DEFINING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS

Levels 5-6



Information

A digital system refers to digital hardware and software working together to transform data into digital solutions. The hardware interacts with the software to help perform a task. This task could be using a word processing program (software) to create a written document. Once the hardware and software are connected, the digital system forms a network. All parts of a computer are vital for the digital system to perform its task.

Defining problems and finding solutions involves understanding how digital systems can play a part in help to solve a problem that would otherwise be unsolvable by humans alone, too hard for humans to complete or may take too long for a human to complete the task. Digital technologies are constantly even to help solve problems faced in society.

Curriculum Expectation

Students will investigate a problem that can be solved within their wider community. Defining the problem will allow students to generate aligned solutions. They can use established digital systems to help solve a problem.

Video Resource

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This video looks at the processes that are needed to design and app. It looks the role that data plays in this process.



Video Source: Computer Science Education Research (CSER)

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Current digital systems can help solve new problems

Using sound to create voice activated texts for faster typing



Define a problem based on requirements that are needed. Look at how other systems solve a similar problem.



Define a problem to be solved



Investigate what the system needs



Look at current systems that solve similar problems



Solve and create