

M1R5 IT Tools & Network Basics

Introduction to Computer

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Topic Summary

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1 Understanding Software: System vs. Application Software

Differentiate between system software (operating systems, utilities) and application software (word processors, browsers) and their roles in a computer.

Key Points:

Computer Software Concepts

Software is a set of instructions, data, or programs used to operate computers and execute specific tasks. It is the non-physical component of a computer system, contrasting with hardware.

Types of Software:

Exam Tip: Clearly distinguish between system and application software with multiple examples for each. Understand that system software is essential for the computer to function, while application software performs user-specific tasks.