

software designed to operate the computer hardware and to provide a platform for running application software

are a compiled collection of subroutines

programs tend to perform specific tasks related to the management of hardware.

it can be used for lots of different tasks

make machine code from source code

is written for a single client. Large organisations have a need for well-developed applications suited to their specific needs.

software performs a single specific task. This task might be complex like payroll calculation, stock control etc. but will be based on a single task.

software designed to help the user to perform specific tasks

an interface between the application software and computer

General purpose

Utility

Bespoke

Operating system

Translator

Special purpose

Library

System

Application

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