

ICT

First Semester

Summary Sheet #3

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As you have studied that any computer systems consist of **hardware** and **software**, the hardware is either **internal** or **external**.

The external hardware is categorized into **Input** or **output**.

Input device is a device that sends data to a computer.

Keyboard / keypad

Mouse

Joystick / controller

Scanner

Camera

Microphones

<u>Output device</u> is a device used to send data from the computer to the user

Monitor

Projector

Printer

Speaker / headphones

➤ **An operating system**: is a set of programs that controls how the computer interacts with the users and the external devices (Such as keyboard, monitor, mouse).

Examples of software: Windows, Unix, Macintosh, iOS, Android.

Users interact with the operating system through the user interface.

- > There are four main types of user interfaces:
 - 1. Command line interface (CLI)
 - 2. Graphical user interface (GUI)
 - 3. Dialogue-based interface
 - 4. Gesture-based interface

<u>Command line interface:</u> this is the first type of interface; users have to type in commands.

Advantages:

- Runs very quickly
- Used by technicians

Disadvantages:

- Command needs to be memorized
- Not user friendly

<u>Graphical user interface:</u> the most common type of interface in which applications are represented by icons, options are chosen

Advantages:

- Users do not have to learn commands
- Easy to use

Disadvantages:

- Large and take up lots of storage
- Can be slower than CLI

Dialogue-based interface:

Advantages:

- It allows hands-free control
- Useful for disabled people

Disadvantages:

- If there is noise, it's not reliable
- Expensive

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Gesture-based interface:

Advantage:

 User does not have to enter commands using keyboard

Disadvantage:

- User have to learn the gestures
- User may have to wear motion tracking gloves

Types of computers:

- 1. Desktop computer (PC) (Personal Computer)
- 2. Laptop
- 3. Tablet
- 4. Phablet
- 5. Smartphones

<u>Device</u>	<u>Advantage</u>	<u>Disadvantage</u>
Desktop	More powerfulHave larger screenCost less	Not portableTake up space
Laptop	Light weightPortable	Amount of battery lifeSlower to start than tablet
Tablet	Easy to useLight weightLots of apps to choose from	Can be expensiveAmount of battery life
smartphone	Pocket sizedCan make phone callsCan use Wi-Fi	 Small screens can make reading difficult Web browsing can drain the battery quickly