

IC3 Computing Fundamentals

Objective Domains

1. Mobile Devices

1.1 Understand cellular phone concepts

- 1.1.1 Recognize mobile device network-connection options
- 1.1.2 Recognize the requirements of cellular connections
- 1.1.3 Distinguish the capabilities and limitations of cellular phones

1.2 Understand cellular-enabled tablet concepts

- 1.2.1 Distinguish the capabilities and limitations of cellular tablets
- 1.2.2 Recognize the use of apps on tablets
- 1.2.3 Identify the benefits and limitations of WiFi and cellular tablet connections

1.3 Understand smartphone concepts

- 1.3.1 Distinguish the capabilities and limitations of smartphones
- 1.3.2 Recognize the use of apps on smartphones

1.4 Understand hardwired and general phone concepts

- 1.4.1 Identify the capabilities and limitations of hardwired phones
- 1.4.2 Recognize elements of a professional voicemail message

1.5 Recall and identify instant messaging concepts

- 1.5.1 Identify the capabilities and limitations of SMS and MMS
- 1.5.2 Recognize service requirements for instant messaging from mobile devices
- 1.5.3 Recognize the purpose of instant messaging clients

1.6 Configure notifications

- 1.6.1 Identify methods of creating notifications that will appear on mobile devices
- 1.6.2 Configure notifications on mobile devices
- 1.6.3 Configure notifications in Outlook

2. Hardware Devices

2.1 Identify the purposes of servers, desktop computers, and laptop computers

2.2 Understand device memory and storage concepts

- 2.2.1 Recognize the purpose of device memory
- 2.2.2 Identify activities that increase or decrease available device memory
- 2.2.3 Identify problems that can be resolved by increasing device memory
- 2.2.4 Recognize the purpose of storage devices
- 2.2.5 Identify typical storage devices
- 2.2.6 Identify activities that increase or decrease available device storage space
- 2.2.7 Identify problems that can be resolved by increasing storage space

2.3 Identify peripheral device concepts

- 2.3.1 Identify peripheral devices that connect to desktop computers, laptop computers,

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tablets, smartphones, and cellular phones

- 2.3.2 Recognize the types of data transmission supported by different connections
- 2.3.3 Identify peripheral devices that connect through audio, Ethernet, parallel, serial, PS/2, DVI, VGA, HDMI, and USB ports
- 2.3.4 Identify peripheral devices that connect through Bluetooth, WiFi, and infrared connections

2.4 Identify the purpose of Ethernet ports

2.5 Connect devices to a wireless network

2.6 Understand power management concepts

Note: On a Windows 10 computer

- 2.6.1 Analyze power management options
- 2.6.2 Identify factors that affect the battery life of a laptop
- 2.6.3 Modify power settings
- 2.6.4 Define and distinguish processes for shutting down, restarting, sleeping, or hibernating a computer

2.7 Illustrate device driver concepts

2.8 Identify platform differences

- 2.8.1 Compare device operating systems (Mac, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android)

2.9 Identify platform limitations

- 2.9.1 Identify media compatibility issues
- 2.9.2 Identify device limitations that affect application performance

2.10 Identify network connection concepts

- 2.10.1 Compare hardwired, wireless, and cellular networks
- 2.10.2 Distinguish between Internet service providers and cellular providers

2.11 Identify Internet connection concepts

- 2.11.1 Identify the hardware elements and services necessary to connect to a hardwired, wireless, or cellular network
- 2.11.2 Recognize the purpose of modems, routers, and network interface cards
- 2.11.3 Recognize the concepts of bandwidth
- 2.11.4 Identify system elements that affect Internet connection speed
- 2.11.5 Identify the types of networks typically present in a business environment

2.12 Identify various hardware configurations

- 2.12.1 Evaluate CPU, RAM, hard drive type and size, video card

2.13 Understand touchscreen device concepts

- 2.13.1 Identify features of touchscreen-enabled devices
- 2.13.2 Distinguish the capabilities and limitations of input using touch, keyboard, and mouse

3. Computer Software Architecture

3.1 Understand operating system updates

3.2 Recognize the scope of settings

- 3.2.1 Analyze the effect of changing system settings
- 3.2.2 Analyze the effect of changing application settings

3.3 Manage desktop settings and windows

- 3.3.1 Personalize the desktop
- 3.3.2 Configure a screensaver
- 3.3.3 Change the screen resolution
- 3.3.4 Set the desktop background
- 3.3.5 Minimize, maximize, and resize windows

3.4 Configure application options

Note: With Microsoft Office 2016 applications.

- 3.4.1 Add a command to the Quick Access Toolbar
- 3.4.2 Change the AutoSave frequency
- 3.4.3 Set the default font size
- 3.4.4 Configure print settings

3.5 Create and manage user accounts

- 3.5.1 Set up the appropriate user account type
- 3.5.2 Modify user account settings

3.6 Manage files and folders

- 3.6.1 Identify file name extensions and file formats
- 3.6.2 Identify the effects of file permissions
- 3.6.3 Move, copy, delete and rename files and folders
- 3.6.4 Create folders

3.7 Manage scanned documents

- 3.7.1 Recognize document-scanning concepts
- 3.7.2 Identify appropriate file formats for scanned documents

3.8 Navigate Windows menus

- 3.8.1 Use the Context Menu

3.9 Find files

- 3.9.1 Locate files on a computer by using built-in search functionality
- 3.9.2 Restrict search results by defining search options
- 3.9.3 Recall the default file download location

3.10 Understand administrative rights and permissions

- 3.10.1 Distinguish between administrative rights and standard user rights
- 3.10.2 Recognize the purposes of rights and permissions on an individual computer and within an organization

3.11 Understand IP address concepts

- 3.11.1 Recognize the purpose and format of IP addresses

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3.12 Manage software installations

- 3.12.1 Know how to install, uninstall, update, and repair software
- 3.12.2 Identify software installation locations and media

3.13 Troubleshoot basic computer problems

- 3.13.1 Recognize initial problem-solving techniques for hardware and software
- 3.13.2 Identify problems using the correct terminology
- 3.13.3 Use the troubleshooting Wizards
- 3.13.4 Identify the IP address of a computer
- 3.13.5 Identify the network connection speed of a computer

4. Backup and Restore

4.1 Understand file backup concepts

- 4.1.1 Identify reasons for backing up files
- 4.1.2 Identify the available file backup locations and media
- 4.1.3 Recognize the benefits and limitations of backing up files to the cloud, a network share, a portable hard drive, a CD or DVD, a USB drive, and the local computer

4.2 Back up files

- 4.2.1 Identify the available file backup utilities
- 4.2.2 Configure scheduled backups of files by using Windows Backup
- 4.2.3 Configure File History to back up files

4.3 Understand system backup, restore, and reformatting processes

- 4.3.1 Recognize the concepts of backing up and restoring computer system settings
- 4.3.2 Create a system restore point
- 4.3.3 Restore a computer to a system restore point
- 4.3.4 Recognize the concept and effect of restoring a computer or mobile device to the factory default settings
- 4.3.5 Recognize the concept and effect of reformatting a storage device
- 4.3.6 Reformat a flash drive

5. File Sharing

5.1 Manage file transfer

- 5.1.1 Identify file transfer options including network share, cloud storage, portable storage drive, CD, DVD, email
- 5.1.2 Identify the capabilities and limitations of each file transfer option
- 5.1.3 Recognize the security implications of each file transfer option
- 5.1.4 Copy a file to/from a network share, cloud storage location, and portable storage drive

- 5.1.5 Generate a link to a file in cloud storage

5.2 Perform file compression and extraction

- 5.2.1 Recognize the purpose and effect of file compression/zippping of files and folders
- 5.2.2 Identify situations in which you should compress/zip files before transferring them
- 5.2.3 Compress and extract files

6. Cloud Computing

6.1 Understand cloud concepts

- 6.1.1 Define cloud
- 6.1.2 Identify the requirements for accessing the cloud

6.2 Understand cloud storage concepts

- 6.2.1 Identify the benefits of cloud storage
- 6.2.2 Identify the requirements for using cloud storage

6.3 Manage file storage in the cloud

- 6.3.1 Upload content to the cloud
- 6.3.2 Download content from the cloud
- 6.3.3 Synchronize files between devices using the cloud

6.4 Compare online and local apps

- 6.4.1 Evaluate Software as a Service (SaaS) concepts

6.5 Differentiate between types of online apps

- 6.5.1 Identify online office/productivity apps
- 6.5.2 Identify cloud storage providers
- 6.5.3 Identify database-driven customer relationship management (CRM) apps
- 6.5.4 Recognize the purpose of Learning Management Systems (LMS)
- 6.5.5 Identify the use of discussion boards

7. Security

7.1 Understand credential management best practices

- 7.1.1 Identify the security implications of user names and passwords
- 7.1.2 Create secure passwords
- 7.1.3 Differentiate between secure and unsecure password storage solutions
- 7.1.4 Set or change user account permissions, passwords, and pictures
- 7.1.5 Identify the purpose of logging off from or locking a computer
- 7.1.6 Lock your computer

7.2 Recognize basic computer security threats

- 7.2.1 Define viruses, malware, Trojan programs, phishing, and social engineering
- 7.2.2 Recognize the effect of viruses, malware, Trojan programs, phishing, and social engineering

7.3 Recognize surveillance software concepts

- 7.3.1 Classify surveillance software
- 7.3.2 Recognize the threat of surveillance software

7.4 Understand network and browser security

- 7.4.1 Recognize the security capabilities and limitations of wired and wireless network connections
- 7.4.2 Identify security risks and measures when using a public computer
- 7.4.3 Identify secure network connections
- 7.4.4 Assess the importance of clearing Internet browsing history
- 7.4.5 Delete temporary files, cookies, saved passwords, and web form information
- 7.4.6 Log out from online accounts and computer user accounts

7.5 Understand antivirus software concepts

- 7.5.1 Recognize the purpose and importance of antivirus software
- 7.5.2 Identify antivirus software
- 7.5.3 Maintain and update antivirus software

7.6 Understand firewall concepts

- 7.6.1 Identify the purpose of a firewall
- 7.6.2 Identify hardware and software firewalls
- 7.6.3 Recall security options managed by firewalls
- 7.6.4 Identify the effects of firewall configurations
- 7.6.5 Enable or disable a firewall

7.7 Identify e-commerce security risks

- 7.7.1 Recognize the need for e-commerce security
- 7.7.2 Identify secure browser connection (HTTPS)

7.8 Understand VPN connections

- 7.8.1 Recall the definition of a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection
- 7.8.2 Recognize the purpose of VPN connections

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Objective Domains

1. Common Features

- 1.1 Choose appropriate keyboard shortcuts, such as cut, copy, paste, select all, print, save, undo, and redo**
- 1.2 Identify content types**
 - 1.2.1 Identify and distinguish between plain text and HTML content
 - 1.2.2 Format the content of an outgoing email message as plain text, rich text, or HTML
- 1.3 Use spelling check tools**
 - 1.3.1 Check spelling and grammar
- 1.4 Use Comments tool**
 - 1.4.1 Insert comments in a document or worksheet cell
 - 1.4.2 Move between comments in a document, worksheet, or presentation
- 1.5 Use the Find and Replace tools in Microsoft Office applications**
- 1.6 Select content**
 - 1.6.1 Select content in a document, on a slide, or in a worksheet cell
- 1.7 Use the graphical user interface (GUI) to undo or redo actions**
- 1.8 Move content by using the mouse**
 - 1.8.1 Drag content to another location within a document or worksheet
 - 1.8.2 Drag content between documents or worksheets
- 1.9 Characterize read-only view concepts**
 - 1.9.1 Identify characteristics of a read-only file
 - 1.9.2 Use Mark as Final
- 1.10 Understand Protected View concepts**
 - 1.10.1 Identify circumstances in which a file opens in protected mode
 - 1.10.2 Identify Protected View restrictions
- 1.11 Change the magnification level**
 - 1.11.1 Change the magnification level by using the zoom slider
 - 1.11.2 Set the magnification level to a specific percentage

2. Work in Documents

- 2.1 Format text**
 - 2.1.1 Change font properties
 - 2.1.2 Use Format Painter
- 2.2 Configure page layout options**
 - 2.2.1 Change page orientation
 - 2.2.2 Change page size
 - 2.2.3 Change page margins

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- 2.2.4 Format text in columns
- 2.2.5 Insert page numbers
- 2.2.6 Insert headers and footers

2.3 Modify existing styles

2.4 Create files

- 2.4.1 Create a document
- 2.4.2 Save a document in the current and legacy document file types
- 2.4.3 Save a document as a text file or PDF file
- 2.4.4 Save a document as a template

2.5 Configure paragraph layout options

- 2.5.1 Change paragraph alignment
- 2.5.2 Configure indents
- 2.5.3 Set tab stops
- 2.5.4 Change line and paragraph spacing

2.6 Prepare a document for printing

- 2.6.1 Preview a document as it will be printed

2.7 Configure print options

- 2.7.1 Print all or specific pages of a document
- 2.7.2 Print a document single-sided or double-sided
- 2.7.3 Print multiple pages per sheet
- 2.7.4 Change the paper size

2.8 Use Track Changes

- 2.8.1 Turn on and off change tracking
- 2.8.2 Review tracked changes
- 2.8.3 Accept or reject tracked changes

2.9 Create tables in documents

- 2.9.1 Create a table with a specific number of rows and columns
- 2.9.2 Format existing text as a table

2.10 Identify Microsoft Word-compatible file types

- 2.10.1 Recall file types that can be opened and edited in Word

3. Work in Spreadsheets

3.1 Identify common spreadsheet elements

- 3.1.1 Identify workbooks
- 3.1.2 Identify worksheets
- 3.1.3 Identify worksheet columns
- 3.1.4 Identify worksheet rows
- 3.1.5 Identify worksheet cells
- 3.1.6 Identify data ranges
- 3.1.7 Identify navigation tools and features

3.2 Manage rows and columns

- 3.2.1 Copy and paste rows and columns
- 3.2.2 Delete rows and columns

- 3.2.3 Insert new, copied, and cut rows and columns

3.3 Set row height and column width

3.4 Sort and filter worksheet data

- 3.4.1 Sort data in a data range
- 3.4.2 Filter data in a data range

3.5 Understand functions, formulas, and operators

- 3.5.1 Use functions
- 3.5.2 Use operators
- 3.5.3 Create formulas
- 3.5.4 Recognize formula syntax
- 3.5.5 Reference cells and data ranges in formula syntax

3.6 Enter worksheet data

3.7 Work with charts in Excel

- 3.7.1 Identify chart elements
- 3.7.2 Create a chart
- 3.7.3 Interpret the information conveyed by a chart

3.8 Work with Excel tables

- 3.8.1 Create a table
- 3.8.2 Format data as a table
- 3.8.3 Apply table styles

3.9 Manipulate cells and cell content

- 3.9.1 Merge multiple cells
- 3.9.2 Unmerge cells
- 3.9.3 Use Paste options

3.10 Format worksheet cells and text

- 3.10.1 Change the font properties in cells
- 3.10.2 Change the alignment of text within cells
- 3.10.3 Apply a Number Format to cell content
- 3.10.4 Format cell borders
- 3.10.5 Apply cell fill colors

3.11 Identify Microsoft Excel-compatible file types

- 3.11.1 Recall file types that can be opened and edited in Excel

3.12 Use workbook templates

- 3.12.1 Create a workbook based on a template

3.13 Create a formula to reference data on another worksheet

4. Understand basic database concepts

4.1 Recognize data

4.2 Characterize the contribution of databases to websites

4.3 Identify relational database elements

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- 4.3.1 Identify Fields
- 4.3.2 Identify Records
- 4.3.3 Identify Tables
- 4.3.4 Identify Database
- 4.3.5 Recognize that tables can have relationships

4.4 Define metadata

- 4.4.1 Identify metadata
- 4.4.2 Recall the purpose of metadata

5. Work in Presentations

5.1 Identify Microsoft PowerPoint-compatible file types

- 5.1.1 Recall file types that can be opened and edited in PowerPoint
- 5.1.2 Recall methods of distributing content from PowerPoint

5.2 Use audio and video output devices

- 5.2.1 Recall options for displaying a presentation on multiple monitors
- 5.2.2 Identify connection methods that support video content
- 5.2.3 Identify connection methods that support audio content

5.3 Display presentations

- 5.3.1 Switch among presentation views
- 5.3.2 Identify methods of presenting a slide show on one or multiple monitors

5.4 Configure animations and slide transitions

- 5.4.1 Animate slide content
- 5.4.2 Configure animation effects
- 5.4.3 Apply transitions to slides

5.5 Create and manage slides

- 5.5.1 Manage media content
- 5.5.2 Insert images on slides
- 5.5.3 Format images on slides
- 5.5.4 Insert audio files on slides
- 5.5.5 Configure the playback of audio files
- 5.5.6 Insert video files on slides
- 5.5.7 Configure the playback of video files

5.6 Manage slide layout and appearance

- 5.6.1 Apply presentation templates
- 5.6.2 Change a slide to a different layout

5.7 Manage presentation structure

- 5.7.1 Create a presentation
- 5.7.2 Add slides to a presentation
- 5.7.3 Delete slides from a presentation
- 5.7.4 Move slides within a presentation

6. Understand application uses and platforms

6.1 Obtain and install desktop and mobile applications

6.2 Recognize app genres

- 6.2.1 Identify productivity apps
- 6.2.2 Identify reference apps
- 6.2.3 Identify content management apps
- 6.2.4 Identify content creation apps
- 6.2.5 Identify social media apps
- 6.2.6 Identify music apps
- 6.2.7 Identify health apps

6.3 Understand strengths and limits of apps and applications

- 6.3.1 Distinguish between apps and applications
- 6.3.2 Identify strengths and limitations of apps
- 6.3.3 Identify strengths and limitations of applications

7. Graphic Modification

7.1 Insert images into an office document

- 7.1.1 Insert an image from the computer
- 7.1.2 Insert an image from an online source
- 7.1.3 Set the image properties

7.2 Crop images within an office document

- 7.2.1 Crop an image freehand
- 7.2.2 Crop an image to a preset shape
- 7.2.3 Crop an image to a preset aspect ratio

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Objective Domains

1. Internet Concepts

1.1 Identify Internet concepts

- 1.1.1 Identify Internet infrastructure
- 1.1.2 Locate and validate Internet content
- 1.1.3 Identify browser concepts
- 1.1.4 Identify intellectual property (IP) and copyright concepts
- 1.1.5 Identify licensing concepts
- 1.1.6 Identify censorship concepts
- 1.1.7 Identify plagiarism concepts

2. Common Functionality

2.1 Demonstrate website navigation techniques

- 2.1.1 Navigate website content by clicking and double-clicking
- 2.1.2 Display hidden information by mousing over website content
- 2.1.3 Drag and drop files onto a website page

3. Email clients

3.1 Recall email clients and services

- 3.1.1 Recall email service providers
- 3.1.2 Recall desktop email applications
- 3.1.3 Recall web email services

3.2 Understand message concepts

- 3.2.1 Identify the components of a message header
- 3.2.2 Distinguish among message response options (reply, reply all, forward)
- 3.2.3 Distinguish between courtesy copy options (cc, bcc)
- 3.2.4 Determine the effects of message and mailbox size limits
- 3.2.5 Identify the purpose of an email signature

3.3 Understand email management concepts

- 3.3.1 Identify types of junk mail
- 3.3.2 Locate quarantined messages
- 3.3.3 Configure message archival settings
- 3.3.4 Locate deleted messages
- 3.3.5 Restore deleted messages
- 3.3.6 Empty the Deleted Items folder
- 3.3.7 Recall reasons for creating email folders
- 3.3.8 Create a folder
- 3.3.9 Move a message to a folder

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3.4 Understand email attachment concepts

- 3.4.1 Recognize email attachments
- 3.4.2 Attach files to an email message
- 3.4.3 Save an email attachment from a message

3.5 Understand contact management concepts

- 3.5.1 Create a list of contacts
- 3.5.2 Create a contact record

4. Calendaring

4.1 Manage appointments and events in online calendar applications

- 4.1.1 Create one-time and recurring events, appointments, and meetings
- 4.1.2 Invite people to an event or meeting
- 4.1.3 Recognize necessary and optional elements of an event or meeting invitation

4.2 Share online calendars

- 4.2.1 Request access to someone's calendar
- 4.2.2 Share your calendar

4.3 Manage multiple calendars using online calendar applications

- 4.3.1 Display multiple calendars side by side
- 4.3.2 Overlay multiple calendars
- 4.3.3 Change the color assigned to a calendar

4.4 Understand online calendar subscriptions

- 4.4.1 Identify common types of subscription calendars
- 4.4.2 Subscribe to an Internet calendar

5. Social Media

5.1 Understand social media concepts

- 5.1.1 Identify the purposes of social networks
- 5.1.2 Identify the effect of following a person or group on a social network
- 5.1.3 Identify the effects of posting information online

5.2 Understand social network concepts

- 5.2.1 Distinguish among school, business, and personal social networking
- 5.2.2 Distinguish between open and closed social networks

5.3 Recall information-posting platform concepts

- 5.3.1 Recall the definition and purpose of blogs
- 5.3.2 Recall the definition and purpose of wikis
- 5.3.3 Recall the definition and purpose of forums
- 5.3.4 Recognize means of communication on blogs, wikis, and forums

5.4 Understand cyber bullying concepts

- 5.4.1 Recall the definition of cyber bullying
- 5.4.2 Recognize actions that are classified as cyber bullying
- 5.4.3 Identify the outcome of cyber bullying

6. Communications

6.1 Understand communication options

- 6.1.1 Distinguish between communication methods
- 6.1.2 Recommend the most appropriate communication method for a given circumstance

6.2 Understand SMS text messaging concepts

- 6.2.1 Identify appropriate uses of text messaging as a business communication tool

6.3 Understand chat platform concepts

- 6.3.1 Identify available chat platforms
- 6.3.2 Identify appropriate uses of chat platforms in a business setting

6.4 Identify online collaboration tools

- 6.4.1 Recall online collaboration tools for remote learners and workers
- 6.4.2 Identify online file storage systems for remote workers
- 6.4.3 Identify online conferencing platforms
- 6.4.4 Recall features of online conferencing platforms

7. Online Conferencing

7.1 Understand online conferencing concepts

- 7.1.1 Distinguish between available online conferencing platforms
- 7.1.2 Recognize common capabilities of online conferencing platforms (voice, video, screen sharing, hosted presentations)

8. Streaming

8.1 Understand content streaming concepts

- 8.1.1 Recall the definition of streaming
- 8.1.2 Identify instances of audio streaming, video streaming, and live streaming
- 8.1.3 Distinguish between streaming and downloading

9. Digital Citizenship

9.1 Understand online communication methods

- 9.1.1 Recognize the speed and obtrusiveness of available online communication methods

- 9.1.2 Identify the best online communication method to use in a specific situation

9.2 Understand physical wellness aspects of living online

- 9.2.1 Identify ergonomic best practices for maintaining physical health while working on a computer or device
- 9.2.2 Identify the effects of screen time on physical health

9.3 Manage online identities

- 9.3.1 Modify information stored in an online profile

9.4 Understand personal and professional identity concepts

- 9.4.1 Distinguish between personal and professional online identities
- 9.4.2 Recognize elements of a person's online identity
- 9.4.3 Analyze the positive and negative effects of online activities