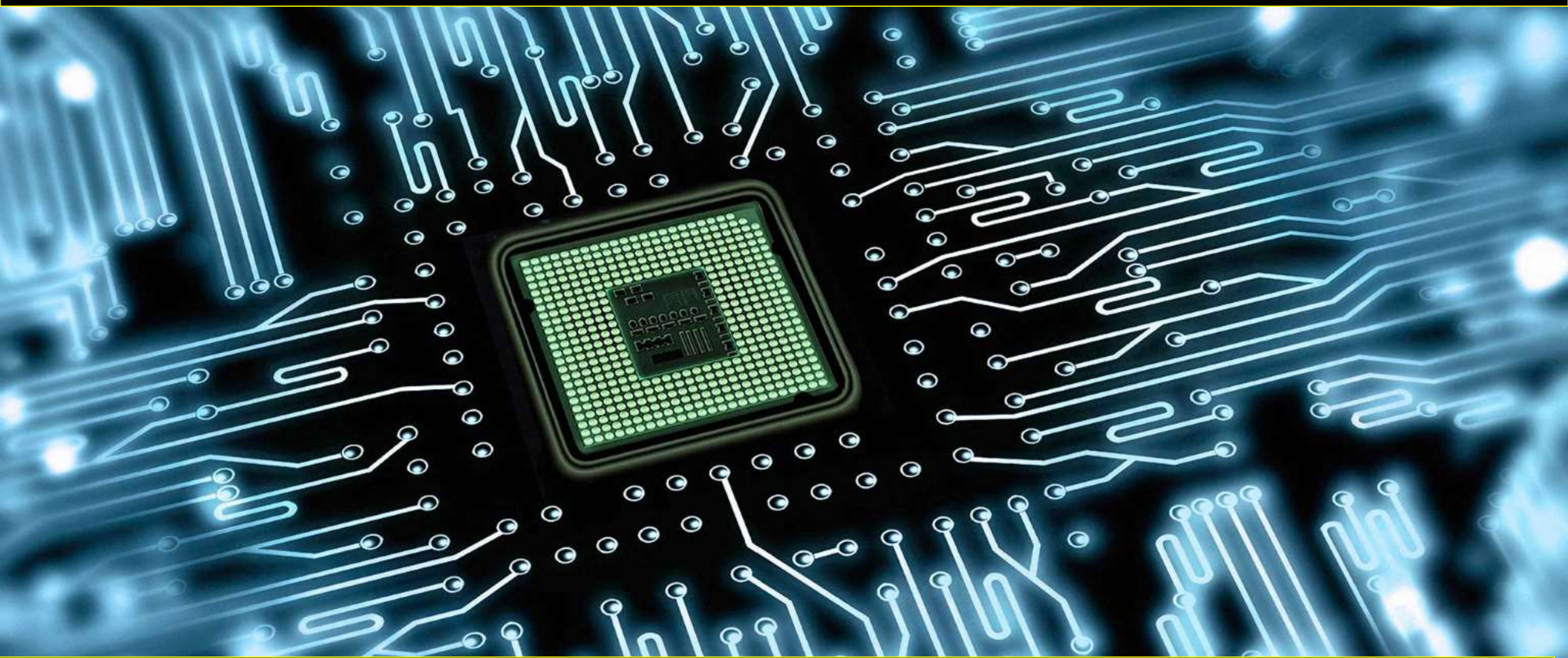


MODULE 3: SOFTWARE BASICS





Lesson 3: Applications

DEFINITION



- You may have heard people talking about using a **program**, an **application**, or an **app**. But what exactly does that mean? Simply put, an app is a type of software that allows you **to perform specific tasks**.
- Applications for desktop or laptop computers are sometimes called **desktop applications**, while those for mobile devices are called **mobile apps**.

DEFINITION



- When you open an application, it runs inside the **operating system** until you close it.
- Most of the time, you will have more than one application open at the same time, which is known as **multi-tasking**.
- **App** is a common term for an **application**, especially for simple applications that can be downloaded **inexpensively** or even **for free**.

DEFINITION

- Many apps are also available for **mobile devices** and even some TVs.



DESKTOP APPLICATIONS



- There are countless desktop applications, and they fall into several categories. Some are more **full featured** (like **Microsoft Word**), while others may only do **one or two things** (like a **clock** or **calendar app**).

➤ **Word processors:** A word processor allows you to write a letter, design a flyer, and create many other types of documents. The most well-known word processor is **Microsoft Word**.

DESKTOP APPLICATIONS



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➤ **Games:** There are many types of games you can play on your computer. They range from card games like **Solitaire** to action games like **Halo**. Many action games require a lot of computing power, so they may not work unless you have a newer computer.

MOBILE APPS



- Desktop and laptop computers aren't the only devices that can run applications. You can also download apps for mobile devices like **smartphones** and **tablets**.

➤ **Gmail:** You can use the Gmail app to easily view and send emails from your mobile device. It's available for **Android** and **iOS** devices.

MOBILE APPS



- **Instagram:** You can use Instagram to quickly share photos with your friends and family. It's available for **Android** and **iOS**.
- **Duolingo:** With a combination of quizzes, games, and other activities, this app can help you learn new languages. It's available for **Android** and **iOS**.

INSTALLING NEW APPLICATIONS



- Every computer and mobile device will come with some applications already built in, such as a web browser and media player
- However, you can also purchase and install new apps to add more functionality

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