

Software executes specific tasks for a computer

Types of software:

- Application software
 - Most common type
 - Performs a function for the user
 - Ex. web browsers, image editors, office suites, graphics software, etc.

- System software
 - Designed to run apps and hardware
 - Coordinates software and hardware
 - Ex. operating systems

- Driver software
 - Aka device drivers
 - Often considered system software but is specific to external hardware
 - Every device requires at least one driver
 - Ex. keyboard, mouse, graphics card

- Middleware
 - Software that connects either system software and application software or connecting application software and application software
 - Ex. what allows applications to save data locally

- Programming software
 - Computer programmers use programming software to write code
 - Allows programmers to compile code into data

What is the difference between Application & System software?

- Application software fulfills tasks
- System software is designed to operate hardware and different types of software