Q. What is windows and desktop?

A. Windows is an **operating system** designed by Microsoft. The operating system is what allows you to use a computer. Windows comes **preloaded** on most new personal computers (PCs), which helps to make it the most popular operating system in the world.

When referring to an <u>operating system</u> or <u>GUI</u> (graphical user interface), the **desktop** is a system of organization of icons on a screen. The Microsoft Windows desktop was first introduced with <u>Microsoft Windows 95</u> and included with every version of Windows since then. The image below is an example of the Microsoft <u>Windows 7</u> desktop.