

How Computers Work

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Computers are everywhere in our world. People use them for work and play. A computer is made up of hardware and software. The hardware is the physical part of the computer. The computer unit, monitor, keyboard, and mouse are the parts you see. Inside the computer there are wires, hard drive, and memory components. The CPU, central processing unit, is the brain of the computer found inside the unit. It follows the commands found in the software and makes the computer work. Software is the program that makes the computer work. The operating system controls the machine. Application programs are how people make the machine work. They let us play games like Minecraft. Applications let us search the web to find information. Software helps users collect and store data for many jobs around the world. The computer is a helpful machine.