

Your Software

OPERATING SYSTEM---This is the program that actually controls your computer. It literally **operates** your computer **system**. It is the program that first runs when you turn your computer on. It functions as a translator, taking instructions that you give the computer, in human terms, and translates these instructions into a language your computer can understand. The operating system is the basis for all other programs you will run. Examples of operating systems are Windows 98 and Windows XP.

PROGRAMS OR APPLICATIONS---These are specific set of instructions that allow you to perform a specific task on your computer. Programs have been written to do almost any task imaginable. Common programs allow us to write a letter (word processor), send an e-mail, play a game, play music, and many other applications.

WORD PROCESSOR---this is a program that turns your computer into a typewriter. You can type letters or documents. You can print them; send them in an email or save it to a file. Some word processors will let you know if your spelling or grammar is incorrect. Processor Eg. (Notepad and WordPad.) Microsoft has included these programs in Windows

That's all there is to your computer. There are a lot of other technical things, but this is not a course to become a computer technician.