

CIS110

Introduction to Computers

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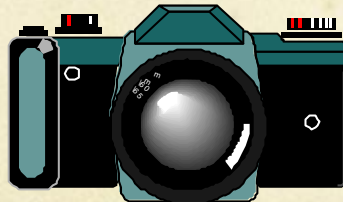
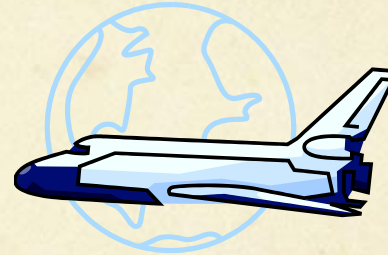
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In the past, the definition of a computer was:
“a person who does computations for a living”.



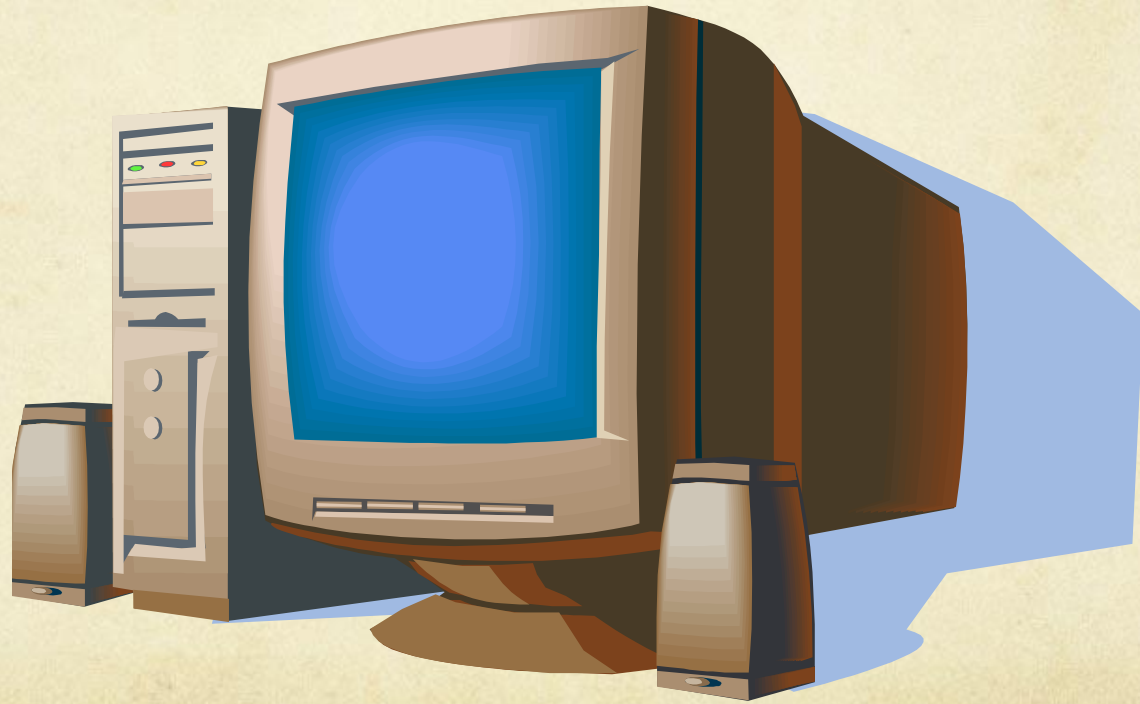
But today, unless you live in the Amazon jungle,
you use computers of a different sort.

In our modern society, computers are everywhere.



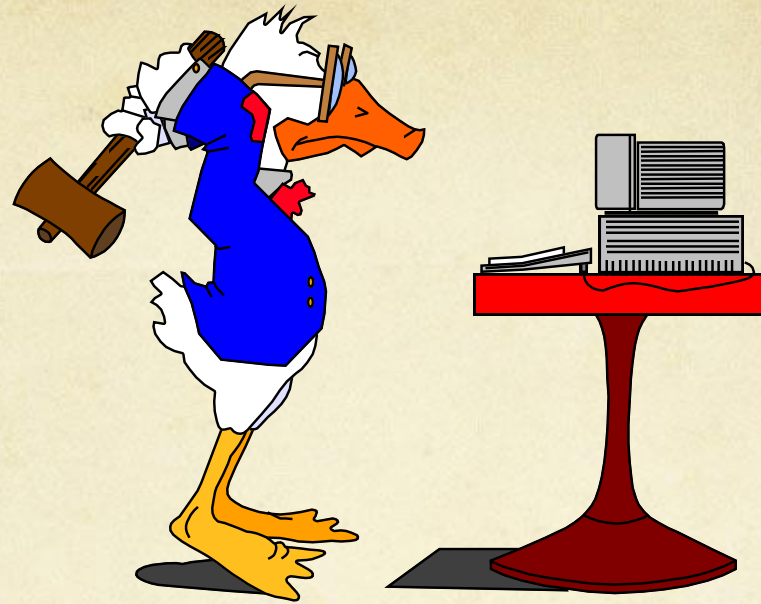
So it is important to be computer literate.

Computer literacy (a.k.a. digital literacy) –
a knowledge and understanding of computers and their
uses.



What is a computer? What does it do?

- A computer is an electronic device that operates under the control of instructions store in its memory
- It accepts data, processes the data according to instructions, produces results and stores the results for later use
- Computers turn raw **data** into **information**



“TO ERR IS HUMAN, BUT
TO REALLY FOUL THINGS
UP REQUIRES A
COMPUTER.” —
ANONYMOUS

Human Treasure Hunt

1. Find someone whose major is
 - The same as yours
 - Different than yours
2. Find someone
 - Older than you
 - Younger than you
3. Find someone who
 - Works full time
 - Works part-time
 - Has kids
4. Find someone who is from another country, speaks a language other than English, or has traveled to another country.

Homework/Labs

In-Class:

- Write a paragraph (or two) outlining your goals for the future and how being computer literate can help you achieve those goals. Your finished essay should be kept in your CIS110 student portfolio. [The Write Place](#) can help you with any writing assignments you have.
- Fill out the questionnaire and turn it in.

On-Your-Own:

- Read Chapters 1 & 3 (you can skip pages 14 - 21 on the internet)