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## Chapter 5 Input

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## Chapter 5 Objectives

- Describe two types of input
- List characteristics of a keyboard
- Identify various types of keyboards
- Identify various types of pointing devices
- Explain how a mouse works
- Describe different mouse types
- Explain how voice recognition works
- Understand how to input data into a handheld computer
- Identify uses of a digital camera
- Describe various techniques used for video input
- Describe uses of PC video cameras and Web cams
- Explain how scanners and other reading devices work
- Identify alternative input devices for physically challenged users

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## What Is Input?

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What is input?

- Data
  - Unprocessed facts, figures, and symbols
- Instructions
  - Programs
  - Commands
  - User responses

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## What are Input Devices?

What is an input device?

- Any hardware component used to enter data, programs, commands, and user responses into a computer

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## The Keyboard

How is the keyboard divided?

- Typing area
- Numeric keypad
- Function keys

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## The Keyboard

What is a portable keyboard?

- Full-sized keyboard you conveniently can attach and remove from a handheld computer

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## The Keyboard

What is an **ergonomic keyboard**?

- Designed to minimize strain on hands and wrists
- Ergonomics incorporates comfort, efficiency, and safety into design of items in workplace






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## The Keyboard

What are alternative forms for commands?

- Many programs allow you to use button, menu, or function key to obtain same result

Command	Button	Menu	Function Key(s)
Copy		Edit Copy	SHIFT+F2
Open		File Open	CTRL+F12
Print		File Print	CTRL+SHIFT+F12

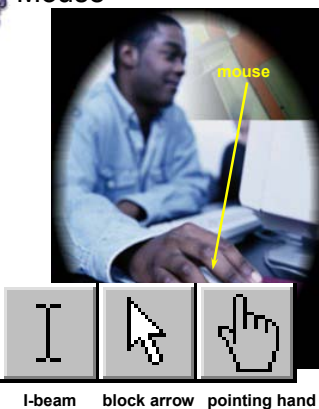
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## Mouse

What is a **mouse**?

- Pointing device that fits under palm of hand
- Controls movement of pointer, also called **mouse pointer**, on screen
- Pointer on screen takes several shapes



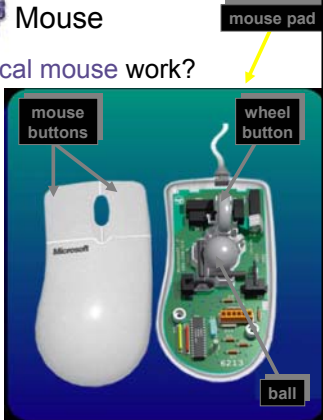
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## Mouse

How does a **mechanical mouse** work?

- Rubber or metal ball is on its underside
- Movement of mouse translates into signals computer understands




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## Mouse

How does an **optical mouse** work?

- Senses light to detect mouse's movement
- More precise than mechanical mouse
- Connect using a cable or wireless




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## Other Pointing Devices

What are common mouse operations?

- Point
- Click
- Right-click
- Double-click
- Drag
- Right-drag
- Rotate wheel
- Press wheel




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### Other Pointing Devices

What is a **trackball**?



- Stationary pointing device with a ball on its top
- To move pointer, rotate ball with thumb, fingers, or palm of hand

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trackball

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### Other Pointing Devices

What is a **touchpad**?

- ❖ Small, flat, rectangular pointing device sensitive to pressure and motion



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touchpad

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### Other Pointing Devices

What is a **pointing stick**?

- Pointing device shaped like pencil eraser positioned between keys on keyboard



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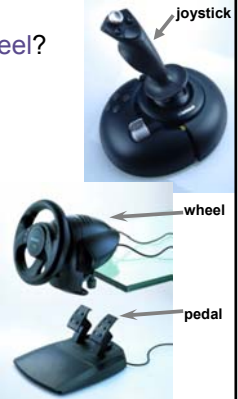
pointing stick

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### Other Pointing Devices

What are a **joystick** and a **wheel**?

- Joystick is vertical lever mounted on a base
- Wheel is steering-wheel type input device
- Pedal simulates car brakes and accelerator



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joystick

wheel


pedal

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### Other Pointing Devices

What is a **light pen**?

- Handheld input device that contains light source or can detect light
- ❖ Press light pen against screen surface and then press button on pen



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light pen

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### Other Pointing Devices

What is a **touch screen**?

- ❖ Touch areas of screen with finger
- ❖ Often used with kiosks



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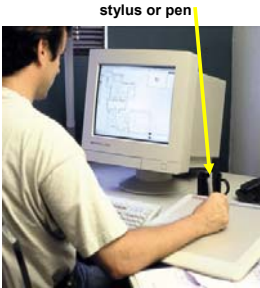
touch screen

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### Other Pointing Devices

What is a **stylus**?

- ❖ Looks like a ballpoint pen, but uses pressure to write text and draw lines
- ❖ Used with graphics tablets and handheld computers




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### Other Pointing Devices

What is an **electronic signature**?

- Pen and graphics tablet used with special software for handwriting recognition
- Legal as ink signature
- Also called e-signature




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### Other Pointing Devices

What is **handwriting recognition software**?

- Translates handwritten letters and symbols into characters that the computer can understand




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### Voice Input

How does voice recognition work?



Step 1: Dictate  
You're right!

Step 2: Convert analog to digital  
ADC 10010111010110101100001101

Step 3: Check database for match  
Natural Language Engine  
Matches your, you're right, write

Step 4: Most likely match selected  
You're right!


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### Voice Input

What is a **MIDI**?

- External device, such as electronic piano keyboard, to input music and sound effects



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### Input Devices for Handheld Computers

How is a data entered into a handheld device?



stylus

handwriting recognition characters

on-screen keyboard

digital camera

voice input

stylus

transfer data from desktop computer

portable keyboard

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### What is a digital camera?

- Allows you to take digital pictures
- Images viewable immediately on camera
- Download to computer
- Post pictures to Web




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### How does a digital camera work?

- 1: Take picture
- 2: Image focuses on CCD
- 3: CCD generates analog signal that represents image
- 4: Analog signal converts to digital signal
- 5: Digital signal processor (DSP) adjusts quality
- 6: Transfer image to computer
- 7: View and manipulate image




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### What is resolution?

- Sharpness and clarity of image
- Higher the resolution, the better the image quality, but the more expensive the camera
- Pixel (picture element) is single point in electronic image
- Greater the number of pixels, the better the image quality




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### What is video input?

- Process of entering full-motion recording into computer
- Also called **video capture**
- Video capture card is expansion card that converts analog video signal into digital signal that computer understands
- Video compression



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### What is a PC video camera?

- Digital video camera that allows home user to record, edit, and capture video and still images, and to make video telephone calls on Internet
- Also called PC camera



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### What is a Web cam?

- Video camera whose output displays on a Web page
- Also called a **cam**
- Streaming cam shows moving images by sending continual stream of pictures



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### Video Input

#### What is videoconferencing?

- Two or more geographically separated people who use network on the Internet to transmit audio and video data

- Whiteboard is another window on screen that can display notes and drawings simultaneously on all participants' screens



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### Scanners and Reading Devices

#### What is a scanner?

- Device that captures data directly from source document

- Source document

OCR




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### Scanners and Reading Devices

#### How does a flatbed scanner work?

- Place document face down
- Bright light scans document
- Image reflected into mirrors
- Light converted to analog electrical and then to digital signal
- Digital information sent to computer
- Print or save document

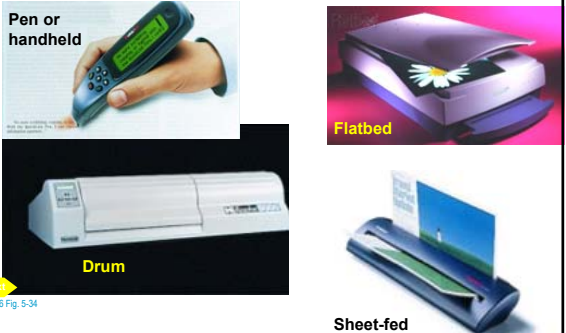


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### Scanners and Reading Devices

#### What are various types of scanners?



Pen or handheld

Flatbed

Drum

Sheet-fed


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### Scanners and Reading Devices

#### What is image processing?

- Capturing, storing, analyzing, displaying, printing, and manipulating images
- Converting paper documents into electronic form
- Also called **imaging**



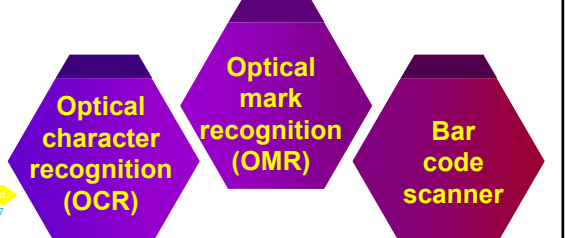
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### Scanners and Reading Devices

#### What is an optical reader?

- Device that uses light source to read characters, marks, and codes and then converts them into digital data



Optical character recognition (OCR)

Optical mark recognition (OMR)

Bar code scanner

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### What is an OCR font?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
 1234567890- = ! ; ' , . /

- OCR font, such as OCR-A, used with OCR devices
- OCR device determines characters' shapes by detecting patterns of light and dark
- OCR software converts shapes into characters the computer can understand

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### What is a turnaround document?

- You return it to company that sent it

numbers are read by OCR device when document is returned

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### What is optical mark recognition (OMR)?

- Reads hand-drawn pencil marks, such as small circles or rectangles

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### What is a bar code scanner?

- Uses laser beams to read bar codes

bar code scanners

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### What is a bar code?

- Identification code that consists of a set of vertical lines and spaces of different widths
- Universal Product Code (UPC)

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### What is a magnetic ink character recognition reader (MICR)?

- Can read text printed with magnetized ink
- Banking industry almost exclusively uses MICR for check processing


check number bank number account number check amount

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What is **wireless input**?

- Handheld computer or device used to collect data wirelessly at the location where transaction or event takes place
- Data transferred later to desktop computer through docking station

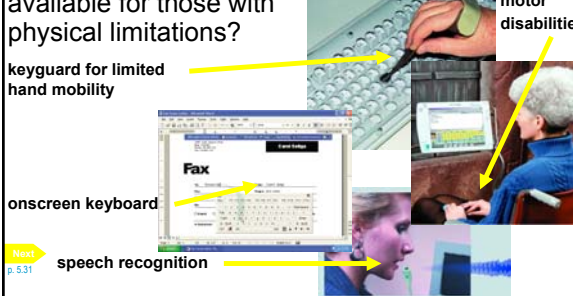


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What input devices are available for those with physical limitations?

- keyguard for limited hand mobility
- onscreen keyboard
- speech recognition
- pointing device for those with motor disabilities



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What are new developments in computing that will benefit physically challenged users?

**Gesture recognition**

- Computer will detect human motions
- Computers with this capability have potential to recognize sign language, read lips, track facial movements, or follow eye gazes


**Implantation**

- For paralyzed or speech-impaired individuals
- Doctor will implant computerized device containing transmitter into brain
- As user thinks, transmitter will send signals to computer

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What type of input devices do home users require?



Home


- Enhanced keyboard or ergonomic keyboard
- Mouse
- Joystick or wheel
- 30-bit 600x1,200 dpi color scanner
- 1- to 4-megapixel digital camera
- Microphone
- Voice recognition software
- PC video camera

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What type of input devices do SOHO users require?

- Enhanced or ergonomic keyboard
- Mouse
- Stylus and portable keyboard for handheld computer
- 36-bit 600 x 1,200 dpi color scanner
- 1- to 4-megapixel digital camera
- Microphone
- Voice recognition software
- PC video camera




Small Office/Home Office

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What type of input devices do mobile users require?

- Wireless mouse for notebook computer
- Trackball, touchpad, or pointing stick on notebook computer
- Stylus and portable keyboard for handheld computer
- 2- or 3-megapixel digital camera
- Voice recognition software




Mobile

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What type of input devices do power users require?




**Power**

- Enhanced or ergonomic keyboard
- Mouse
- Stylus and cursor for graphics tablet
- 48-bit 1,200x1,200 dpi color scanner
- 3-megapixel digital camera
- Microphone
- PC video camera

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What type of input devices do large business users require?



**Large Business**

- Enhanced or ergonomic keyboard
- Mouse
- Touch screen
- Light pen for point-of-sale terminals
- 42-bit 1,200x1,200 dpi color scanner
- OCR, OMR, bar code reader, or MICR reader
- Video camera for videoconferences
- Voice recognition software
- Microphone

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- What are input devices?
- The keyboard
- Mouse
- Other pointing devices
- Voice input
- Input devices for handheld computers
- Digital cameras
- Video input
- Scanners and reading devices
- Input devices for physically challenged users

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