

Name **three output devices**.

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**Output devices** include monitors or displays, speakers, devices that use mechanical movement, printers and lights.

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What does the **control unit** do?

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The **control unit** controls the flow of data both in and around the central processing unit.

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What is **clock speed**?

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**Clock speed** is the rate (in gigahertz per second) at which instructions are processed by the CPU.

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What does **BIOS** stand for?

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**BIOS** stands for basic input/output system.

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What are three advantages of using **flash memory**?

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Advantages of **flash memory** include: it is light, has no moving parts, has fast data access, and is durable, programmable and erasable.

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What is **secondary storage**?

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**Secondary storage** refers to non-volatile devices and media used to store programs, documents and files.

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What is **ransomware**?

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**Ransomware** is malware that locks a user out of their system, and encrypts their files, until a ransom is paid.

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What is **phishing**?

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**Phishing** is impersonating an organization using emails, texts or phone calls in order to persuade users to confirm or divulge their personal details.

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Why would a programmer use **penetration testing** on a system?

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**Penetration testing** is the search for problems and vulnerabilities in a system that could be exploited by users with criminal intentions.

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What is **encryption**?

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**Encryption** is the conversion of important data, using a **public encryption key**, into a form that cannot be read without a **private key**.

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What does **defragmentation** software do?

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**Defragmentation** software analyses data and how it is stored on a disk. It then rearranges the data into a more logical sequence for faster access.

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Give three current examples of an **operating system**.

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Examples of an **operating system** include: Windows 10, Unix, Chrome OS, macOS, Linux, Ubuntu and MS-Dos.

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What is **bandwidth** measured in?

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**Bandwidth** is measured in bits per second.

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How is a **virtual network** created?

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A **virtual network** is created using software instead of physical devices, often within a larger network.

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What does the **Domain Name Server** do?

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The **Domain Name Server** links the Internet Protocol address of a computer on a network to a text-based website address that is easier to remember.

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Name four types of network **topology**.

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Four types of **topology** are star, mesh, bus and ring.

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What does **HTTPS** do?

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**HTTPS** encrypts communication between the server and the client to enable secure online transactions.

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What are **cookies**?

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**Cookies** are small files stored on computers that contain Internet browsing data and can be accessed by web servers.

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What is the **digital divide**?

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The **digital divide** is the social and economic gap between those who have access to computer technology and those who do not.

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Give three examples of **open source** software.

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Examples of **open source** software include: Linux, GIMP, Audacity, Apache and Open Office.

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Name three common sorting **algorithms**.

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Three sorting **algorithms** are bubble sort, merge sort and insertion sort.

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What are **flow diagrams** used for?

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**Flow diagrams** are used to visualize an algorithm and show clearly the flow of information.

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Are there any fixed rules for **pseudocode**?

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There are no fixed rules for **pseudocode**. It must just make sense. Exam boards will normally provide a dictionary of common terms they expect you to know/use.

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Which common **pseudocode** keyword is used to create a loop?

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**While** is the **pseudocode** keyword used to create a loop.

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What does the operator MOD (**modulus**) do?

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MOD (**modulus**) returns the remainder after a division.

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What are **truth tables**?

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**Truth tables** are the representation of potential inputs and outputs (1s and 0s) in a logic diagram.

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What are the three main operations that are represented by **logic diagrams**?

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The three main operations represented by **logic diagrams** are AND, OR and NOT.

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What is **concatenation**?

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**Concatenation** is the adding together of two strings in a program.

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What is a **string**?

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A **string** is a collection of alphanumeric data characters and symbols that is usually enclosed in quotation marks.

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Why are **databases** useful?

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**Databases** store large amounts of data, which can be categorized and structured so it can be easily accessed.

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Describe two benefits of **sub-programs**, or **sub-routines**.

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**Sub-programs**, or **sub-routines**, save time and avoid repetitive code.

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What is **extreme** (or **boundary**) **data**?

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**Extreme** (or **boundary**) **data** is data at the limit of what a program should be able to handle.

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Give three examples of **high-level languages**.

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**High-level languages** include: Python, Java, JavaScript, Visual Basic, C++, C Family of languages, Ruby and BASIC.

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What does a **run-time environment** allow?

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A **run-time environment** allows a program to be run and tested within an integrated development environment (IDE).

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How many **bits** are in a byte?

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8 **bits** are in a byte.

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Why was **Unicode** developed?

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**Unicode** was developed to set worldwide common coding standards and to represent all known languages using 16- and 32-bit binary codes.

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What is **denary**?

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**Denary** (also known as decimal) is a base 10 number system with 10 digits.

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What is a **check digit** system used for?

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A **check digit** system is used to detect errors in identification numbers. The check digit is normally the last digit on the right.

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Name three file types that use **lossless compression**.

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Three file types that use **lossless compression** include: RAW, WAV, TIFF and BMP.

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What is a **bit rate**?

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The **bit rate** is the number of bits per second used to sample an audio file.

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