

A computer is a unit which consists of many parts. We can categorise those parts into components according to the nature of the functions they do.

- Input Devices
- Output Devices
- Central Processing Unit
- Main Memory
- Storage Devices
- Communication Devices

### ● Input Devices

The devices which are used to enter data and instructions to computers are called input devices.



Figure 1.4 - Some Input Devices

### ● Output Devices

The devices which are used to retrieve the data and information are called output devices.



Figure 1.5 - Some Output Devices

## • Central Processing Unit (CPU)

Controlling the computer and processing data according to the given instructions are done by the Central Processing Unit.

The Central Processing Unit is located inside the system unit. It cannot be seen from outside.

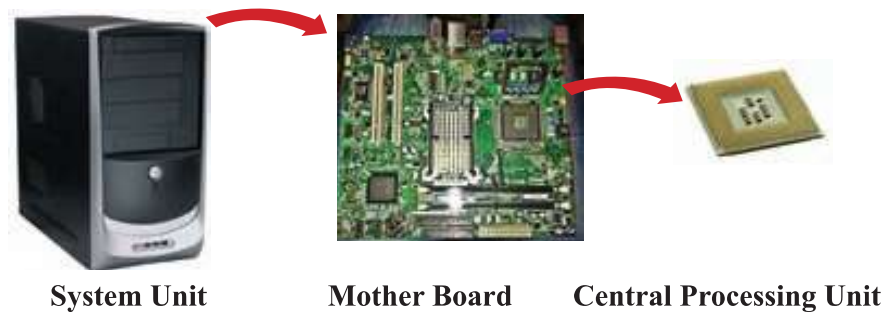


Figure 1.6 - Location of the Central Processing Unit

## • Main Memory

The device which is used to store data, information and instructions temporarily is identified as the main memory or the primary memory. It is also called the Random Access Memory (RAM).



Figure 1.7 - Random Access Memory -RAM

## ● Storage Devices

The devices which are used to store data, information and instructions are called storage devices.

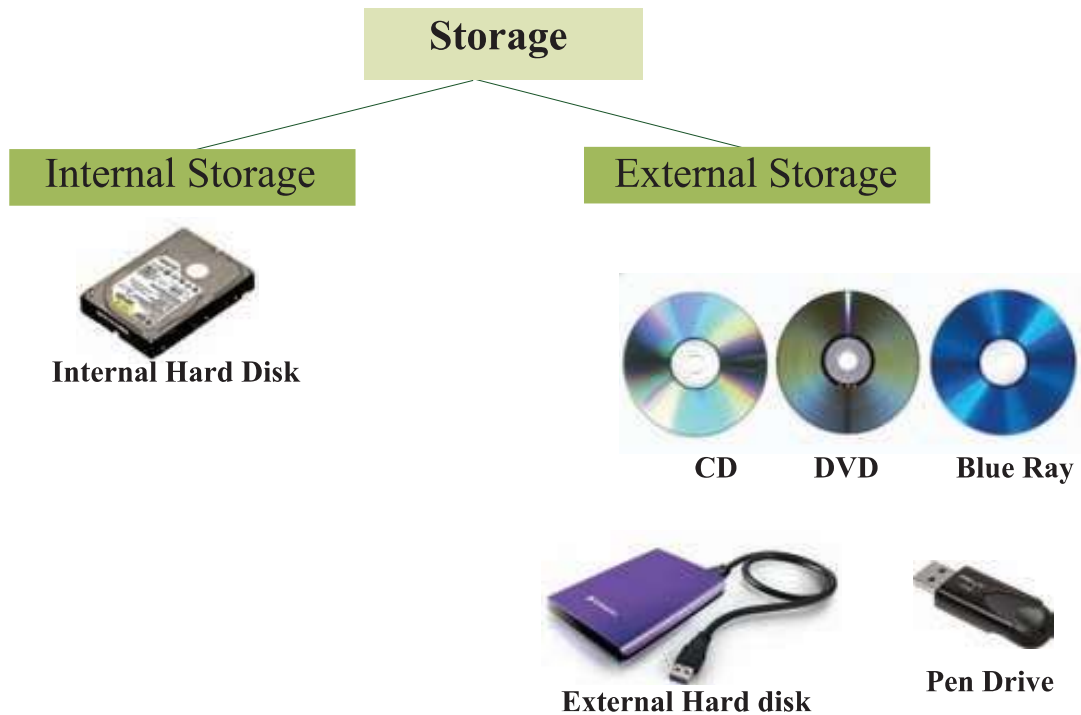


Figure 1.8 - Some Storage Devices

## ● Communication Devices

The devices which are used to exchange the processed data and information are called communication devices.



Figure 1.9 - Wired/Wireless Communication Devices