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This book is an educational and professional-development resource. Technology changes rapidly; readers should apply current software, security and institutional guidance when using the concepts and procedures discussed in this book.

Preface

Information Communication Technology is now inseparable from modern accounting, administration, communication and business decision-making. This handbook develops practical digital competence from first principles, moving from computer concepts and hardware to software, file management, business applications, networking and data security.

The book is organised as a progressive learning journey. Early chapters establish the language and architecture of computing. The middle chapters develop practical competence in operating systems and common business applications. The final chapters connect learners to networked work environments and responsible data protection.

Throughout the book, emphasis is placed on precise terminology, practical application, sound judgement and confident problem solving. Guided examples, practice activities, comparison tables, laboratory tasks, review questions and chapter recaps support both lecturer-led learning and independent study.

How to Use This Book

Begin each chapter with its learning outcomes and overview. These establish the concepts and practical skills to be mastered before moving forward. Read for understanding rather than memorising isolated definitions, and connect each concept to the business and accounting-office examples provided.

Complete guided examples before attempting independent practice. Where a chapter includes a laboratory or practical activity, carry it out in a controlled environment and retain the resulting file, worksheet, presentation or configuration as evidence of competence.

Use the recap, glossary and mastery checklist at the end of each chapter for retrieval practice. The chapters are cumulative, so periodic revision across earlier topics is encouraged, especially before attempting the integrated assessment in the final chapter.

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- Chapter 2 - Computer Classification and Hardware
- Chapter 3 - Computer Software and Operating Systems
- Chapter 4 - File Management Using an Operating System
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- Chapter 6 - Spreadsheet Skills, Formulas, Functions and Charts
- Chapter 7 - Presentation Software
- Chapter 8 - Computerised Accounting Software
- Chapter 9 - Computer Networks: Benefits and Types
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- Chapter 11 - Data Security and Integrated Course Consolidation

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