BACK SIDE OF THE SYSTEM UNIT

The back side of the System Unit contains various connection points of different shapes. These connection point are known as *Ports*. Generally, personal computers have three types of port. These are: the Parallel Port, the Serial Port and the Universal Serial Bus (USB).

Serial Port: is a general purpose interface that can be used for almost any type of device, including modems, mouse, and keyboard. Most computers are fitted with two serial ports.

Parallel Port: is usually used for connecting to a printer. Very often, it is referred to as the printer's port.

USB Port: is a plug-and-play port on your computer. You can attach to it devices such as audio players, joysticks, keyboards, telephones, scanners and printers. With USB, a new device can be added to your computer without adding an additional hardware or even having to turn the computer off. A single USB port can be used to connect up to 127 peripheral devices. Soon USB ports will replace parallel and serial ports.

Power Socket: power socket supplies electricity to your computer. A power cable as plugged into the power socket, which carries the power from the electrical outlet to the System Unit, and from the System Unit to the monitor.

Cooling Fan: the back of the System Unit has a fan which works like an exhaust fan. When you are working on computer, its machinery produces lot of heat. If this heat is not moved out from the System Unit, it can cause havoc to the computer machinery. Here, fan is a great help to your computer. No sooner you switch on the computer, its fan starts rotating and throwing out heat from the unit.

Other components: LAN port, VGA port, Audio [jack] port,