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## Understanding Applications

An application, or app, is a type of software that allows you to perform specific tasks. Applications for desktop or laptop computers are sometimes called desktop applications, while those for mobile devices are called mobile and Smart televisions are called apps.

Many applications can be downloaded inexpensively or even for free.

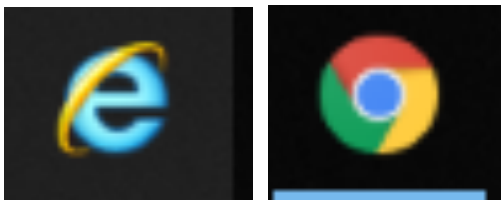
Every computer and mobile device will come with some applications already built in, such as a web browser and media player. However, you can also purchase and install new apps to add more functionality.

### Desktop/Mobile applications

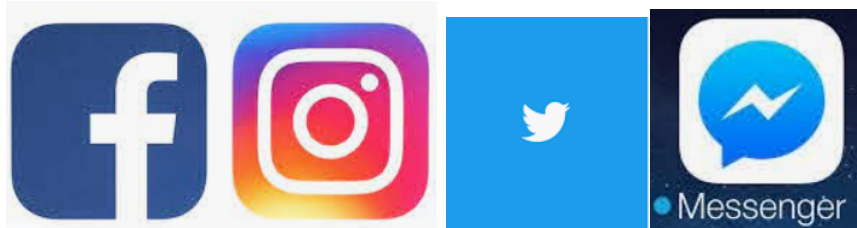
- **Word processors** (e.g. Microsoft Word, notepad). These allow you to type and format documents.



- **Web Browsers** (e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, and Safari). These allow you to access the internet.



- **Social Media** (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).  
These allow you to communicate and share information with others.



- **Office assistance** (e.g. Skype, Microsoft teams, Zoom).  
These allow you to conduct work meetings and share work files.



References:

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