

WHAT AM I?

"I am part of the CPU and am pretty busy. I have three main jobs. I control the hardware and make sure that it does what you want e.g. prints. I control the input and output of data and make sure it gets to where it needs to be. And, I also control the flow of data inside the CPU"

ANSWER

"I am often called the 'brain' of the computer. I am where all of the searching, sorting, calculating and decision making in the computer takes place."

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"I am also part of the CPU. I hold the data and programs temporarily that are needed at any particular instant by the Control Unit. "

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"I am also part of the CPU. I am where the data is actually processed. I have two separate parts. One deals with all of the arithmetic and performs all of the calculations. My second part deals with all of the logic and I spend a lot of my time making comparisons between data."

ANSWER

"I am used to store all of the instructions that your computer needs when it is switched on. These are called the BIOS or 'basic input/output system'. When the computer boots up, I tell it things like what operating system is installed and how much memory is available."

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"I am a special type of memory which means that the CPU can access data much faster than it could if it had to keep going back to the hard disk. I also store your work while you are creating it, well that is, until you save it to the hard disk. My main problem is that I'm volatile, so I lose everything if the machine is switched off."

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