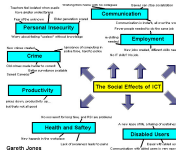


The Social Impacts of IT in the world



IT has revolutionised the world, has sped up communications, we now take for granted knowing worldwide news instantly, rather than waiting days to know about news. There have been disadvantages to the new way of working:

Advantages

- We now live a faster, easier life, and we can do more interesting jobs.
- Work fewer hours and more leisure times as work is quicker.
- To keep up with other people we need to use IT
- Many aspects of our modern life would simply be impossible without IT
- New jobs are being created by the introduction of IT e.g. programming, network managing etc.
- You can communicate and socialise immediately.

Disadvantages

- Jobs have been de-skilled
- Life without IT is slower and less stressful.
- Computers can do a job more cheaply than a person, so people will be phased out of the factory scene.
- The new jobs being created by the use of IT are only for highly skilled and qualified people.
- The people who did the boring repetitive jobs now done by computers no longer have a job.
- The storage of personal data held on computer has eroded people's privacy.

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- The gap will be widened between those countries able to afford the new technologies and those that can't.
- People get addicted to games and don't go out socialise, people work from home and don't meet new people at work.
- There is a large fear of the unknown amongst the elder generation, with teachers knowing less than some students.

My views

IT has surely helped us. Without it we would live a slower, more complicated life. Computers will most help us where humans don't want to do it, where they can't go, or when it is hard to fit. Space exploration, accident investigation, such as the Chernobyl disaster and repetitive jobs like manufacturing.