Install the power supply unit (PSU) into the case.
   o Connect power cables to the motherboard, CPU, GPU, and other components.
5. **Storage Installation:**
   o Install hard drives or solid-state drives into drive bays or M.2 slots.
6. **GPU and Expansion Cards:**
   o Insert the graphics card into the PCIe slot.
   o Install any other expansion cards (sound cards, network cards, etc.).
7. **Cable Management:**
   o Organize and route cables to improve airflow and aesthetics.
8. **Peripheral Connections:**
   o Connect peripherals such as keyboard, mouse, and monitor.
9. **Testing:**
   o Power on the system and check for any errors or issues.
   o Install the operating system and necessary drivers.

Disassembling a Hardware System:

1. **Backup Data:**
   o Before disassembling, back up important data from your storage devices.
2. **Power Off and Disconnect:**
   o Shut down the computer and disconnect all cables.

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3. **Document Connections:**
   - o Take pictures or notes of the cable connections and component placements for reference during reassembly.
4. **Remove Peripherals:**
   - o Disconnect and remove peripherals like keyboard, mouse, and monitor.
5. **GPU and Expansion Cards:**
   - o Remove the graphics card and any other expansion cards.
6. **Storage Devices:**
   - o Disconnect and remove hard drives, SSDs, or any other storage devices.
7. **Unplug Power Supply:**
   - o Unplug the power supply from the motherboard and other components.
8. **Motherboard and CPU Cooler:**
   - o Carefully remove the motherboard from the case.
   - o Detach the CPU cooler from the CPU.
9. **Clean and Pack:**
   - o Clean components if necessary.
   - o Pack the components securely for storage or transportation.
10. **Label Cables:**
    - o If you are storing or transporting the components, label the cables for easy reassembly.

Practice al 6:-Troubleshoot Problems and Solve It.

1. Identify the Problem:

- **Observation:** Observe any error messages, unusual sounds, or behavior.
- **Check Connections:** Ensure all cables and components are properly connected.

2. Isolate the Issue:

- **Software or Hardware:** Determine if the problem is hardware-related or if it could be caused by software.
- **Specific Component:** Identify the specific hardware component causing the issue.

3. Basic Checks:

- **Power Supply:**
   - o Check power cables and outlets.
   - o Test the power supply if possible.
- **RAM:**
   - o Reseat RAM modules.
   - o Try different RAM slots.
- **CPU:**
   - o Check for bent pins.

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o   Ensure the CPU cooler is properly seated.

4. Boot Issues:

- **BIOS/UEFI Settings:**
  o   Check BIOS/UEFI settings for boot order.
  o   Ensure the correct boot drive is selected.
- **Operating System:**
  o   Reinstall or repair the operating system.

5. Hardware Diagnostics:

- Use diagnostic tools provided by the component manufacturers.
- Run memory tests, disk checks, and other hardware diagnostics.

6. External Devices:

- Disconnect external devices one by one to identify if any are causing the issue.
- Test with a minimal hardware configuration.

7. Update Drivers and Firmware:

- Ensure all drivers and firmware are up-to-date.
- Update motherboard BIOS/UEFI.

8. Temperature and Cooling:

- Check for overheating issues.
- Ensure fans are working properly.

9. Visual Inspection:

- Look for physical damage on components, such as burnt areas, damaged connectors, or loose components.

10. Check for Known Issues:

- Research online for known issues with specific hardware components or your system configuration.

11. Reset Hardware Settings:

- Reset BIOS/UEFI settings to default.
- Clear CMOS if necessary.

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12. Replace or Upgrade:

- If a specific component is identified as faulty, consider replacing it.
- Consider upgrading components for better performance.

13. Professional Assistance:

- If the issue persists and you're unable to identify or resolve it, seek help from professional technicians or the manufacturer's support.

14. Documentation:

- Document the steps you've taken and any changes made during troubleshooting for future reference.

Practical 7:-Installation of Drivers and Application Software

1. **Identify Hardware Components:**
   - Identify the hardware components that require drivers, such as graphics cards, network adapters, sound cards, and peripherals.
2. **Download Drivers:**
   - Visit the official website of the hardware component's manufacturer.
   - Locate the "Support" or "Downloads" section.
   - Download the latest drivers compatible with your operating system.
3. **Extract Driver Files:**
   - If the drivers are in a compressed format (ZIP or RAR), extract the files to a folder.
4. **Device Manager (Windows):**
   - On Windows, right-click on the Start button and select "Device Manager."
   - Locate the hardware component in the list.
   - Right-click on the device, choose "Update driver," and follow the on-screen instructions.
   - Browse to the folder where you extracted the driver files.
5. **Additional Software (Optional):**
   - Some drivers may come with additional software or utilities. Install them if needed for extra functionality or customization.
6. **Restart:**
   - After driver installation, restart your computer to apply the changes.

Installing Application Software:

1. **Download Software:**

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- o Visit the official website of the software or use a trusted source to download the application installer.
2. **Installer Type:**
    - o Run the installer file. Installers can be in the form of EXE (Windows), DMG (Mac), or a package manager (Linux).
3. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
    - o Follow the on-screen instructions in the installation wizard.
    - o Choose the installation location, if applicable.
4. **License Agreement:**
    - o Read and accept the license agreement if prompted.
5. **Custom Installation (Optional):**
    - o Some installers offer customization options. Choose components or features you want to install.
6. **Create Desktop Shortcut (Optional):**
    - o Choose whether to create a desktop shortcut for easy access.
7. **Start Menu Entries (Windows):**
    - o On Windows, select whether to create entries in the Start Menu.
8. **Installation Progress:**
    - o Wait for the installation process to complete. This may take some time.
9. **Launch Application:**
    - o Some installers give you the option to launch the application immediately after installation. If not, locate the application in your Start Menu or Applications folder.
10. **Check for Updates:**
    - o After installation, check for software updates either through the application's settings or the official website.
11. **License Activation (If Applicable):**
    - o If the software requires a license key, enter it during the installation or when prompted.
12. **Restart (If Required):**
    - o Some applications may require a restart after installation.
13. **Documentation and Support:**
    - o Refer to the software documentation for usage instructions and explore support options provided by the software developer.

Practical 8:-Attach and Install Additional Devices like Printer, Scanner.

1. Hardware Connection:

For Printers:

1. **Power On:**

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- o   Ensure the printer is powered on and connected to a power source.
2. **Connection Type:**
    - o   Connect the printer to your computer using a USB cable, Ethernet cable, or Wi-Fi, depending on the printer model and your preferences.
3. **USB Connection:**
    - o   For USB connections, plug the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer and the printer.
4. **Network Connection:**
    - o   For network connections, connect the printer to your local network using an Ethernet cable or set up the Wi-Fi connection following the printer's instructions.

For Scanners:

1. **Power On:**
    - o   Ensure the scanner is powered on and connected to a power source.
2. **Connection Type:**
    - o   Connect the scanner to your computer using a USB cable or follow the manufacturer's instructions for network or wireless connections.
3. **USB Connection:**
    - o   For USB connections, plug the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer and the scanner.
4. **Network Connection:**
    - o   For network connections, connect the scanner to your local network using an Ethernet cable or set up the Wi-Fi connection following the scanner's instructions.

2. Software Installation:

For Printers:

1. **Driver Installation:**
    - o   Most modern operating systems automatically detect and install basic drivers for common printers. However, it's recommended to install the specific drivers provided by the printer manufacturer for full functionality.
    - o   Visit the printer manufacturer's website, locate the drivers section, and download the appropriate drivers for your printer model.
2. **Run Driver Installer:**
    - o   Run the downloaded driver installer and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
3. **Test Print:**
    - o   After installation, print a test page to ensure the printer is working correctly.

For Scanners:

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1. **Driver Installation:**
   - Similar to printers, install the specific drivers provided by the scanner manufacturer for optimal performance.
   - Visit the scanner manufacturer's website, locate the drivers section, and download the appropriate drivers for your scanner model.
2. **Run Driver Installer:**
   - Run the downloaded driver installer and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
3. **Test Scan:**
   - After installation, perform a test scan to verify that the scanner is functioning properly.

3. Default Printer (Optional):

1. **Set Default Printer:**
   - Set the newly installed printer as the default printer in your operating system settings for seamless printing.

4. Configuration (Optional):

1. **Printer/Scanner Software:**
   - Install any additional software provided by the printer or scanner manufacturer for advanced features and settings.
2. **Custom Settings:**
   - Configure any custom settings through the printer or scanner software, such as print quality, paper type, or scanning resolution.

5. Documentation:

1. **Read Manuals:**
   - Refer to the printer and scanner manuals for detailed instructions on maintenance, troubleshooting, and advanced features.

Practical 9:-Installation of Antivirus and set Protection

1. Choose and Download Antivirus Software:

1. **Select Antivirus Software:**
   - Choose a reputable antivirus software. Some popular options include Norton, McAfee, Bitdefender, Kaspersky, Avast, and AVG.
2. **Visit Official Website:**
   - Go to the official website of the selected antivirus software.

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3. **Download Installer:**
   - Locate the download section and download the installer for your operating system (Windows, Mac, or Linux).

2. Install Antivirus Software:

1. **Run Installer:**
   - Locate the downloaded installer file and run it.
2. **Follow Installation Wizard:**
   - Follow the on-screen instructions provided by the installation wizard.
   - Choose the installation location and any customization options offered by the antivirus software.
3. **Activation:**
   - During or after installation, you may be prompted to activate the antivirus software with a license key. Enter the key if required.
4. **Update Definitions:**
   - After installation, the antivirus software will likely perform an initial update to ensure it has the latest virus definitions.
5. **Restart (If Required):**
   - Some antivirus software may require a system restart after installation.

3. Configure Protection Settings:

1. **Real-Time Protection:**
   - Enable real-time protection to monitor your system continuously for threats.
2. **Scheduled Scans:**
   - Set up scheduled scans to automatically check your system for malware at specified intervals.
3. **Scan Customization:**
   - Customize scan settings, such as the depth of scans (quick, full, custom), and whether to scan for potentially unwanted programs.
4. **Quarantine and Remediation:**
   - Configure actions for detected threats, such as moving them to quarantine or automatically resolving them.
5. **Firewall (If Included):**
   - If the antivirus software includes a firewall, configure firewall settings for network protection.
6. **Browser Extensions (If Included):**
   - Install and configure any browser extensions that come with the antivirus software for web protection.
7. **Automatic Updates:**
   - Ensure that automatic updates for the antivirus software are enabled to receive the latest security patches and features.
8. **Email Protection (If Included):**

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- o Configure email scanning settings if the antivirus software offers email protection.

4. Verify Protection:

1. **Update Regularly:**
   - o Keep the antivirus software up-to-date by allowing regular updates.
2. **Perform Manual Scans:**
   - o Periodically perform manual scans of your system to complement scheduled scans.
3. **Monitor Alerts:**
   - o Pay attention to any alerts or notifications from the antivirus software and take appropriate actions when necessary.

Practical 10:-Troubleshoot with chipset like Transistor, Capacitor

Troubleshooting Transistors:

1. **Visual Inspection:**
   - o Inspect the transistor for physical damage, such as burnt areas, cracks, or loose connections.
2. **Check Polarity:**
   - o Ensure that the transistor is correctly oriented. Identify the collector, base, and emitter terminals.
3. **Test Continuity:**
   - o Use a multimeter to check for continuity between the transistor terminals.
   - o Verify that there is no short circuit between any two terminals.
4. **Check Resistance:**
   - o Measure the resistance across the collector, base, and emitter terminals.
   - o Compare the values with the specifications provided in the transistor datasheet.
5. **Test Diode Function (For Bipolar Junction Transistors - BJT):**
   - o Check the diode junctions within the transistor using the diode test function on the multimeter.
6. **Substitution Test:**
   - o Replace the transistor with a known-good one of the same type and observe if the problem persists.
7. **Check Biasing:**
   - o Verify that the transistor is correctly biased according to the circuit requirements.

Troubleshooting Capacitors:

1. **Visual Inspection:**

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- o Inspect capacitors for signs of physical damage, such as bulging, leaking, or discoloration.
2. **Check Polarity:**
   - o If the capacitor is polarized (electrolytic), ensure it is connected with the correct polarity.
3. **Capacitance Test:**
   - o Use a capacitance meter to measure the capacitance of the capacitor.
   - o Compare the measured value with the capacitor's labeled or expected value.
4. **ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) Test (For Electrolytic Capacitors):**
   - o Some multimeters or specialized ESR meters can measure the ESR of electrolytic capacitors.
   - o Elevated ESR can indicate a faulty capacitor.
5. **Substitution Test:**
   - o Replace the capacitor with a known-good one of the same capacitance and voltage rating.
6. **Check Voltage Rating:**
   - o Ensure that the capacitor's voltage rating is sufficient for the circuit.
   - o Exceeding the voltage rating may lead to capacitor failure.
7. **Check for Short Circuits:**
   - o Use an ohmmeter to check for short circuits across the capacitor terminals.

General Troubleshooting Tips:

1. **Schematic and Datasheets:**
   - o Refer to the circuit schematic and component datasheets for proper values and connections.
2. **Isolate Components:**
   - o Disconnect power and isolate the circuit to troubleshoot specific components.
3. **Systematic Approach:**
   - o Follow a systematic approach, testing one component at a time.
4. **Substitution:**
   - o Use known-good components for substitution tests.
5. **Oscilloscope (Advanced):**
   - o Use an oscilloscope to analyze waveforms and voltages in more complex circuits.
6. **Check Power Supply:**
   - o Ensure that the power supply voltage is within the specified range.
7. **Temperature Test:**
   - o Some issues may be temperature-dependent. Use a freeze spray or a heat gun to selectively cool or heat components.
8. **Consult Documentation:**
   - o Consult component datasheets, circuit schematics, and relevant documentation for troubleshooting guidance.

Practical 11:-Cylinder, Bios, CMOS, Add. Cards.

1. Cylinder:

In the context of computers, a "cylinder" might refer to a unit of data storage on a hard disk. Early hard drives were divided into tracks and sectors, and a cylinder included all the tracks that could be read in a single revolution of the disk. However, modern hard drives often use more sophisticated methods of data organization.

2. BIOS (Basic Input/Output System):

BIOS is firmware that initializes hardware components and provides the basic input/output functions for the operating system during the boot process. It's stored in a non-volatile memory chip on the motherboard. BIOS settings can be accessed and modified through a BIOS setup utility, usually by pressing a specific key (like Del or F2) during the boot process.

3. CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor):

CMOS refers to the technology used to implement the BIOS settings memory. In the context of computers, the term CMOS often specifically refers to the CMOS battery, a small coin-cell battery on the motherboard that provides power to the CMOS chip. This battery is crucial because it helps retain BIOS settings when the computer is powered off.

4. Add-On Cards (Additional Cards):

Add-on cards are expansion cards that can be added to a computer to enhance its functionality. Common types include:

- **Graphics Card (GPU):** Improves graphics performance.
- **Sound Card (Audio Card):** Enhances audio capabilities.
- **Network Interface Card (NIC):** Adds or improves networking capabilities.
- **Storage Controller Cards:** Provide additional storage interfaces (e.g., SATA or RAID cards).
- **USB Expansion Cards:** Add more USB ports to the system.

Brief Overview of Installation:

- **Add-On Cards Installation:**
  - Power off the computer and disconnect it from the electrical outlet.
  - Open the computer case.
  - Identify the appropriate expansion slot on the motherboard for the add-on card.
  - Carefully insert the card into the slot and secure it in place.
  - Close the computer case and reconnect the power.

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- **CMOS Battery Replacement:**
    - o Power off the computer and disconnect it from the electrical outlet.
    - o Open the computer case.
    - o Locate the CMOS battery on the motherboard.
    - o Gently remove the old battery and replace it with a new one.
    - o Close the computer case and reconnect the power.

Practical 12:-Data Prevention / Recovery

Data Prevention:

1. **Regular Backups:**
    - o Schedule regular backups of important data. Use external hard drives, cloud storage, or network-attached storage (NAS) for storing backup copies.
2. **Redundant Storage:**
    - o Implement redundant storage configurations, such as RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks), to protect against data loss due to drive failures.
3. **Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS):**
    - o Use a UPS to protect against power outages. Sudden power loss can lead to data corruption or loss.
4. **Surge Protectors:**
    - o Use surge protectors to safeguard hardware components from electrical surges, which can potentially damage storage devices.
5. **Temperature and Humidity Control:**
    - o Maintain a controlled environment to prevent overheating and humidity-related issues that can harm hardware.
6. **Regular Maintenance:**
    - o Keep hardware components clean and well-maintained. Dust and debris can cause overheating and lead to hardware failures.
7. **Secure Hardware:**
    - o Physically secure hardware to prevent theft or unauthorized access.

Data Recovery:

1. **Professional Data Recovery Services:**
    - o In case of severe hardware failure, consider professional data recovery services. These services have specialized tools and facilities to recover data from damaged storage devices.
2. **Data Recovery Software:**

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- o Use data recovery software to attempt recovery from logically damaged drives. This software can sometimes retrieve data from accidentally deleted files or formatted drives.

3. **Backup Restoration:**
   - o If you have regular backups, restore data from your backup storage. Ensure your backup process is reliable and up-to-date.

4. **Undelete Utilities:**
   - o Some utilities can recover recently deleted files. However, the success of this method depends on how much new data has been written to the drive since the files were deleted.

5. **File History (Windows) or Time Machine (Mac):**
   - o Take advantage of built-in file recovery features like File History on Windows or Time Machine on Mac. These tools allow you to restore previous versions of files.

6. **Check System Logs:**
   - o Examine system logs for any error messages or warnings that might indicate the cause of the data loss. Addressing the root cause can prevent future occurrences.

7. **Hardware Repair or Replacement:**
   - o If the hardware issue is repairable (e.g., a faulty cable or connector), fixing the hardware may allow data recovery.

8. **Offline Backups:**
   - o Maintain offline backups to protect against data loss caused by malware or ransomware attacks.

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