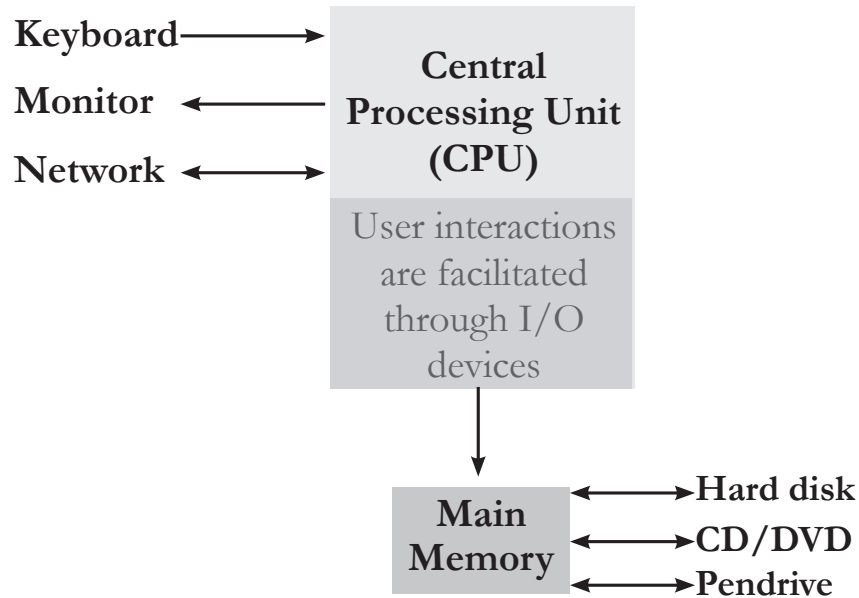


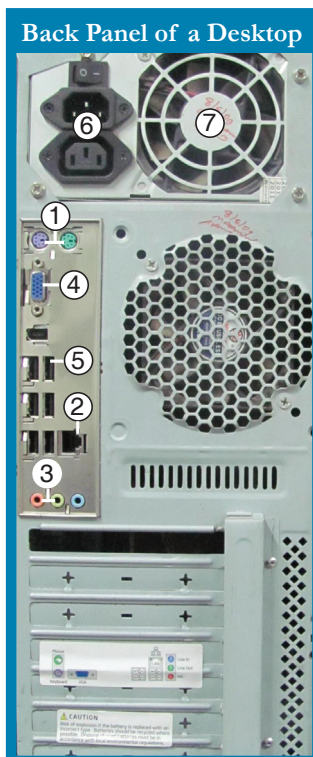
## 5 Connection Ports



Tejas: At the back of the computer we find many sockets. These are called connection ports used to connect the external devices like keyboard, mouse, speakers, power and monitor, to the CPU.

Jyoti: Ports are of different shapes and sizes. Some examples are network port, USB port and printer port.

Moz: The ports look different since they carry different amounts of information. The colour code and look also help to quickly identify the correct port while connecting peripherals to the CPU.



### Concept

- A port is a connection interface between the computer and other computers or peripheral devices. It provides a signal transfer mechanism between devices. The power cord sockets (6) and a fan (7) to cool the desktop are also available on this panel.

### Info

- At the back of a desktop computer various connection ports are available on a panel to connect the external devices and power cord. On a laptop these are available on the left and right side edges. Some common ports and their details are as follows:
  1. PS/2 Port: Used to connect the mouse and keyboard.
  2. Ethernet Port: Used to connect the network cable.
  3. Audio In/Audio Out: Connect various audio devices, including speakers, microphones, headsets, etc.
  4. VGA Port: Monitor is connected to this port.
  5. USB Port: The Universal Serial Bus port is one of the most useful ports. These USB ports let you attach a variety of devices such as mouse, printers, keyboards, web cameras, USB/flash drives, and digital cameras to the computer quickly. Most peripherals have a USB version.
  6. Power cord sockets.
  7. Fan.