

# Software (SW)

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**Software (SW)**, in its most general sense, is a set of instructions or programs instructing a computer to do specific tasks.

**Software** is a generic term used to describe computer programs that run on PCs, mobile phones, tablets, or other smart devices.

**Software** is often used to describe all the functional aspects of a computer that do not refer to its physical components ([Hardware \(H/W\)](#)). Scripts, applications, programs and a set of instructions are all terms typically used to describe **Software**.

Everything that “runs” on a computer, from an operating system, to a diagnostic tool, video game, or app can be defined as **Software**.

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