

Advantages of Computers

High Speed

- Computer is a very fast device.
- It can perform calculation of very large amount of data.

Accuracy

- Computers are very fast and very accurate.
- The calculations are 100% error free.

Storage Capability

- Memory is a very important characteristic of computers.
- A computer has much more storage capacity than human beings.
- It can store large amount of data.
- It can store any type of data such as images, videos, text, audio, etc.

Reliability

- A computer is a reliable machine.
- Computers are designed to make maintenance easy.

Disadvantages of Computers

No I.Q.

- Each instruction must be given to the computer.
- A computer cannot take any decision on its own.

Dependency

- It functions as per the user's instruction, thus it is fully dependent on humans.

No Feeling

- Computers have no feelings or emotions.
- It cannot make judgment based on feeling, taste, experience, and knowledge unlike humans.

Application of Computers in Various Fields

Business

A computer has high speed of calculation, accuracy, or reliability, which has made it an integrated part in all business organizations.

- Sales Analysis
- Managing Employee Database
- Maintenance of stocks, etc.

Banking

Banks provide the following facilities:

- Online accounting facility, which includes checking current balance, making deposits and overdrafts, checking interest charges and shares.
- ATM machines which are completely automated are making it even easier for customers to deal with banks.

Insurance

Insurance companies are maintaining a database of all clients with information showing:

- Starting date of the policies
- Next due installment of a policy
- Maturity date
- Interests due

Education

The computer helps in providing a lot of facilities in the education system.

- Computer education is rapidly increasing the graph of number of computer students.
- There are several methods in which educational institutions can use a computer to educate the students.

Marketing

In marketing, uses of the computer are following:

- Advertising - With computers, advertising professionals create art and graphics.
- Home Shopping - Home shopping has been made possible using computerized catalogues.

Healthcare

Computers have become an important part in hospitals, labs, and dispensaries.

- Lab-diagnostic System - All tests can be done, and the reports are prepared by computer.
- Pharma Information System - Computer is used to check drug labels, expiry dates, harmful side effects, etc.

Government

Computers play an important role in government services. Some major fields in this category are:

- Sales tax department
- Income tax department
- Computerization of PAN card
- Weather forecasting