

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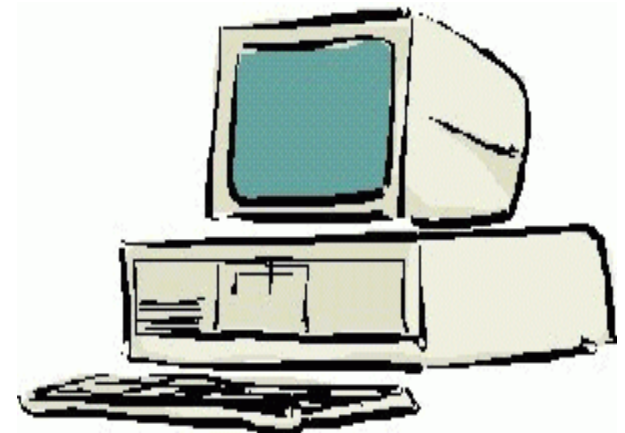
**A computer** is a general purpose device that can be programmed to carry out a finite set of arithmetic or logical operations. Since a sequence of operations can be readily changed, the computer can solve more than one kind of problem.



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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. Do you know the origin of “Computer” and what it means?
  - a. An electronic device that stores, retrieves, and processes data, and can be programmed with instructions.
  - b. Referring to a person who carried out calculations, or computations
  - c. General purpose device that can be programmed to carry out a finite set of arithmetic or logical operations.
  - d. The answer A,B and C True
  - e. All answers are false
  
2. Mention it the type of computer as you know ?
  - a. Mini Cooper
  - b. Mainframe
  - c. Compuserve
  - d. PC-magazine
  - e. Server
  
3. The first use of the word "computer" was recorded in :
  - a. 1612
  - b. 1613
  - c. 1614
  - d. 1615
  - e. 1616

4. Origin of word “Computer” is...
- a. To Compute
  - b. To Comp
  - c. To Pute
  - d. To Comput
  - e. To Com
5. They are examples of first-generation computing devices :
- a. UNIVAC
  - b. UNIFAC
  - c. UNITED
  - d. UNIFORM
  - e. UNION PC

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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?