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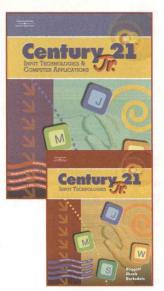
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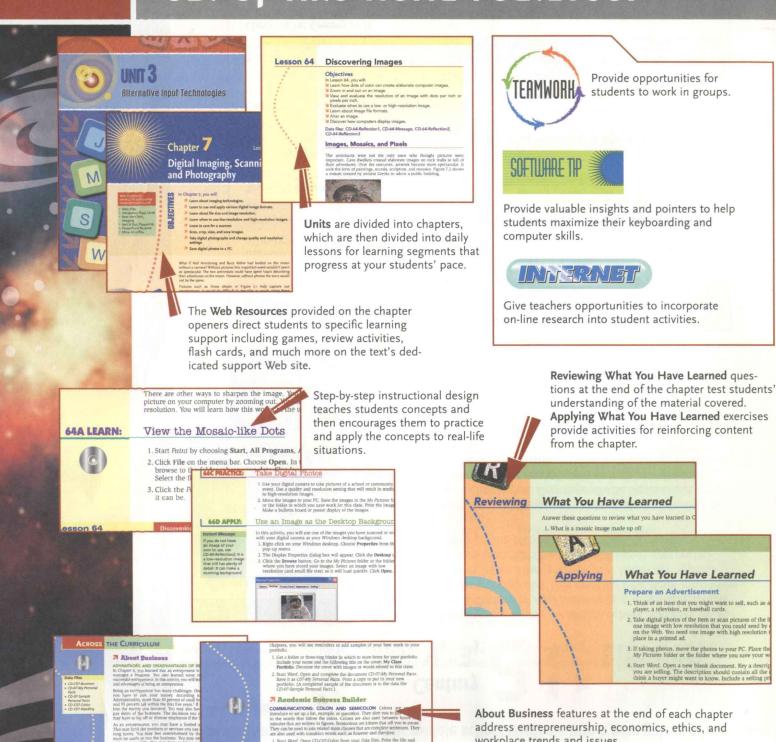
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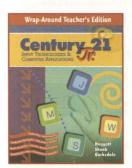
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Step into the Future

You are about to use some very high-tech computer tools. Learning them is essential to your success in school and at work. You may be wondering whether or not you will be able to learn these tools. Don't worry. Instead, think about this: At first, no one was sure if scientists could build spaceships safe enough for travel to the moon. These space pioneers gave their best efforts and worked through problems step-by-step. Eventually, the United States succeeded in landing people on the moon. This is one of the greatest accomplishments in history.

By taking small, steady steps, space scientists took a giant leap forward, creating technologies that helped all mankind. Just like the space scientists of the past, you must always take the next step forward. They never gave up. Don't you give up, either. Learn a lesson from their example. If you give your best efforts and take things one step at a time, you, too, can accomplish great things.

About This Textbook

Units in the Textbook

This textbook is organized in three units that contain nine chapters. The chapters have several lessons that will take you step-by-step along many computer adventures. The lessons have examples and activities to make learning fun, interesting, and exciting. The units in the textbook are described below.

Unit 1 Digital Communication Tools

Any digital device used to communicate with others is a digital communications tool. These devices are also called *DigiTools*. You will begin by learning some of the history of DigiTools and how they work. You will learn how computers are changing the way we live, work, and play. You will learn to use the basic features of programs such as *Microsoft Word*, *Windows Explorer*, and *Internet Explorer* in this unit.

Unit 2 Keyboarding

You may already know how to key properly by touch, or you may be a beginner. In either case, you can improve your touch keyboarding techniques, speed, and control to input letters, figures, and symbols. The



better your keying skills are, the more quickly you will be able to input information into your computer. After all, you don't want to spend any more time than is needed to key documents, such as a short story for school. You will use *Microsoft Word* in this unit to learn or improve keying skills.

Unit 3 Alternative Input Technologies

In this unit, you will learn some new ways to input information into a computer. Using speech recognition, you can talk and have your computer type for you. In many instances, you can dictate faster than you can key. You will find that speech recognition is an important input skill to learn, practice, and apply. Handwriting recognition, another important input skill, will allow you to input data simply by using your own handwriting. You can also take notes and draw using handwriting tools. Other input technologies, such as scanners and digital cameras, are covered in this unit. You will also learn about handheld computers, called PDAs, and smart phones in this unit.

Chapter Organization

Each chapter contains chapter objectives, an introduction that tells you what the chapter is about, lessons with illustrations and activities, and end-of-chapter activities. Each lesson also contains objectives to guide your learning.

In some lessons, you will use data files. Data files contain additional instructions or documents that you are to complete. All data files needed for a lesson are listed at the beginning of the lesson.

Activities are placed throughout the lessons to help you learn, practice, and apply the concepts presented in the chapter. New learning is presented with step-by-step instructions in the *Learn* activities. Practice of new learning, with some detailed instructions or reminders, is provided in the *Practice* activities. In the *Apply* activities, only general instructions are provided. These activities allow you to apply the skills and knowledge you have learned.

Various message boxes, Help Words, and icons appear along the left side of pages in the textbook. Instant Messages and Software Tips provide information related to the lesson. Help Words are words or terms that you can enter into the Help search feature of a software program. This lets you find additional information provided by the program's Help feature. Technique Tips and Spacing Tips appear along the left side of the page in lessons or activities that relate to keyboarding. These tips give you important information and reminders. Icons alert you to watch for certain instructions in an activity.

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The disc icon tells you that you will need to use data files to complete an activity.

The Internet icon tells you that you will need to access the Internet to complete an activity.

The teamwork icon tells you that you will work in a team to complete an activity.



Learning to work with others in a team is an important skill.

At the end of each chapter, you will apply what you have learned by answering review questions and completing additional activities. Beginning in Chapter 6, you will build keyboarding skill by completing drills and timed writings. At the end of each chapter, you will also study some important topics in sections titled:

- About Business
- · Career and Life Skills Success Builder
- Academic Success Builder

A Web site related to this textbook is available at http://c21jr.swlearning.com. On this site, you can access data files, vocabulary flash cards, games, and slides that review chapter concepts, supplemental activities, reference materials, and links to other Web sites. The items available for each chapter are listed in the Web Resources box at the beginning of each chapter.

Begin Your Adventure

You may discover that you already know something about the technologies you will study. Share your knowledge with those around you so that everyone can succeed together. As you learn more, you will become more self-confident. You will soon be applying your new skills in exciting ways. Remember, always take the next step. Soon, you will be surprised at how much you have achieved and how far you have journeyed.

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UNIT 1

Digital Communication Tools



Chapter 1 Computer Basics

Chapter 2 Finding and Managing Information

Chapter 3 Computers and Society

omputers are an important part of the world around us. People use computers every day to get their work done. They are used to communicate with friends and family. They also play an important role in entertainment.

In Unit 1, you will learn basic information about computers and how they work. You will learn to find and manage data using computers. You will also learn about some of the effects computers have on society.

The activities provided at the end of each chapter will help you:

- Review the concepts you have learned
- Apply the software skills you have learned
- Learn about business trends and issues
- Improve math and communication skills
- Develop career-related skills

Chapter Computer Basics

Web Resources: www.c21jr.swlearning. com/studentresources

- Data Files
- Vocabulary Flash Cards
- Beat the Clock,
 Computer Basics
- Sort It Out, Passwords
- PowerPoint Reviews
- More Activities

OBJECTIVES

In Chapter 1, you will:

- Learn how computers communicate with machines, people, and groups.
- Explore hardware and software.
- Explore and use a computer's operating system.
- Use a login name and password.
- Open and close programs and save files.
- Use Help to find information about software.
- Use basic commands and enter text in Microsoft Word.
- Apply acceptable use rules.

President John F. Kennedy had an idea. His dream would challenge everyone's imaginations. On May 25, 1961, he asked scientists to build a spacecraft. The ship had to carry people to the moon and bring them home safely.

Such a trip would require a computer. A **computer** is a machine that follows a set of instructions to change and store data. However, the computer needed to do the job didn't exist in 1961! It had to be invented. That computer cost \$150,000 to make. However, it was far less powerful than today's cell phones. Would you trust your life to such a weak computer in deep space?



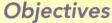
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This computer had important work to do. The *Apollo 11* spaceship would reach the moon on July 20, 1969. It would release a lunar module called the *Eagle*. The computer would need to land the *Eagle* within a few feet of a selected spot on the moon. The computer also had to calculate the use of fuel. The ship could not carry enough fuel for a second try. The landing was a success. With less than 30 seconds of fuel remaining, the *Eagle* landed.

The Eagle had a very primitive computer. Still, it helped fulfill President Kennedy's dream of landing on the moon. Imagine what today's powerful computers can do for your ideas and dreams!

Lesson 1

Computers as Digital Communication Tools



In Lesson 1, you will:

- ≥ Learn how computers help us communicate with machines, each other, and groups.
- Learn about the main parts of information processing.
- Explore and discuss hardware.
- Learn about two types of software.

Communicating with Computers

Learning to use computers can help you share information with others. Computer skills can help you work with imagination. They will also help you with your schoolwork. If you need to create or share a message, chances are a computer can help!

Computers help people communicate with machines, with another person, and with groups. The list below gives some examples:

- Computers guide vehicles that explore the land on Mars.
- Computers control lighting, air-conditioning, and security systems in buildings.
- Cell phones have computers that allow users to make calls, store phone numbers, and send text messages.
- Musicians use computers to share music with fans.
- Animated films such as *Finding Nemo* and *Shrek* are created using computers.
- Movies can be viewed on computers, video game consoles, or DVD players.



Figure 1.1 Computers in cell phones make them powerful DigiTools.

1A APPLY:

Discuss Computers and Communication

Discuss with your class or team how people use computers. How do they use computers to communicate with machines? with individuals? with groups? List three examples of each.

DigiTools

Computers are digital communication tools—called DigiTools for short. **Digital devices** are those that share data in electronic form (streams of the digits 1 and 0). The physical parts of a computer are called **hardware**. The computer case, keyboard, mouse, and monitor are examples of hardware.

Software gives instructions to a computer. Word processing and drawing programs are examples of software. Software is also called *programs* or *applications*. The hardware and software work together to allow you to process data and to communicate.

Information Processing

A primary use of computers is processing information. **Information processing** means putting facts or numbers into a meaningful form. Information processing has five main parts: input, processing, output, distribution, and storage.

- **Input** refers to the way you give data to a computer. You might use a keyboard or drawing tablet to input data.
- Processing refers to how data is changed or used. You might add numbers, sort a list of names, or change the color of a drawing. These are all examples of processing.
- Output refers to the way you get data from a computer. You might print a letter or view photos on a monitor.
- **Distribution** refers to sending information to the people who need it. For example, you might post information about a school event on the school web site.
- **Storage** refers to saving the data for later use. You might store data on a floppy disk, on a CD, or on the computer's hard drive.

1B APPLY:

Relate Information Processing to E-mail

When you create and send an e-mail message, you may do all the steps of information processing described. Match the tasks listed below with the information processing steps.

- ____ 1. Viewing the message you have created on the screen a. input
- b. processing ____ 2. Keying the message
- ____ 3. Saving a copy of the message in your Sent folder c. output
- d. distribution ____ 4. Using the Send feature to send the message
- ____ 5. Formatting the message in a large type size e. storage



CHECK POINT Exchange papers with a classmate and discuss your answers.

Hardware

Only in the last 10 to 15 years have computers become part of our daily lives. Early computers were too large and expensive to be used by most people. Early computers were also very slow compared to modern computers. Today, computers come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Figure 1.2 shows six very different DigiTools in different styles.



Wristwatch (with internal computer)



Handheld computer



Smart phone





Laptop PC



Desktop PC

Figure 1.2 DigiTools come in a variety of sizes.