**Introduction to ICT :**

Today, computing is commonplace. It's obvious that it's been adopted by us as a regular part of our professional and personal lives, as a result of advances in the telecommunications field, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are now experiencing a rapid increase in development. ICT combines all of the technologies and instruments used to process (hardware and software) as well as communicate (communication networks) information in digital form. This concerns the majority of areas of our daily lives, including education, transportation, commerce, the medical and military fields, nothing can function without it. As a student, it's important to know how to utilize specific ICT tools.

**But what is ICT ?**

ICT, or information and communications technology (or technologies), is the infrastructure and components that enable modern computing, among the goals of IC technologies is improving the way people create, process and share data or information with each other. Another is to help them improve their skills in many areas, including business. education; medicine …

Note that there is no universal definition of ICT because of the constant evolution of the technologies, devices and even ideas related to ICT. However, we generally use this term meaning all devices, networking components and applications. When combined, these help people and organizations interact in the digital world.

Some examples

**Some of ICT technologies and tools :**

We can name a lot, but among the main actors we have :

Google Services :

Google offers a wide range of services that cater to various needs of users. Here are some of the key Google services:

* **Google Search:**

- The world's most popular search engine, providing users with quick and relevant search results.

* **Gmail:**

- A widely used email service with a user-friendly interface, efficient spam filtering, and seamless integration with other Google services.

* **Google Calendar:**

- A web-based calendar application that helps users organize their schedules, events, and appointments. It can be easily shared and synchronized across devices.

* **Google Maps:**

- A mapping service that provides directions, traffic conditions, and local business information. It also offers features like Street View and satellite imagery.

* **Google Photos:**

- A cloud-based service for storing and sharing photos and videos. It includes features like automatic backup, intelligent organization, and facial recognition.

* **YouTube:**

- A video-sharing platform where users can upload, share, and view videos. It covers a wide range of content, including educational videos, entertainment, and more.

* **Google Chrome:**

- A web browser developed by Google known for its speed, simplicity, and security features. It also supports a wide range of extensions.

* **Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides:**

- Part of Google Drive, these are online document, spreadsheet, and presentation tools that enable real-time collaboration among multiple users.

* **Google meet:**

- A video conferencing service that allows users to host virtual meetings, webinars, and collaborative sessions. It integrates with Google Calendar.

* **Google Drive:**

- A cloud storage service that allows users to store and share files, documents, photos, and videos. It also includes Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides for online document creation and collaboration.

* **Google Classroom:**

- An online platform designed for teachers and students to facilitate communication, collaboration, and assignment management in an educational setting.

* **Google Analytics:**

- A web analytics service that provides insights into website traffic, user behavior, and other crucial data for website owners and marketers.

* **Google Ads:**

- An online advertising platform where businesses can create and manage ads to reach their target audience through Google's advertising network.

* These are just a few examples, and Google continually develops and introduces new services and features to meet the evolving needs of users
* **This tables shows number of users of the most popular google services in 2021**

**(in billions) :**

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| **Service** | **Chrome** | **YouTube** | **Drive** | **Gmail** |
| **Users** | **3.229** | **2.5** | **1** | **1.5** |

Microsoft Tools :

* **Microsoft Word:**

Microsoft Word is a word processing application developed by Microsoft as part of the Microsoft Office suite. It is one of the most used word processors in the world, providing users a bunch of tools and features for creating, editing, and formatting documents. Let’s have an overview of some features of Microsoft Word:

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| **Document Creation and Editing:** | Microsoft Word allows users to easily create and edit documents. It provides a user-friendly interface with various commands for formatting, styling, and organizing content. |
| **Templates:** | A big variety of templates is available for different document types, such as resumes, letters, reports, and newsletters. Templates provide a pre-designed structure, saving time for the users. |
| **Page layout and design:** | Users can control the layout and design of their documents by adjusting many options like margins, orientation, page size, and spacing and page elements like headers, footers, and page numbers. |
| **Collaboration and Comments:** | Microsoft Word supports real-time collaboration, this allows multiple users to work on a document simultaneously. collaborators can leave comments and review edits ensuring the success of group projects |
| **Integration with other Microsoft office app:** | Microsoft Word impeccably integrates with other Microsoft Office apps, such as Excel and PowerPoint, That allows using different Data from all the office app in Word. |
| **Cross-Platform Availability:** | Available for Windows, macOS, iOS, and Android, Microsoft Word allows users to easily create and edit documents flawlessly on every device they have making creating document simpler for the users. |
| **Version History and Backup:** | Every time a user edits a document, Microsoft Word automatically saves the current version of the document. This allows users to search for previous versions of documents and create backups to prevent document loss due to software or device issues. |

Thanks to all these features and many more Microsoft word is the best-known and most widely used text editor in the world and that's going to be the case for a long time to come as the software becomes more efficient and powerful with each update.

* **Microsoft Excel:**

Microsoft Excel is a powerful spreadsheet application developed by Microsoft as part of the Microsoft Office suite, it is widely used in data analysis, computing, visualization and information organization. Excel is an important tool in many sectors such as finance, business and education.

Let’s have an overview about some of it features:

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| **Spreadsheet Creation :** | Excel provides a grid interface that allows users to create and organize data into rows and columns. Each intersection of rows and columns is called a cell and can contain text, numbers, formulas, or functions. |
| **Data Analysis and Visualization:** | Including many tools for data analysis such as filtering and sorting which allows the user to transform his data to graphs and tables making it easier to him visualizing trends and analyzing the data. |
| **Data Import and Export:** | Excel supports the import and export of data form many sources and in different formats like txt, csv and data bases. |
| **Formulas and Functions:** | This feature makes performing calculations using formulas and functions much easier and its one of his most known features. |
| **Data Security:** | Excel provides features to protect sensitive data, including password protection and encryption options for workbooks. This ensures confidential information protection. |

Microsoft Excel also include **Templates, collaboration** and **Integration with other Do Microsoft office app** like Microsoft Word Do.

* That was some of the features that make Microsoft Excel more efficient, powerful and more flexible This has contributed to its popularity and its use by a large number of users and Microsoft is always improving it and updates it often to add new features and make it more accessible to beginners in order to broaden the popularity of the software.
* **Microsoft PowerPoint:**