Do you know your computer terminology? Here’s a quick and easy way to find out.

Twenty-five computer terms are buried in this Computer Puzzler (puzzle on page 40). Some terms run horizontally across the page; some run vertically. Using the clues listed below, see if you can identify and locate the buried words in the puzzle.

Now, on to your clues:

1. A device that, when moved or clicked, allows users to enter information or graphic symbols into the system

2. Personal computer

3. Removable magnetic media on which users store data

4. Software that allows users to enter and manipulate text

5. Modern printer that forms
words and images by “squirt-ing” ink on paper

6. Programs that make a computer run

7. Sudden burst of power to a computer system

8. List of options or instructions from which a computer user can select programs or instructions

9. Software that allows users to enter, manipulate and report on numerical or alphabetical data

10. Memory containing “fixed” material that can be accessed randomly

11. Unit of information readable by a computer system

12. Equipment, such as a monitor, printer, or disk drive

13. Data or information entered into a computer system

14. Single computer station

15. Two or more computer stations “linked” together

16. Typewriter-like device that allows computer users to enter words or numbers into the system

17. Memory containing information that can be randomly changed

18. Unit that holds permanent or removable magnetic media (some systems contain one unit, some contain two, three or more)

19. Storage capacity

20. Electronic “brain” of the computer

21. Modern printer that uses intense light and optical technology to transfer data and text to paper

22. Wiring that connects parts of a computer system together

23. Unit that allows computer users to transmit data

24. Fundamental programs which allow the computer system and software to operate

25. Type of software program that allows users to make financial and data projections

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A F I N K J E T Z F Q U A D B N
E L D I K G M B S O F T W A R E
R O M W A I N P U T D D H T O E
B P L O I S Z F R E K T R A M N
T P D R I V E G G H L O V B A W
E Y H D B M O D E M C F H A S H
R D F P X C S G N M Z P A S G A
M I C R O C O M P U T E R E C R
I S P O L K E Y B O A R D J M D
N K U C A B L E C L F N N B X W
A M N E T W O R K A B B M Y Y A
L N J S P R E A D S H E E T Q R
M O U S E X S C J E T B N E Z E
C P G O H H E M O R Y W U Q U W
O P E R A T I N G S Y S T E M W
Computer Puzzler
Answers
1. Mouse (across)
2. Microcomputer (across)
3. Floppy Disk (down)
4. Word Processor (down)
5. Ink Jet (across)
6. Operating System (across)
7. Surge (down)
8. Menu (down)
9. Database (down)
10. ROM (across)
11. Byte (down)
12. Hardware (down)
13. Input (across)
14. Terminal (down)
15. Network (across)
16. Keyboard (across)
17. RAM (across)
18. Drive (across)
19. Memory (across)
20. CPU (down)
21. Laser (down)
22. Cable (across)
23. Modem (across)
24. Operating System (across)
25. Spreadsheet (across)

Even if you couldn't find them all in the puzzle, did you know all the answers? Congratulations if you did!

Now you're ready to move on to the bigger subjects. Next month we will feature an article on the history of the Internet and how to use it. Even if you know next to nothing about computers, you're sure to find this to be an interesting and informative article.

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