

# Introduction to Information Technology

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# Expected Learning Outcomes

- Participants should be able to identify, discuss and visually represent the uses of Technology in their communities
- Demonstrate correct use of common technology terms
- Identify and discuss telecommunications/internet as a tool for communication and collaboration



# Our Agenda

What is/are Information Technology/ies

Some Common IT terms

Communication and Collaboration: Tools and  
Techniques



# What is/are Information Technology/ies



# By way of definition:

Information technology (IT), as defined by the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA), is "the study, design, development ...([wordnetweb.princeton.edu/perl/webwn](http://wordnetweb.princeton.edu/perl/webwn))

the practice of creating and/or studying computer systems and applications; the computing department of an organization  
([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information\\_technology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_technology))

(IT) The application of computer, communications and software technology to the management, processing and dissemination of information  
([en.wiktionary.org/wiki/information\\_technology](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/information_technology))

*For more definitions of information technology go to google.com and search with these terms: define:information technology*



Put Simply!

**Tools (and sometimes services) that allow the storage, manipulation and transfer of information**



# What is/are Information Technology/ies



Modern, Personal gadgets and portable devices, two way communications



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Large, Industrial Computers, web servers  
etc



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Traditional and conventional one way communication gadgets



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# Some Common IT terms

- Email
- Social Network
- Blogs/Blogging/Blogger
- Server
- Podcast/Podcasting/Podcaster
- ISP
- WAP
- PDF/JPG/PNG...
- Browser
- RAM
- Virus/Trojan/Spywares/Malwares
- E-banking/M-banking
- E-commerce/E-marketing
- Phishing
- SAAS - Software as a Service
- FTP/HTTP/SMTP
- Bandwidth



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# Communications and Collaborations



# Tools

- Email
- **SMS** – 1 to one, 1 to many
- **Conference calls** (telephone/VOIP)
- **Instant Messaging** –googletalk, Yahoo Messenger, MSN messenger, meebo.com....
- **Social Networks** –Facebook, Google friends connect, Hi5, Friendster, NaijaPulse...



# Tools contd.

- Custom built collaboration suite: may be online, accessible by all or restricted to some
- Online document management suites – Microsoft's Live Docs, Google's googledocs
- And so much more



# Techniques

- There are a myriad of communications and collaborations techniques...rule of thumb is:

**Use that which affords you the best  
result/kobo**

# Caveats

- Technology is dynamic – what holds yesterday may no longer today, so get yourself regularly updated
- Don't always do it yourself if you don't understand it. Ask a professional

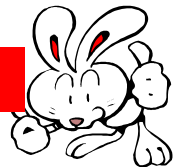


# Resources

- Search Engines! Search Engines!! Search Engines!!!
- Wikis – Wikipedia, Wikiversity...
- Blogs-TechCrunch.com, MyGuidenotes.com...
- Talk to a consultant



# Questions



**Thank you for  
your  
Attention!**

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