

A COMPUTER

History of computers:

First computer was involved in 20th century, during 2nd World War. His size was something like our computer's class. But it took a long time to calculate some operation. So, the science factory didn't stop and in 80's IBM achieved with their new product; **Personal Computer**. That was a big success for business and technology. Today it's nothing various, only a couple of thing are added onto hardware.



Parts of computer - hardware:

The main part of computer is on the first place monitor to display what is on the screen and the second part is the keyboard. Without these two parts we cannot use and even start computer. Of course there are some other equipment like mouse with mouse pad, speakers to hear warnings and also to play music or movies for entertainment, CD/DVD player, joystick for playing the games, scanner for pictures, printer, etc. Nowadays we can do almost everything with PC. And the fact is that we don't have to have special lessons and education how to use it but we can easily sit in front of keyboard and either starts with playing the games or chatting with our friends. But for this we need...

Software – programs and accessories:

The most extended **Operating System** is with no doubt Microsoft's Windows.. First Windows was 3.1, the second was Win95, and than 98, WinMillennium, Win2000 and finally the recent edition WinXP (eXPirience). But in future will be completely new outlook of Windows Longhorn and Windows Multimedia (both names are not confirmed yet). There are some other operating systems too, like Linux, MacOS, FreeBSD, but they are too difficult to use. If we have one of Microsoft's product, we have open doors to start with using a computer. We can connect to internet, share folders and files to others, send e-mails, write text in Word and print it on the paper, drawing masterpieces in Painter and to view the pictures.

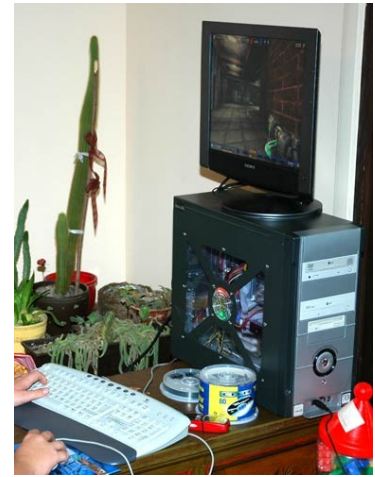
What will be new in the future?

Computers will be in each house connected to world wide web and it will be important part of our modern life. In about 2 years we can expect smaller computers without CRT/LCD screen, because of new organic technology. Processors will be faster and many other digital equipment will be on the sale.

Sources:

News from internet which I remembered. Probably they are erased and the page doesn't exist any more.

What is another name for personal computer and which trademark was the first one? _____.



What is the difference between hardware and software?

Which operating system do you use and why?

What is your opinion of computer's future? Do you think that life will depend on it? And how do you imagine yourself on workplace?

How many hours do you spend per week using a computer? And what do you mostly do on it?

Did you know...?

- ...that playing the games is kind of activity which will be soon confirmed as a sport like chess?
- ...that many of computer games were removed from stores because of violence between youth?
- ...that pressing the buttons on mouse and keyboard can damage your fingers?