

Describe three ways that computers have made the world safer and less safe

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Details

In the most basic sense, computers have made it easier to communicate information across long distances at great speeds. This was made possible by the creation of the ARPANET, which is the precursor to the Internet; the initial purpose of the ARPANET was to connect computers in an academic environment, until the military took an interest in its structure and functionality. The interest the military placed into the ARPANET was heavily influenced by the Cold War; because of the lack of restrictions during these times, it allowed for our military to brainstorm and execute radical concepts.

Computers have made it incredibly easy for people to have access to all types of information within a matter of seconds. Because of the high-rise trend in mobile devices, it is effortless for an individual to acquire information about the people around them. People upload massive quantities of personal information onto their personal devices, which makes them very vulnerable to exploitation attacks. Personal devices have made it easy to gather and organize our information, making our lives easier; and at the same time, making it easier for hackers to find out everything they need to know about their intended target.

Since computers have become such a prominent influence in modern society, it has allowed for people to develop deep and meaningful relationships with people that they would otherwise have never known existed. This breaks down the barrier of geographical restrictions; people can feel socially accepted, regardless of their physical location. The downside to internet based social acceptance is addiction. The ease of access to the device and the output of being recognized and wanted, can cause an individual to become addicted to their pocket computer; this could cause them to further isolate themselves from the real world around them.

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