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- **software types:** for example, systems software, utility software, application software
- **operating system shortcuts:** for example, cut, copy, paste, print, print window, print screen, screen refresh
- **command line operations:** for example, establishing file structures, copying, deleting, moving files
- **preventive maintenance:** for example, physical and cloud data backup solutions, digital security measures, software updates, patches
- **computer security risks:** for example, malware, trojans, viruses, phishing scams, identify fraud, ransomware
- **troubleshooting:** identifying the problem, establishing a theory of probable cause, testing the theory to determine cause, taking action, testing and preventing, reporting
- **wired and wireless computer networking:** for example, network cards, routers, switches, cables, modems, network types

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- **computational thinking:** formulating problems and their solutions so they are represented in a form that can be solved through an algorithmic process
- **programming concepts and constructs:** classes, objects, data types, constants and variables, expressions and instructions, order of operations, precedence of arithmetic operators, assignment and relational operators, decision and looping structures, Boolean operators, comparison operators, arithmetic operators
- **planning and writing:** using visual problem-solving models; using variables, expressions, and assignment statements to store and manipulate numbers and text in a program; using decision structure for two or more choices; effectively using looping structures; distinguishing between syntax, logic, and run-time errors
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- **ethical issues:** for example, big data use, equality of access, copyright and fair use, gender issues and technology, cyberbullying, white hat/black hat hacking, hacking for social causes, e-waste, recycling, conflict minerals
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- **tools:** for example, Notepad++, Brackets, Dreamweaver, Sublime Text, Visual Studio Code
- **UI:** user interface: focus on functionality, consistency of style, and layout
- **UX:** user experience: focus on the flow, feel, and end-user experience of the product
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- **responsive:** consideration of how content will be displayed across multiple devices, cross-browser compatibility
- **optimized:** for speed of loading, minimal bandwidth requirements, and appropriate image compression types (jpg, gif, png)
- **domain and hosting options:** for example, web hosting options, file transfer protocols (FTP), use of CPanel for website administration, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) concerns; location of hosting

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