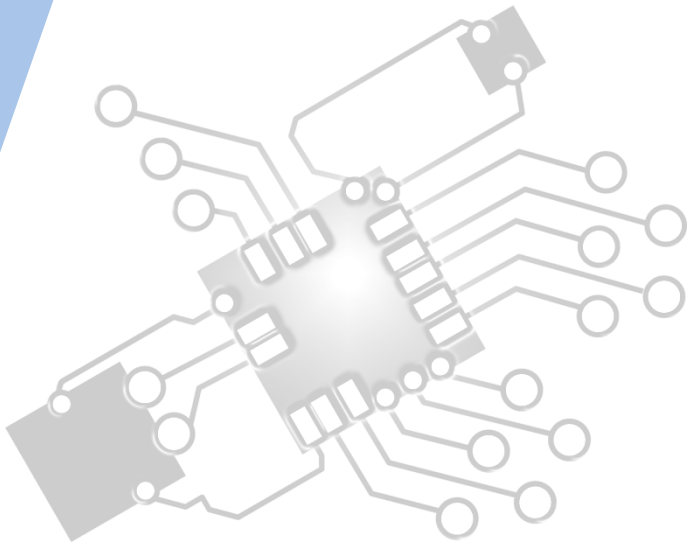




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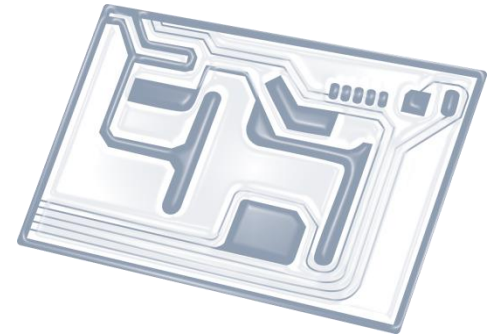
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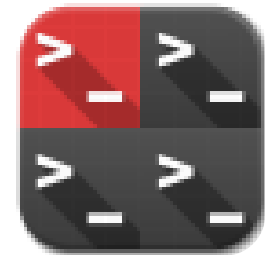
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HL & SL 1.2 Overview

Components of a computer system

- 1.2.1 Define the terms: hardware, software, peripheral, network, human resources
- 1.2.2 Describe the roles that a computer can take in a networked world
- 1.2.3 Discuss the social and ethical issues associated with a networked world

System design and analysis

- 1.2.4 Identify the relevant stakeholders when planning a new system
- 1.2.5 Describe methods of obtaining requirements from stakeholders
- 1.2.6 Describe appropriate techniques for gathering the information needed to arrive at a workable solution
- 1.2.7 Construct suitable representations to illustrate system requirements
- 1.2.8 Describe the purpose of prototypes to demonstrate the proposed system to the client
- 1.2.9 Discuss the importance of iteration during the design process
- 1.2.10 Explain the possible consequences of failing to involve the end-user in the design process
- 1.2.11 Discuss the social and ethical issues associated with the introduction of new IT systems

Human interaction with the system

- 1.2.12 Define the term usability
- 1.2.13 Identify a range of usability problems with commonly used digital devices
- 1.2.14 Identify methods that can be used to improve the accessibility of systems
- 1.2.15 Identify a range of usability problems that can occur in a system
- 1.2.16 Discuss the moral, ethical, social, economic and environmental implications of the interaction between humans and machines



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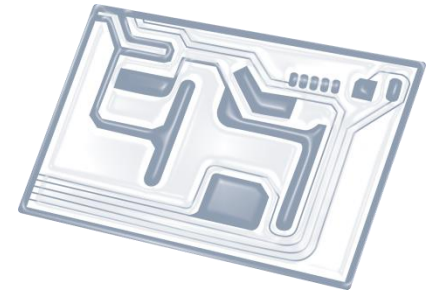


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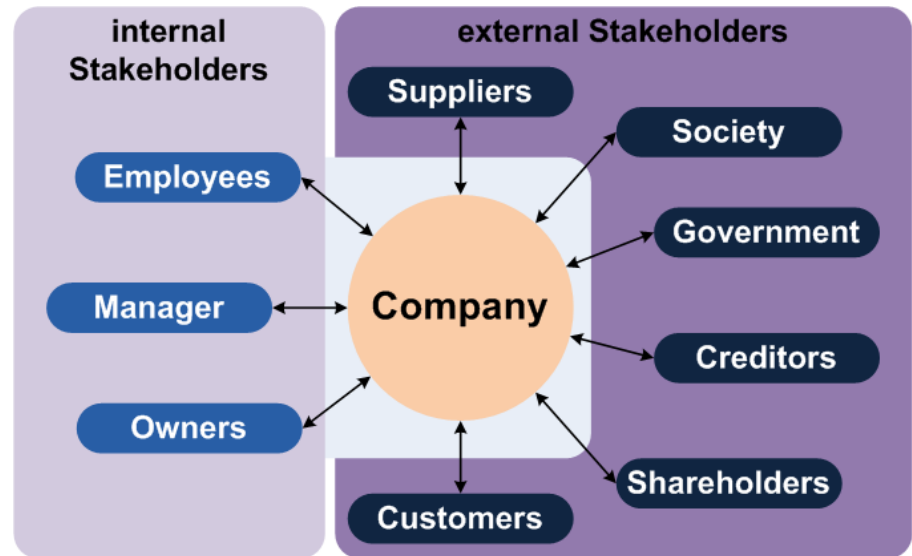
Topic 1.2.4



Identify the **relevant stakeholders** when planning a new system

Stakeholder

- Definition: a **person** with an **interest** or **concern** in something



Three important questions:

- Who will the **end-user** be?
- What are their **needs**?
- Any other **stakeholders**?



Parties usually involved in a system

- Systems analyst
- End users
- Software manufacturer
- Client company