



Maryland's K-12 Computer Science Standards



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Grades K-2

Concept: Computing Systems

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Devices	K. CS.D.01 Select and operate the appropriate computing device to perform a variety of different tasks	1. CS.D.01 Select and operate the appropriate application/software to perform a variety of tasks or obtain a desired outcome.	2. CS.D.01 Compare and discuss preferences for applications/software with the same primary functionality.
Hardware & Software	K. CS.HS.01 Identify by name and locate common computing devices and external hardware in a variety of environments, using appropriate technical terminology (e.g., mobile devices, desktop computer, laptop computer, mouse, keyboard, wearables).	1. CS.HS.01 Identify and describe functions of common computing devices and external hardware (e.g., mobile devices, desktop computer, laptop computer, mouse, keyboard, printer, wearables).	2. CS.HS.01 Identify internal and external components of a computer system and their basic functions (e.g., hard drive and memory) as well as peripherals (e.g., printers, scanners, external hard drives) and external storage features and their uses (e.g., cloud storage).

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Troubleshooting	<p>K. CS.T.01 Recognize the possibility computing systems might not work as expected and identify basic hardware and software problems using appropriate technical terminology (e.g., monitor turned off, volume decreased on headphones).</p>	<p>1.CS.T.01 Identify and communicate basic hardware and software problems that may occur during use (e.g., application/program not working correctly, no sound coming from device, caps lock turned on), using appropriate technical terminology.</p>	<p>2.CS.T.01 Identify and summarize basic troubleshooting techniques to solve basic hardware and software problems (e.g., turning off and on a device to restart, closing and reopening an application/program, turning on speakers).</p>

Concept: Networks and the Internet

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Network Communication & Organization	K. NI.NCO.01 Recognize that basic computing devices and components can be connected to one another.	1. NI.NCO.01 Recognize that computing devices can be connected through physical or wireless pathways.	2. NI.NCO.01 Recognize that by connecting computing devices together they can share information (e.g., printers, scanners, internet, display devices).
Cybersecurity	K. NI.C.01 Identify and use passwords and discuss why they are not shared with others.	1. NI.C.01 Recognize what passwords are, why they are used, and why they are not shared.	2. NI.C.01 Identify differences between strong and weak passwords and explain the importance of choosing strong passwords to protect devices and information from unauthorized users.

Concept: Data Analysis

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Storage	K.DA.S.01 Identify that information from our everyday lives can be stored and accessed via computing devices.	1. DA.S.01 Identify, access, modify, and save an existing file with a computing device.	2. DA.S.01 Create, copy, manipulate, and delete a file on a computing device. Identify the information stored as data
Collection, Visualization & Transformation	K.DA.CVT.01 With guidance, collect data on a basic topic (e.g., weather, temperature) and present it visually.	1. DA.CVT.01 With guidance, collect and organize data. Present data effectively in two different ways	2. DA.CVT.01 With guidance, collect, organize, and present the same data in a variety of visual ways (e.g., bar graph, pie chart, table, etc.)
Inference & Models	K.DA.IM.01 With guidance, draw conclusions and make predictions based on picture graphs or patterns (e.g., make predictions based on weather data presented in a picture graph, complete a pattern) with or without a computing device.	1.DA.IM.01 With guidance, identify, interpret, and analyze data from a chart or graphical display (visualization) in order to make a prediction, with or without a computing device	2.DA.IM.01 With guidance, collect, organize, present, and analyze data from a chart or graphical display (visualization) in order to make a prediction, with or without a computing device

Concept: Algorithms and Programming

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Algorithms	K.AP.A.01 Model daily processes and follow basic algorithms (step-by-step lists of instructions) to complete tasks.	1. AP.A.01 Model daily processes and follow basic algorithms (step-by-step lists of instructions) to complete tasks verbally, kinesthetically, via a programming language, or using a device.	2. AP.A.01 Model daily processes by creating and following algorithms (step-by-step lists of instructions) to complete tasks verbally, kinesthetically, via a programming language, or using a device.
Variables	K.AP.V.01 With guidance, model the way programs store and manipulate grade-level data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information (e.g., encode or decode words using numbers, pictographs or symbols to letters, words, or direction).	1.AP.V.01 With guidance, model the way programs store and manipulate grade-level data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information (e.g., encode or decode words using numbers, pictographs or symbols to letters, words, or direction)	2.AP.V.01 Model the way programs store and manipulate grade-level data by using numbers or other symbols to represent information (e.g., encode or decode words using numbers, pictographs or symbols to letters, words, or direction).
Control	K.AP.C.01 With guidance, create a set of instructions (programs) to accomplish a task using a programming language, device, or unplugged activity, including sequencing, emphasizing the beginning, middle, and end.	1. AP.C.01 With guidance, create programs by using creative expression or problem solving, to accomplish tasks that include sequencing and repetition. Programming languages, robot devices, or unplugged activity can serve as the means	2.AP.C.01 Create programs using a programming language, robot device, or unplugged activity that utilize sequencing and repetition to solve a problem or express creative ideas.
Modularity	Not addressed at this level	Not addressed at this level	Not addressed at this level

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Program Development	K.AP.PD.01 With guidance, create a grade level appropriate document to illustrate thoughts, ideas, or stories in a sequential manner (e.g., storyboard, story map, sequential graphic organizer).	1. AP.PD.01 Create a grade-level appropriate document to illustrate thoughts, ideas, or stories in a sequential manner (e.g., storyboard, story map, sequential graphic organizer).	2. AP.PD.01 With guidance, create a grade level appropriate document to clarify the steps that will be needed to create a sequential program and can be used to check if the program functionality is correct.
Program Development	K.AP.PD.02 Give attribution to ideas, solutions, and creations of others, verbally, while developing algorithms.	1. AP.PD.02 Give attribution to ideas, solutions, and creations of others, verbally, or written, while writing or developing algorithms and programs.	2. AP.PD.02 Give attribution to ideas, solutions, and creations of others, verbally and written, while writing and developing programs.
Program Development	K.AP.PD.03 Identify errors in an algorithm that includes sequencing and repeated procedures using a programming language or unplugged activity. Discuss how errors in the algorithm could be corrected.	1. AP.PD.03 Identify and correct errors (debug) in programs which include sequencing and repetition to accomplish a task, through a variety of techniques and strategies that could include an unplugged activity (e.g., changing order or sequence, following steps, trial and error).	2. AP.PD.03 Develop and debug programs that include sequencing and repetition to accomplish a task, through the use of a programming language and/or unplugged activity.

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
Program Development	<p>K.AP.PD.04 Use correct terminology (e.g., first, second, etc.) in the development of an algorithm to solve a simple problem.</p>	<p>1. AP.PD.04 Use correct terminology (e.g., beginning, middle, end, etc.) and explain choices made during the development of an algorithm and/or program to solve a simple problem.</p>	<p>2. AP.PD.04 Use correct terminology (e.g., debug, program input/output, code, etc.) to explain the development of a program to solve a problem in an unplugged activity, hands-on manipulative, or programming language.</p>

Concept: Impacts of Computing

Subconcept	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Culture and Diversity	K.IC.C.01 Use grade-level appropriate language to identify and describe how people use a variety of technologies and applications in their daily work and personal lives.	1. IC.C.01 Use grade-level appropriate language to identify and describe how people use a variety of technologies and applications in their daily work and personal lives.	2. IC.C.01 Use grade-level appropriate language to identify and describe how people use a variety of technologies and applications in their daily work and personal lives and the impact of new technologies on daily life.
Social Interactions	K.IC.SI.01 Identify appropriate and safe behaviors when participating online.	1. IC.SI.01 Identify and describe appropriate and inappropriate behaviors when participating online.	2. IC.SI.01 Develop a code of conduct and explain responsible practices when participating online. Practice the code of conduct and identify and report inappropriate behavior.
Safety, Law & Ethics	K.IC.SLE.01 Keep login information private and log off devices appropriately.	1. IC.SLE.01 Keep login information private and log off devices appropriately.	2. IC.SLE.01 Keep login information private and log off devices appropriately.

Grades 3-5

Concept: Computing Systems

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Devices	3. CS.D.01 Identify internal and external parts of computing devices that function together to form a system.	4. CS.D.01 Describe how internal and external parts of computing devices function to form a system.	5. CS.D.01 Describe and model how internal and external parts of computing devices function to form a system. Describe how some components rely on others for correct functionality
Hardware & Software	3. CS.D.01 Identify a variety of ways computer hardware and software work together as a system to accomplish a task.	4. CS.HS.01 Identify and describe a variety of ways computer hardware and software work together as a system to accomplish a task, using appropriate technical terminology (e.g., input, output, processors, sensors, storage).	5. CS.HS.01 Model and explain how information flows through hardware and software to accomplish a task.

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Troubleshooting	<p>3.CS.D.01 Identify and troubleshoot, using appropriate technical terminology, simple hardware and software problems that may occur during everyday use, discuss problems with peers and adults (e.g., viruses, malware, versions of software and non-working applications, refresh screen, closing/reopening application, adjusting volume on headphones or speakers).</p>	<p>4. CS.T.01 Identify, using appropriate technical terminology, simple hardware and software problems that may occur during everyday use, discuss problems with peers and adults, and apply various strategies for solving these problems (e.g., rebooting the device, checking the power, forced shutdown of an application, running anti-virus).</p>	<p>5. CS.T.01 Identify, using appropriate technical terminology, simple hardware and software problems that may occur during everyday use, discuss problems with peers and adults, apply a variety of strategies for solving these problems, and provide evidence why these strategies did or did not work.</p>

Concept: Networks and the Internet

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Network Communication & Organization	3. NI.NCO.01 Recognize how information is sent and received over physical and wireless pathways.	4. NI.NCO.01 Summarize how information is sent and received over physical and wireless pathways (e.g., information is deconstructed in smaller pieces called packets, transmitted to final destination, and reassembled).	5. NI.NCO.01 Model how information is deconstructed into packets (smaller pieces), transmitted through multiple devices over the internet and networks, and reassembled at the final destination.
Cybersecurity	3. NI.C.01 Discuss basic issues that relate to responsible use of computing devices and describe consequences of inappropriate use in a variety of locations.	4.NI.C.01 Identify problems that relate to unsecure networks and inappropriate use of computing devices and potential subsequent consequences	5. NI.C.01 Define personal identifiable information (e.g., digital footprint) and why it should be protected as related to real-world cyber security problems.
Cybersecurity	Not addressed at this level.	Not addressed at this level.	5. NI.C.02 Discuss real-world cybersecurity problems and explain how personal information can be protected (e.g., antivirus software, backing up data, strong passwords).

Concept: Data Analysis

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Storage	3. DA.S.01 Recognize that different types of information are stored in different formats that have varying characteristics, which could include associated programs and storage requirements.	4. DA.S.01 Store information in various formats for specific purposes (e.g., file type, file size, file compression).	5. DA.S.01 Convert different types of information into various formats to be used across multiple software/hardware.
Collection, Visualization & Transformation	3. DA.CVT.01 Collect, organize, and present the same data in a variety of visual formats (e.g., charts, graphs, tables, etc.).	4. DA.CVT.01 Organize and present collected data in a variety of visual formats to emphasize particular aspects or parts of the data set to make interpretation easier.	5. DA.CVT.01 Interpret and communicate data in a variety of visual formats to highlight the relationships among the data to support a claim
Inference & Models	3. DA.IM.01 Utilize data to make predictions and discuss whether there are sufficient data to make these predictions and extrapolations.	4. DA.IM.01 Discuss the potential accuracy of conclusions and predictions based on the adequacy of the data set (number of data).	5. DA.IM.01 Refer to data sets to highlight or propose cause-and-effect relationships, predict outcomes, or communicate ideas.

Concept: Algorithms and Programming

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Algorithms	3. AP.A.01 Develop and compare multiple algorithms for the same task.	4.AP.A.01 Develop, compare, and refine multiple algorithms for the same task	5. AP.A.01 Develop, compare, and refine multiple algorithms for the same task and determine which algorithm is the most appropriate.
Variables	3. AP.V.01 Create programs that use variables to store and modify grade appropriate data.	4. AP.V.01 Create programs that use variables to store and modify grade-appropriate data.	5. AP.V.01 Create programs that use variables to store and modify grade-appropriate data.
Control	3. AP.C.01 Create programs using a programming language that includes sequences, loops, conditionals, and variables to solve a problem or express an idea.	4. AP.C.01 Create programs using a programming language that includes sequences, loops, conditionals,, and variables that utilize mathematics operations to manipulate values in order to solve a problem or express an idea.	5.AP.C.01 Create programs using a programming language that includes sequences, loops, conditionals, event handlers, and variables that utilize mathematics operations to manipulate values in order to solve a problem or express an idea.
Modularity	3. AP.M.01 Decompose a simple problem into a precise set of sequences instructions.	4. AP.M.01 Decompose a large problem into smaller, manageable sub-problems to facilitate the program development process.	5. AP.M.01 Decompose a large problem into smaller, manageable sub-problems and then further into sets of sequenced instructions to facilitate the program development process.

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Modularity	3. AP.M.02 Modify, remix, or incorporate portions of an existing program into one's own work, to develop or add more advanced features (grade-level appropriate).	4. AP.M.02 Modify, remix, or incorporate portions of an existing program into one's own work, to develop or add more advanced features (grade-level appropriate).	5. AP.M.02 Modify, remix, or incorporate portions of an existing program into one's own work, to develop or add more advanced features (grade-level appropriate).
Program Development	3. AP.PD.01 Use an iterative process to plan the development of a program by including others' perspectives and considering user preferences while solving simple problems.	4. AP.PD.01 Use an iterative process to plan the development of a program by including others' perspectives and considering user preferences while solving simple problems.	5. AP.PD.01 Use an iterative process to plan the development of a program by including others' perspectives and considering user preferences while solving problems.
Program Development	3.AP.PD.02 Identify instances of remixing, when ideas are borrowed and treated upon, and provide attribution	4.AP.PD.02 Observe intellectual property rights and give appropriate attribution when creating or remixing programs	5.AP.PD.02 Observe intellectual property rights and give appropriate attribution when creating or remixing programs
Program Development	3. AP.PD.03 Analyze and debug an existing program or algorithm that includes sequencing, repetition, and variables in a programming language.	4.AP.PD.03 Create and debug a program or algorithm that includes sequencing, repetition, and variables in a programming language	5. AP.PD.03 Create, test, and debug a program that includes sequencing, repetition, and variables in a programming language to ensure its runs as intended.
Program Development	3. AP.PD.04 Communicate and explain program development to peers and adults using comments, presentations, and demonstrations.	4.AP.PD.04 Communicate and explain program development to peers and adults using comments, presentations, and demonstrations	5. AP.PD.04 Communicate and explain program development to peers and adults using comments, presentations, and demonstrations.

Concept: Impacts of Computing

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Culture and Diversity	3. IC.C.01 Identify how different technologies created by people from diverse backgrounds have contributed to computing and helped to change the world.	4. IC.C.01 Summarize how different technologies created by people from diverse backgrounds have contributed to computing and helped to change the world.	5. IC.C.01 Evaluate how different technologies created by people from diverse backgrounds have contributed to computing and helped to change the world.
Culture and Diversity	3. IC.C.02 Identify potential problems that limit accessibility/usability and how computing devices have built-in features to increase accessibility for all users.	4. IC.C.02 Brainstorm solutions to improve accessibility/usability and ways computing could be improved to increase accessibility for all users.	5. IC.C.02 Develop, test, and refine computational artifacts to improve accessibility and usability for all users.
Social Interactions	3. IC.SI.01 Develop a code of conduct, explain, and practice grade-level appropriate behavior and responsibilities while participating online. Identify and report inappropriate behavior.	4. IC.SI.01 Develop a code of conduct, explain, and practice grade-level appropriate behavior and responsibilities while participating online. Identify and report inappropriate behavior.	5. IC.SI.01 Develop a code of conduct, explain, and practice grade-level appropriate behavior and responsibilities while participating online. Identify and report inappropriate behavior.
Social Interactions	3. IC.SI.02 Identify how computing devices and computational products have been, or can be, improved by incorporating diverse perspectives.	4. IC.SI.02 Discuss ways existing devices or computational products can be improved by collaborating with peers to gain their diverse perspectives.	5. IC.SI.02 Discuss ways existing computing devices or computational products can be improved by collaborating with outside resources (other grade-levels, businesses) to gain their diverse perspectives.

Subconcept	3 rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Safety, Law & Ethics	3.IC.SLE.01 Introduce intellectual property concepts and identify types of digital data (music, videos, photos) that may have intellectual property rights preventing copying and/or requiring attribution	4. IC.SLE.01 Observe intellectual property law and give appropriate credit when using resources.	5. IC.SLE.01 Discuss personal consequences and social impact of violating intellectual property rights or failing to provide appropriate attribution.

Grades 6-8

Concept: Computing Systems

Subconcept	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Devices	6.CS.D.01 Evaluate existing computing devices and make recommendations for improvements to design based on analysis of personal interactions and how others interact with the devices	7. CS.D.01 Evaluate existing computing devices and make recommendations for improvements to design that consider usability through a variety of lenses (accessibility, ergonomics, learnability, security).	8. CS.D.01 Develop and implement a process to evaluate existing computing devices and make recommendations for improvements to design based on analysis of user interaction and other lenses.
Hardware & Software	6. CS.HS.01 Identify ways that hardware and software are combined and work synchronously to collect, store, retrieve, and exchange data.	7. CS.HS.01 Select appropriate hardware and software components for a project considering what type of data will be collected, stored, retrieved, and exchanged.	8. CS.HS.01 Design and refine systems where secure hardware and software are combined to collect, store, retrieve, and exchange data and explain why specific components were chosen for optimality.
Troubleshooting	6. CS.T.01 Troubleshoot problems with computing devices and networked components (e.g. peripherals, routers, cables, etc.).	7. CS.T.01 Identify and fix problems with computing devices and their interfaced components using a variety of strategies (e.g. lost data retrieval, hardware password recovery, file restoration, key logging).	8. CS.T.01 Systematically identify and fix problems with computing devices and their interfaced components by using a structured system such as a troubleshooting flow diagram.

Concept: Networks and the Internet

Subconcept	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Network Communication & Organization	6.NI.NCO.01 Model a simple protocol for transferring information, using packets, across networks and the internet	7. NI.NCO.01 Explain and model the process to replace lost packets using a protocol for information transfer.	8. NI.NCO.01 Model and explain how data is sent using protocols to choose the fastest pathway, to deal with missing information, and to deliver data securely.
Cybersecurity	6. NI.C.01 Identify existing cybersecurity concerns with the internet, its connected devices (i.e. IoT) and the systems it uses.	7. NI.C.01 Explain how to protect electronic information using both physical (hard drive) and digital measures; explain existing cybersecurity concerns with the internet and the systems it uses.	8. NI.C.01 Evaluate physical and digital security measures that have been developed and implemented to protect electronic information; discuss the impacts of hacking, ransomware, scams, fake scams, and ethical/legal concerns.

Concept: Data Analysis

Subconcept	6th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Storage	6. DA.S.01 Identify multiple encoding schemes that can be used to represent the same data.	7. DA.S.01 Represent data using multiple encoding schemes.	8. DA.S.01 Evaluate different schemes of encoding data in order to effectively choose the most appropriate method of representation.
Collection, Visualization & Transformation	6. DA.CVT.01 Collect data using computational tools and transform the data to make it more useful.	7. DA.CVT.01 Collect data using computational tools and hardware (e.g., sensors) and transform the data to make it more useful and reliable.	8.DA.CVT.01 Develop and implement a refined process that uses computational tools to transform data to a more useful and reliable state
Inference & Models	6. DA.IM.01 Identify relevant data points and use models and simulations to formulate, refine, and test hypotheses.	7. DA.IM.01 Verify a model's accuracy by comparing the results with observed data.	8. DA.IM.01 Refine existing or develop and implement new computational models based on observed and generated data.

Concept: Algorithms and Programming

Subconcept	6th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Algorithms	6. AP.A.01 Use an existing algorithm or pseudocode to solve a problem.	7. AP.A.01 Select and modify existing algorithms and pseudocode to solve complex problems.	8. AP.A.01 Develop and implement algorithms and pseudocode to solve complex problems.
Variables	6. AP.V.01 Decide when and how to declare and name new variables.	7. AP.V.01 Create clearly named variables that represent different types of data.	8. AP.V.01 Create clearly named variables of different data types that utilize naming conventions to improve program readability; perform operations on variable values.
Control	6. AP.C.01 Develop secure programs that utilize combinations of loops, conditionals, and the manipulation of variables representing different data types.	7. AP.C.01 Develop secure programs that utilize combinations of loops, compound conditionals, and the manipulation of variables representing different data types.	8. AP.C.01 Develop secure programs that utilize combinations of nested loops, compound conditionals, procedures with and without parameters, and the manipulation of variables representing different data types.
Modularity	6. AP.M.01 Decompose problems and subproblems into parts to facilitate the secure design, implementation, and review of programs.	7. AP.M.01 Decompose problems and subproblems into parts to facilitate the secure design, implementation, and review of increasingly complex programs.	8. AP.M.01 Decompose problems and subproblems into parts to facilitate the secure design, implementation, and review of complex programs.

Subconcept	6th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Modularity	6. AP.M.02 Identify and use functions within a program to repeat instructions.	7. AP.M.02 Create and use a function in a program to repeat instructions in order to organize code and make it easier to reuse.	8. AP.M.02 Create and use a function with parameters in a program to repeat instructions in order to organize code and make it easier to reuse.
Program Development	6. AP.PD.01 Seek and incorporate feedback from team members to refine the solution to a problem.	7. AP.PD.01 Seek and incorporate feedback from team members and users to refine the solution to a problem.	8. AP.PD.01 Seek and incorporate feedback from team members and users to refine the solution to a problem that meets the needs of a diverse group of users.
Program Development	6. AP.PD.02 Incorporate existing code, media, and libraries into original programs from secure sources, and give appropriate attribution.	7.AP.PD.02 Incorporate existing code, media and libraries into original programs of increasing complexity, from secure sources, and give appropriate attribution	8. AP.PD.02 Incorporate existing code, media, and libraries into original programs of increasing complexity, from secure sources, and give appropriate attribution.
Program Development	6. AP.PD.03 Test and refine existing and original programs.	7. AP.PD.03 Test and refine existing and original programs using user input and secure software development guidance.	8. AP.PD.03 Develop a method or implement an existing method to systematically test and refine existing and original programs using user input and secure software development guidance.

Subconcept	6th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Program Development	6. AP.PD.04 Distribute tasks and maintain a project timeline when collaboratively developing computational artifacts.	7. AP.PD.04 Explain how effective communication between participants is required for successful collaboration when developing computational artifacts.	8. AP.PD.04 Evaluate communication between participants to determine best practices in collaboration when developing computational artifacts.
Program Development	6. AP.PD.05 Document programs in order to make them easier to understand, test, and debug.	7. AP.PD.05 Document complex programs in order to make them easier to understand, test, and debug.	8. AP.PD.05 Document complex programs, using multiple methods, in order to make them easier to understand, test, and debug.

Concept: Impacts of Computing

Subconcept	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Culture and Diversity	6. IC.C.01 Identify tradeoffs associated with computing technologies that affect people’s everyday activities and future opportunities (e.g., college acceptances, career choices that include security clearances).	7. IC.C.01 Explain how computing impacts people’s everyday activities, career options, and diversity in innovation in computing and non-computing fields.	8. IC.C.01 Compare the tradeoffs associated with computing concepts (e.g., automation, communication, privacy, cybersecurity), explaining their effects on economics and global societies.
Culture and Diversity	6. IC.C.02 Identify issues of bias and accessibility that occur in the design of existing computing technologies.	7. IC.C.02 Explain issues of bias and accessibility that occur in the design of existing computing technologies and describe the role and responsibility of a designer in reducing bias.	8. IC.C.02 Analyze issues of bias and accessibility that occur in the design of everyday computing technologies, the role and responsibility of the designer, and make recommendations for how these issues could be rectified to reduce bias.
Social Interactions	6. IC.SI.01 Describe and use safe, appropriate, and responsible practices when participating online (e.g., discussion groups, blogs, social networking sites) to maintain a clean record for post-secondary choices that require security clearances and background checks.	7. IC.SI.01 Individually and collaboratively use advanced tools to design and create online content (e.g., digital portfolio, multimedia, blog, webpage).	8. IC.SI.01 Communicate and publish key ideas and details individually or collaboratively in a way that informs, persuades, and/or entertains using a variety of digital tools and media-rich resources.

Subconcept	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Safety, Law & Ethics	6. IC.SLE.01 Differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate content on the internet, and identify unethical and illegal online behavior and consequences.	7. IC.SLE.01 Explain the connection between the longevity of data on the internet, personal online identity, and personal privacy.	8. IC.SLE.01 Discuss the social impacts and ethical considerations associated with cybersecurity, including the positive and malicious purposes of hacking.

High School

Concept: Computing Systems

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Devices	10. CS.D.01 Explain how abstractions hide the underlying implementation of computing systems embedded in everyday objects.	Not addressed at this level
Hardware & Software	10. CS.HS.01 Explain and compare levels of abstraction between application software, system software, and hardware layers.	12. CS.HS.01 Identify, categorize, and illustrate the roles of operating systems to include memory management, data storage/retrieval, process management, and access control.
Troubleshooting	10. CS.T.01 Develop and evaluate guidelines and criteria that convey systematic troubleshooting strategies that can be used to identify/fix errors.	Not addressed at this level

Concept: Networks and the Internet

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Network Communication & Organization	10. NI.NCO.01 Evaluate the scalability and reliability of networks by identifying and describing the relationship between routers, switches, servers, topology, and addresses.	12. NI.NCO.01 Evaluate the scalability and reliability of networks by identifying and describing the relationship between routers, switches, servers, topology, protocols, and addressing.
Network Communication & Organization	10. NI.NCO.02 Describe the issues that impact network functionality (e.g. Bandwidth, load, delay, topology, TCP/IP and OSI Models).	Not addressed at this level
Cybersecurity	10.NI.C.01 Illustrate how sensitive data and critical infrastructure can be affected by malware and other attacks and recommend security measures to address various scenarios based on factors such as efficiency, feasibility, and ethical impacts	12. NI.C.01 Compare and refine ways software developers protect devices and information from unauthorized access including complex encryption algorithms such as public key encryption.
Cybersecurity	10. NI.C.02 Explain tradeoffs when selecting and implementing cybersecurity recommendations from multiple perspectives such as the user, enterprise, and government.	Not addressed at this level
Cybersecurity	10.NI.C.03 Understand and identify the relationship between Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability (CIA) Triad and the security measures that address the balance between them as it pertains to data.	Not addressed at this level

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Cybersecurity	10. NI.C.04 Identify ethical concerns about individual privacy, intellectual property, entering systems without permission, and destroying data and demonstrate the ability to exercise proper judgement and best practices in a variety of different scenarios.	Not addressed at this level
Cybersecurity	10. NI.C.05 Recognize and prevent social engineering attacks. Differentiate between legitimate and fraudulent information.	Not addressed at this level

Concept: Data Analysis

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Storage	10. DA.S.01 Translate, compare, and evaluate different bit representations of real-world phenomena (large data sets), such as characters, numbers, and images and how they are organized and stored.	Not addressed at this level
Collection, Visualization & Transformation	10.DA.CVT.01 Use software tools to develop interactive data representations that help others to better understand real-world phenomena	12. DA.CVT.01 Use data analysis tools and techniques to identify patterns in data representing complex systems.
Collection, Visualization & Transformation	Not addressed at this level	12. DA.CVT.02 Use a variety of robust data collection techniques and tools to generate data sets that support a claim or communicate information.
Inference & Models	10.DA.IM.01 Design computational models that identify and represent the relationships among different elements of data collected from a phenomenon or process	10. DA.IM.01 Evaluate the ability of models and simulations to test and support refinement of hypotheses.

Concept: Algorithms and Programming

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Algorithms	10. AP.A.01 Develop prototypes that use algorithms (e.g., sequencing, selection, iteration, recursion, etc.) to solve computational problems by leveraging prior student knowledge and personal interest.	12. AP.A.01 Describe how artificial intelligence drives many software and physical systems (e.g., autonomous robots, computer vision, pattern recognition, test analysis).
Algorithms	10. AP.A.02 Design and implement an algorithm to play a game against a human opponent or solve a problem.	12. AP.A.02 Design and implement an algorithm to play a game against a human opponent or solve a problem.
Algorithms	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.A.03 Design and implement encryption algorithms to securely store and retrieve information.
Algorithms	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.A.04 Analyze and refine classic algorithms to solve problems.
Algorithms	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.A.05 Evaluate algorithms (e.g., searching, sorting) in terms of their efficiency, correctness, and clarity.
Variables	10. AP.V.01 Identify common features in multiple lines of code and substitute a single segment that uses lists (arrays) to account for differences.	12. AP.V.01 Compare and contrast foundational data structures and their primary functions.
Variables	10. AP.V.02 Utilize lists to simplify solutions, generalizing computational problems, instead of repeatedly utilizing simple variables.	Not addressed at this level
Control	10. AP.C.01 Justify and explain the rationale behind the selection of specific control structures when tradeoffs involve implementation, readability, and program performance.	12.AP.C.01 Illustrate the flow of execution of a recursive algorithm

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Control	10. AP.C.02 Design and iteratively develop computational artifacts for practical intent, personal expression, or to address a societal issue by using events to initiate instructions.	Not addressed at this level
Modularity	10.AP.M.01 Systematically analyze problems, using top down design, in order to break them down into smaller components, using procedures, modules, and/or objects to implement abstractions.	12. AP.M.01 Construct solutions to problems using student-created components, such as procedures, modules, and objects to implement abstractions.
Modularity	10.AP.M.02 Create computational artifacts by using common structures to organize, manipulate, and process data	12.AP.M.02 Analyze a large-scaled computational problem and identify generalizable patterns that can be applied to a solution
Modularity	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.M.03 Create programming solutions using libraries and APIs through the application of code reuse.
Program Development	10. AP.PD.01 Systematically design and implement programs for broad audiences, solicit user feedback, and refine programs based on user feedback.	12. AP.PD.01 Utilize a software lifecycle process that considers security, to plan and develop programs for all types of users.
Program Development	10. AP.PD.02 Identify and evaluate licenses that limit or restrict use of computational artifacts and consider implications on original work, especially when incorporating libraries and other resources.	12. AP.PD.02 Explain security issues that might lead to comprised computer programs.
Program Development	10. AP.PD.03 Evaluate and refine computational artifacts to improve usability, accessibility, and efficiency.	12. AP.PD.03 Develop different programs for various computing platforms (e.g., desktop, web, mobile).

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Program Development	10. AP.PD.04 Design and develop computational artifacts while working collaboratively.	12. AP.PD.04 Design software collaboratively using integrated development environments (IDEs), with version control and collaboration systems.
Program Development	10. AP.PD.05 Represent the design elements and data flow (e.g., flowcharts, pseudocode, etc.) of the development of a complex program through the use of various visual aids and documentation techniques.	12. AP.PD.05 Develop and use a series of test cases to verify that a program performs according to its design specifications.
Program Development	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.PD.06 Modify an existing program to add additional functionality and discuss intended and unintended implications (e.g., breaking other functionality).
Program Development	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.PD.07 Compare multiple programming languages or libraries and discuss how their features make them suitable for solving different types of problems.
Program Development	Not addressed at this level	12. AP.PD.08 Evaluate key qualities of a program through a process such as code review.

Concept: Impacts of Computing

Subconcept	By the end of 10 th Grade	By the end of 12 th Grade
Culture and Diversity	10. IC.C.01 Evaluate the ways computing impacts personal, ethical, social, economic, and cultural practices.	12.IC.C.01 Evaluate the positive and negative implications computational artifacts have on society
Culture and Diversity	10.IC.C.02 Evaluate and refine computational artifacts to reduce bias and equity deficits	12. IC.C.02 Evaluate the impact of equity, access, and influence on the distribution of computing resources in the global society.
Culture and Diversity	10. IC.C.03 Demonstrate and explain how an existing algorithm/computational innovation applies to problems across disciplines.	12. IC.C.03 Predict evolutionary trends of computational innovations that have revolutionized aspects of global society.
Culture and Diversity	10. IC.C.04 Demonstrate and explain how an existing algorithm/computational innovation applies to problems in society.	12.IC.C.04 Predict how computational innovations may revolutionize aspects of global society
Social Interactions	10. IC.SI.01 Demonstrate and explain how various methods of collaboration can increase diverse ideas and solutions.	12. IC.SI.01 Select and justify the tools and methods used for collaboration on a project to increase diverse ideas and solutions.
Safety, Law & Ethics	10. IC.SLE.01 Explain the positive and negative consequences that intellectual property laws can have on innovation.	12. IC.SLE.01 Debate the laws and regulations that govern and impact the development of computing innovations and policies.
Safety, Law & Ethics	10. IC.SLE.02 Explain the privacy concerns related to the collection, generation, and analysis of large-scaled data that may not be evident to users.	12. IC.SLE.02 Investigate reasons new technologies require evaluation of existing laws and regulations and the creation of new legislation.
Safety, Law & Ethics	10. IC.SLE.03 Evaluate the social and economic implications of privacy in the context of safety, law, and ethics.	Not addressed at this level

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Term	Definition
Abstraction	(Process): The process of reducing complexity by focusing on the main idea. By hiding details irrelevant to the question at hand and bringing together related and useful details, abstraction reduces complexity and allows one to focus on the problem.
Accessibility	The design of products, devices, services, or environments for people who experience disabilities. Accessibility standards that are generally accepted by professional groups include the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 and Accessible Rich Internet Applications (ARIA) standards. [Wikipedia]
Algorithm	A step-by-step process to complete a task.
Analog	The defining characteristic of data that is represented in a continuous, physical way. Whereas digital data is a set of individual symbols, analog data is stored in physical media, such as the surface grooves on a vinyl record, the magnetic tape of a VCR cassette, or other non-digital media. [Techopedia]
App	A type of application software designed to run on a mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet computer. Also known as a mobile application. [Techopedia]
Artifact	Anything created by a human. See computational artifact for the definition used in computer science.
Artificial Intelligence	The capability of a machine to imitate human behavior.
Audience	Expected end user of a computational artifact or system.

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Accessibility	The design of products, devices, services, or environments for people who experience disabilities. Accessibility standards that are generally accepted by professional groups include the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 and Accessible Rich Internet Applications (ARIA) standards. [Wikipedia]
Attribution	The action of ascribing a work or remark to a particular author, artist, or person. (re: copyright)
Authentication	The verification of the identity of a person or process. [FOLDOC]
Automate	To link disparate systems and software so that they become self-acting or self-regulating. [Ross, 2016]
Automation	The process of automating.
Backdoor	A backdoor is a technique in which a system security mechanism is bypassed undetectably to access a computer or its data. The backdoor access method is sometimes written by the programmer who develops a program. [Techopedia]
Black-hat hacking	Unauthorized user who attempts to or gains access to an information system.
Boolean	A type of data or expression with two possible values: true and false. [FOLDOC]
Buffer overflow	A condition at an interface under which more input can be placed into a buffer or data holding area than the capacity allocated, overwriting other information. Attackers exploit such a condition to crash a system or to insert specially crafted code that allows them to gain control of the system. [SOURCE: SP 800-28; CNSSI-4009] NIST, 2010
Bug	An error in a software program. It may cause a program to unexpectedly quit or behave in an unintended manner. [Tech Terms] The process of finding and correcting errors (bugs) is called debugging. [Wikipedia]

Term	Definition
Checksum	Value computed on data to detect error or manipulation.
Cloud Computing	<p>The practice of using of a set of networks, telecommunications, and computers that store and transmit data by a 3rd party who holds the files in what is called “the cloud”. Cloud computing essentially make it so that (1) users do not have to manage the space and data on their personal or local company devices, and (2) users can access their data (and company data) from any internet connected device. Simply put, this means that all files including pictures, music, corporate information and other data are not physically stored or saved on the device that is on hand; they are stored in “the cloud”. [Pailen, 2017] or</p> <p>A model for enabling on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable it capabilities/ resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction. It allows users to access technology-based services from the network cloud without knowledge of, expertise with, or control over the technology infrastructure that supports them. This cloud model is composed of five essential characteristics (on-demand self-service, ubiquitous network access, location independent resource pooling, rapid elasticity, and measured service); three service delivery models (cloud software as a service [Saas], cloud platform as a service [Paas], and cloud infrastructure as a service [Iaas]); and four models for enterprise access (private cloud, community cloud, public cloud, and hybrid cloud).</p> <p>Note: both the user’s data and the essential security services may reside in and be managed within the network cloud. [source: CNSSI-4009] NIST, 2010</p>
Code	Any set of instructions expressed in a programming language. [MDESE, 2016]
Comment	A programmer-readable annotation in the code of a computer program added to make the code easier to understand. Comments are generally ignored by machines. [Wikipedia]
Complexity	The minimum amount of resources, such as memory, time, or messages, needed to solve a problem or execute an algorithm. [NIST/DADS]

Term	Definition
Component	An element of a larger group. Usually, a component provides a particular service or group of related services. [Tech Terms, TechTarget]
Computational	Relating to computers or computing methods.
Computational Artifact	Anything created by a human using a computational thinking process and a computing device. A computational artifact can be, but is not limited to, a program, image, audio, video, presentation, or web page file. [College Board, 2016]
Computational Innovation	Innovation that includes a computer or program code as an integral part of its function
Computational Thinking	The human ability to formulate problems so that their solutions can be represented as computational steps or algorithms to be executed by a computer. [Lee, 2016]
Computer	A machine or devices that performs processes, calculations, and operations based on instructions provided by a software or hardware program. [Techopedia]
Computer Science	The study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their implementation, and their impact on society. [ACM, 2006]
Computing	Any goal-oriented activity requiring, benefiting from, or creating algorithmic processes. [MDESE, 2016]
Computing Device	A physical device that uses hardware and software to receive, process, and output information. Computers, mobile phones, and computer chips inside appliances are all examples of computing devices.
Computing System	A collection of one or more computers or computing devices, together with their hardware and software, integrated for the purpose of accomplishing shared tasks. Although a computing system can be limited to a single computer or computing device, it more commonly refers to a collection of multiple connected computers, computing devices, and hardware.

Term	Definition
Conditional	A feature of a programming language that performs different computations or actions depending on whether a programmer-specified Boolean condition evaluates to true or false. [MDESE, 2016]
Configuration	(Process): Defining the options that are provided when installing or modifying hardware and software or the process of creating the configuration (product). [TechTarget]
Connection	A physical or wireless attachment between multiple computing systems, computers, or computing devices.
Connectivity	A program's or device's ability to link with other programs and devices. [Webopedia]
Control	(In general) The power to direct the course of actions. (In programming) The use of elements of programming code to direct which actions take place and the order in which they take place.
Control Structure	A programming (code) structure that implements control. Conditionals and loops are examples of control structures.
Culture	A human institution manifested in the learned behavior of people, including their specific belief systems, language(s), social relations, technologies, institutions, organizations, and systems for using and developing resources. [NCSS, 2013]
Cultural practices	The displays and behavior of a culture.
Cybersecurity	The protection against access to, or alteration of, computing resources through the use of technology, processes, and training. [TechTarget] Often described as overall concerns for confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems and data.

Term	Definition
Data	Information that is collected and used for reference or analysis. Data can be digital or non-digital and be in many forms, including numbers, text, show of hands, images, sounds, or video. [CAS, 2013; Tech Terms]
Data Structure	A particular way to store and organize data within a computer program to suit a specific purpose so that it can be accessed and worked with in appropriate ways. [TechTarget]
Data type	A classification of data that is distinguished by its attributes and the types of operations that can be performed on it. Some common data types are integer, string, Boolean (true or false), and floating-point.
Debugging	The process of finding and correcting errors (bugs) in programs. [MDESE, 2016]
Decompose	To break down into components.
Decomposition	Breaking down a problem or system into components. [MDESE, 2016]
Device	A unit of physical hardware that provides one or more computing functions within a computing system. It can provide input to the computer, accept output, or both. [Techopedia]
Digital	A characteristic of electronic technology that uses discrete values, generally 0 and 1, to generate, store, and process data. [Techopedia]
Digital Citizenship	The norms of appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to the use of technology. [MDESE, 2016]
Digital Forensics	The application of science to the identification, collection, examination, and analysis of data while preserving the integrity of the information and maintaining a strict chain of custody for the data. SOURCE: SP 800-86 [NIST]

Term	Definition
Efficiency	A measure of the amount of resources an algorithm uses to find an answer. It is usually expressed in terms of the theoretical computations, the memory used, the number of messages passed, the number of disk accesses, etc. [NIST/DADS]
Encapsulation	The technique of combining data and the procedures that act on it to create a type. [FOLDOC]
Encryption	The conversion of electronic data into another form, called ciphertext, which cannot be easily understood by anyone except authorized parties. [TechTarget]
End User (or user)	A person for whom a hardware or software product is designed (as distinguished from the developers). [TechTarget]
Event	Any identifiable occurrence that has significance for system hardware or software. User-generated events include keystrokes and mouse clicks; system-generated events include program loading and errors. [TechTarget]
Event Handler	A procedure that specifies what should happen when a specific event occurs.
Execute	To carry out (or “run”) an instruction or set of instructions (program, app, etc.).
Execution	The process of executing an instruction or set of instructions. [FOLDOC]
Hardware	The physical components that make up a computing system, computer, or computing device. [MDESE, 2016]
Hierarchy	An organizational structure in which items are ranked according to levels of importance. [TechTarget]
Human–Computer Interaction (HCI)	The study of how people interact with computers and to what extent computing systems are or are not developed for successful interaction with human beings. [TechTarget]

Term	Definition
Identifier	The user-defined, unique name of a program element (such as a variable or procedure) in code. An identifier name should indicate the meaning and usage of the element being named. [Techopedia]
Implementation	The process of expressing the design of a solution in a programming language (code) that can be made to run on a computing device.
Inference	A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning. [Oxford]
Input	The signals or instructions sent to a computer. [Techopedia]
Integrity	The overall completeness, accuracy, and consistency of data. [Techopedia]
Intellectual Property	<p>Useful artistic, technical, and/or industrial information, knowledge or ideas that convey ownership and control of tangible or virtual usage and/or representation. SOURCE: SP 800-32 [NIST]</p> <p>Creations of the mind such as musical, literary, and artistic works; inventions; and symbols, names, images, and designs used in commerce, including copyrights, trademarks, patents, and related rights. Under intellectual property law, the holder of one of these abstract “properties” has certain exclusive rights to the creative work, commercial symbol, or invention by which it is covered. SOURCE: CNSSI-4009[NIST]</p> <p>Creative Commons is an aspect of copyrights commonly used in education.</p>
Internet	The global collection of computer networks and their connections, all using shared protocols to communicate. [CAS, 2013]
Iterative	Involving the repeating of a process with the aim of approaching a desired goal, target, or result. [MDESE, 2016]
Libraries	need “from the standpoint of storing code”

Term	Definition
Logic Bomb	A piece of code intentionally inserted into a software system that will set off a malicious function when specified conditions are met. [SOURCE: CNSSI-4009] NIST, 2010
Loop	A programming structure that repeats a sequences of instructions as long as a specific condition is true. [Tech Terms]
Malware	Apps and Software that run on computers that are placed there by a hacker for malicious purposes. [Pailen, 2017] or A program that is inserted into a system, usually covertly, with the intent of compromising the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of the victim’s data, applications or operating system or of otherwise annoying or disrupting the victim. [SOURCE: SP 800-83; SP 800-41] NIST, 2010
Memory	Temporary storage used by computing devices. [MDESE, 2016]
Model	A representation of some part of a problem or a system. [MDESE, 2016] Note: This definition differs from that used in science.
Modularity	The characteristic of a software/web application that has been divided (decomposed) into smaller modules. An application might have several procedures that are called from inside its main procedure. Existing procedures could be reused by recombining them in a new application. [Techopedia]
Module	A software component or part of a program that contains one or more procedures. One or more independently developed modules make up a program. [Techopedia]

Term	Definition
Network	A group of computing devices (personal computers, phones, servers, switches, routers, etc.) connected by cables or wireless media for the exchange of information and resources.
Operation	An action, resulting from a single instruction, which changes the state of data. [Free Dictionary]
Packet	The unit of data sent over a network. [Tech Terms]
Parameter	A special kind of variable used in a procedure to refer to one of the pieces of data received as input by the procedure. [MDESE, 2016]
Parity	Bit(s) used to determine whether a block of data has been altered. [SOURCE: CNSSI-4009] NIST, 2010
Peripherals	Any device connected to the computer such printers, monitors, keyboards and other input/output devices.
Phishing	Phishing, a social engineering attack in the digital world, is the act of hackers sending fraudulent emails (or making bogus phone calls) to unsuspecting targets in an effort to steal valuable personal information for nefarious uses.
Piracy	The illegal copying, distribution, or use of software. [TechTarget]
Procedure	An independent code module that fulfills some concrete task and is referenced within a larger body of program code. The fundamental role of a procedure is to offer a single point of reference for some small goal or task that the developer or programmer can trigger by invoking the procedure itself. [Techopedia]
Process	A series of actions or steps taken to achieve a particular outcome. [Oxford]

Term	Definition
Program; Programming	<p>program (n): A set of instructions that the computer executes to achieve a particular objective. [MDESE, 2016]</p> <p>program (v): To produce a program by programming.</p> <p>programming: The craft of analyzing problems and designing, writing, testing, and maintaining programs to solve them. [MDESE, 2016]</p>
Protocol	The special set of rules used by endpoints in a telecommunication connection when they communicate. Protocols specify interactions between the communicating entities. [TechTarget]
Prototype	An early approximation of a final product or information system, often built for demonstration purposes. [TechTarget, Techopedia]
Pseudocode	Pseudocode (pronounced SOO-doh-kohd) is a detailed yet readable description of what a computer program or algorithm must do, expressed in a formally-styled natural language rather than in a programming language. [TechTarget, Techopedia]
Ransomware	Malicious software or (malware) that can stop users from accessing their computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone, putting a “lock” on files, pictures, data, contacts, and screens until a ransom is paid to the hacker. [Pailen, 2017]
Redundancy	A system design in which a component is duplicated, so if it fails, there will be a backup. [TechTarget]
Reliability	An attribute of any system that consistently produces the same results, preferably meeting or exceeding its requirements. [FOLDOC]
Remix	The process of creating something new from something old. Originally a process that involved music, remixing involves creating a new version of a program by recombining and modifying parts of existing programs, and often adding new pieces, to form new solutions. [Kafai & Burke, 2014]

Term	Definition
Router	A device or software that determines the path that data packets travel from source to destination. [TechTarget]
Scalability	The capability of a network to handle a growing amount of work or its potential to be enlarged to accommodate that growth. [Wikipedia]
Security	See the definition for cybersecurity.
Simulate; Simulation	simulate: To imitate the operation of a real-world process or system. simulation: Imitation of the operation of a real-world process or system. [MDESE, 2016]
Software	Programs that run on a computing system, computer, or other computing device.
SQL Injection	An SQL injection is a computer attack in which malicious code is embedded in a poorly-designed application and then passed to the backend database. The malicious data then produces database query results or actions that should never have been executed. [Techopedia]
Storage	(place) A place, usually a device, into which data can be entered, in which the data can be held, and from which the data can be retrieved at a later time. [FOLDOC]
String	A sequence of letters, numbers, and/or other symbols. A string might represent, for example, a name, address, or song title. Some functions commonly associated with strings are length, concatenation, and substring. [TechTarget]
Structure	A general term used in the framework to discuss the concept of encapsulation without specifying a particular programming methodology.
Switch	A high-speed device that receives incoming data packets and redirects them to their destination on a local area network (LAN). [Techopedia]

Term	Definition
System	A collection of elements or components that work together for a common purpose. [TechTarget] See also the definition for computing system.
Time Bomb	Resident computer program that triggers an unauthorized act at a predefined time. [SOURCE: CNSSI-4009] NIST, 2010
Topology	The physical and logical configuration of a network; the arrangement of a network, including its nodes and connecting links. A logical topology is the way devices appear connected to the user. A physical topology is the way they are actually interconnected with wires and cables. [PCMag]
User	See the definition for end user.
Variable	A symbolic name that is used to keep track of a value that can change while a program is running. Variables are not just used for numbers; they can also hold text, including whole sentences (strings) or logical values (true or false). A variable has a data type and is associated with a data storage location; its value is normally changed during the course of program execution. [CAS, 2013; Techopedia] Note: This definition differs from that used in math.
White-hat hacking	Authorized user who attempts to or gains access to an information system in order to test the system security.

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