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Computer Basics Course

Essay 5 – Defining Terms

1. Bus
   * A bus is the transportation system for information in your computer. It is made of a wire that carries electricity or data from one area to another.
2. Function
   * A function is a command that performs a specific task or many tasks.
3. Hub
   * A centralized machine that sends data to all the machines that are connected to it.
4. LAN
   * LAN or local area network is a small group of machines usually computers that connected together to share information.
5. Platform
   * A platform is the computer’s hardware and operating system. It is the basis of what all the applications on your smartphone or computer will run on.
6. Protocol
   * Protocol is a set of rules that defines the way something works.
7. Ring Network
   * A ring network is a string of computers connected together and the first is connected to the last to create a closed loop. Information is passed through each computer until it arrives at one that requested it.
8. Star Network
   * A star network is many computers connected to a centralized machine like a hub or another computer.