



Figure 1. Main Components of a Computer

Component	Function
Processor	Interprets and executes programs
Memory	Stores data and programs
Input/Output (I/O)	Transfers data to and from the outside world

Term	Definition
Principle of Equivalence of Hardware and Software	<i>Any task done by software can also be done using hardware, and any operation performed directly by hardware can be done using software.</i> <i>Example: Java Interpreter</i>