

Quiz Questions for



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1. Input Devices

What is the name of the on-screen token that the mouse moves around?

What does switching off the "Num Lock" key do?

What key determines if the characters at the cursor overwrite or insert characters at the cursor?

The Insert.

The pointer.

Switches the number pad number keys to arrows and home, page up, page down, end and insert.

2. The Display

What are some synonyms for "display"?

What are the tiny dots called that make up the display?

As display resolution goes up, what happens to the size of the images on-screen?

Get smaller.

Screen, monitor.

Pixels.

3. Software Applications

What is a definition of software?

Software applications run inside some kind of what?

Operating system.

Software then is a collection of instructions or rules which are interpreted in response to the user's input and make something happen.

4. The Operating System

The operating system is actually made up of many what?
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The main purpose of the operating system is what?

To allow software programs to run.

Software programs.

5. The File System

What characters are used at the lowest level to encode information in?
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What metaphor is used to describe the way the computer's "file system" is used to store and retrieve information?

What is the 3-character part of the filename that is used by Windows to know what program to open a file with called?

A series of nested folders containing files.

The extension.

Ones and zeros.

6. Memory

When is the RAM in use?

When the computer is off, where are the files stored on your computer?
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What does the term "Memory" NOT mean?

Website history.

When the computer is running.

On the hard drive.

7. The Network Environment

Networking is not part of which process?
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The network within an organization is known as what?
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The principal risks of networking are?
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The network that connects computers all over the world is known as what?
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The internet.

Viruses.

Accessing files on your hard drive.

The intranet.

8. The Internet

Who typically maintains the network between a user and the internet itself?
The network that connects computers all over the world is known as what?
The website of an organization that is designed for privileged outsiders is known as what?
What is the name of the unique address that identifies all computers on the internet?
The network within an organization is known as what?

The intranet.

IP (for "internet protocol").

The ISP.

The extranet.

The internet.

9. Search Skills

How do most people find the websites they visit on the internet?
What is the name of the kind of logic that can be used when key-word searches are not effective (because of homonyms)?
When are search engines the least effective?

Boolean (for example "web and spider not site").

When the information is very new.

Search engines.

10. Computer Specifications (Hardware Overview)

What is the most complicated task a novice can attempt to do?
What part of the computer is the most difficult to compare with others of its type and also the most expensive part?
What are the two things that the case is sometimes called that are totally wrong?
What is the name of the parts that sometimes fit into the motherboard to augment it?
What are the two parts of the computer that are most likely to kill you?

The processor.

The CPU and occasionally the hard-drive".

Buy a computer.

The power supply and the monitor.

The cards (for example, video card, networking card).