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SUMMARY - LIST OF TERMINOLOGY

The purpose of this summary is to present the terminology that is going to be used later in this project assignment.

COMPUTER		a device or machine consisting of electric circuits
		containing elements and accompanied by devices
		by which it can communicate with its uses.
DATA	_	the information which is to be transformed by the
		program executing on the computer
INSTRUCTIONS	_	the symbols used to create number and variables
		are used to assemble instructions that cause the
		computer to act.
SOFTWARE	_	computer programs
HARDWARE		The computer itself, that is, the electronic circuits
		and the input-output devices.
ALGORITHM	—	the mathematical term for a list of instructions by
		which some specific result can be obtained by a
		person or device in a finite number of steps
		programs are algorithms.
PROGRAM	_	a list of instructions for a computer to follow.
PROGRAMMING		writing instructions telling a computer to perform

certain data manipulations.

PROGRAMMING

- LANGUAGE a language used to write programs that direct the computer to do work for us.
- FORTRAN a high–level programming language.

HIGH-LEVEL

LANGUAGE – a programming language that is designed to be convenient for writing program.

PROCEDURE

ORIENTED – a programming language suitable for expressing algorithms.

LANGUAGE

COMPILER – a system program that translates a program written in a high-level language, such as FORTRAN, into a language than can be executed on a computer.

SYNTAX ERROR – an error in the form of instructions.

LOGIC ERROR – an error in the meaning of a program.

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