

Implications of Computer Use

Economic

- Computers have greatly reduced the costs of manproducts and services, such as banking. Because banks now don't need to employ someone to do everything by hand, or store large amounts of important paperwork.
- As a result, nearly everyone has a bank account now, and is quick, easy and safe to send money electronically.
- However this has resulted in a huge amount of jobs being cut, and harder for customers to communicate with business's.
- Also town centres and high streets will see a decline in people.

Social

- People can save money on productas and services, through buying them over the internet.
- They are also abble to work from home, and be more flexible.
- Also people who use computer regulary develop expertise and therefore become more qualified, and can earn higher wages.
- Computers can make business's who use them more secure, as they will have lower costs.
- However people who don't have computers or use technology, can't save money on products and services, nor can they easily work from home or improve their flexibility, and they are likley to be less qualified without computer skills, and earn less, there company may also be less financially secure.

Legal

- There used to be simple laws about what could or could not be doneor said, and enforcement of these laws was quite strait forward.
- However, now much more information is available to people and the boundris have become less clear.
- Personal information often gets passed on to others, some for good reasons like hospitals communicating with doctors, some employers get hold of personal information, is that right?
- Laws in some countryies are different from laws in other countries, as a result there is illegal content availible on the internet, which can be accessed by the world.

Ethical

- If one country has made something illegal, people in other countries can still put this stuff on the internet, and it can therefore be accessed by the world.
- Shops on the internet that have low overheads, because they don't need high street store, will face a lot of other internet competiton, and are therefore likely to have low prices, which could put highstreet shops out of business.
- Because of computers and technology being a lot more efficiant, reliable and cheaper than a large human workforce, many people have been put out of work.
- Although computers have also created new jobs for administrators, programers and maintence workers.

Environmental

- Less fuel is consumed, as people working from home do not need to drive so much, and internet shopping has reduced the need to drive into town whenever you w ant something.
- Teleconforencing rather than catching a plain to have a meeting will reduce the amount of planes in the sky, again reducing pollution.
- Shops can save money and the environment by not having a physical premices, just a virtual one, which will save ligt, heating and other overheads.
- However a lot of toxic materials and heay metals are used in the production and running of computers and technology.