

Ch 2. Computer system



Section 2. Computer software

Learning objectives

- Identify computer software
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of an IT software
- Compare two IT software products, and recommend the best software products

Act. 1: Listing computer softwares

List all computer softwares that you know!

➤ Application software

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➤ Programming software

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➤ System software

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➤ Computer software that your **non-IT** colleagues use

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Act. 2: Superlatives

Superlatives

We use superlative adjectives to compare a person or thing with a number of other people or things.

For short adjectives we add the + -est . Be careful of spelling.	<i>big</i>	biggest	<i>The new monitor was the biggest in the room.</i>
	<i>fast</i>	fastest	<i>Your version of the software is the fastest.</i>
	<i>easy</i>	easiest	<i>It's the easiest to use.</i>
For long adjectives we use the most/the least .	<i>difficult</i>	the most/least difficult	<i>This version is the most difficult to use.</i>
	<i>expensive</i>	the most/least expensive	<i>His computer is the least expensive.</i>
	<i>reliable</i>	the most/least reliable	<i>I think you should buy that. It is the most reliable.</i>
Some superlatives are irregular.	<i>bad</i>	the worst	<i>That is the worst software I've ever used!</i>
	<i>good</i>	the best	<i>I really like this website. It's the best I've seen.</i>

Act. 3: Conversation about IT softwares

- Work in pairs
 - Talk about the IT software that you and your non-IT colleagues use, using the following questions as a guidelines
1. What are the differences between the IT and non-IT software you have listed?
 2. Which is the cheapest?
 3. Which is the most expensive?
 4. Which is the most/least reliable?
 5. Which is the most difficult/easiest to use?
 6. Which is the best/worst?
 7. Which is the most/least user-friendly?

Act. 4: Listening

- Recording 2.15

Tim: What do you think about these three photo imaging packages?

Simone: It's a difficult choice. All three are very good but they have different strengths.

Tim: I agree.

Simone: Serif Image Plus has (1) _____ image (2) _____ .

Tim: OK.

Simone: But Magic Extreme has the (3) _____ processing of images.

Tim: You're right. Also, Serif has (4) _____ special (5) _____ . But what about Snap Pro?

Simone: Well, it has the (6) _____ dubbing options.

Tim: And Snap Pro is the best for (7) _____ photos.

Simone: I'm not sure. Serif has (8) _____ efficient (9) _____ .

Tim: Which is the most expensive?

Simone: Oh, Serif Image Plus.

Tim: And the cheapest?

Simone: Snap Pro.

Tim: Let's get Snap Pro then.

Simone: I'm still not sure!



Act. 5: Tenses

Present tense of *have (got)*

We use **have (got)** to talk about possession.

<i>I've/You've/We've/They've (got) ...</i>	<i>I/You/We/They have (got) ...</i>
<i>He's/She's/It's (got) ...</i>	<i>He/She/It has (got) ...</i>
<i>I/You/We/They haven't (got) ...</i>	<i>I/You/We/They have not (got) ...</i>
<i>He/She/It hasn't (got) ...</i>	<i>He/She/It has not (got) ...</i>
<i>I/You/We/They don't have ...</i>	<i>I/You/We/They do not have ...</i>
<i>He/She/It doesn't have ...</i>	<i>He/She/It does not have ...</i>
<i>Have I you/we/they got ...?</i>	
<i>Has he/she/it got ...?</i>	
<i>Do I/you/we/they have ...?</i>	
<i>Does he/she/it have ...?</i>	

Act. 6: Comparing IT softwares

- Work in pairs
- Compare 2 or 3 IT software products that you know or you have ever used

- Some examples:

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