# MOUSE

A mouse is a hand held device, which allows you to control your computer without having to type instructions from the keyboard. It helps you to move around your computer screen, select any object and activate commands. The computer mouse shape resembles an actual mouse. It has a rubber ball embedded at its lower side and buttons on the top. As the user places palm over the top of the mouse and move it across the mouse pad, the ball at lower side also moves. The movement of the ball determines the location of the arrow or mouse-pointer on the computer screen. A mouse-pointer is a small arrow or other symbols on the computer screen that moves as you move the mouse.

The buttons of the mouse are used to select objects on the screen and execute commands. Typically, a mouse has three buttons – left, centre, and right button. The left button is primary button of the mouse as most of time it is used to select objects and execute commands. You can select command, icons and options by positioning the arrow or pointer over them and clicking the left mouse button. The right mouse button is considered as secondary button because it is not used very often. The right mouse button is used for accomplishing special tasks on the screen such as opening shortcut menus for executing a command.

**Different shapes of computer mouse**

Mouse comes different shapes, sizes and buttons. There are three (3) broad categories of computer mouse:

- **Three-button mouse**: this type of mouse has primary button, secondary button and a middle button between these two.
- **Scroll mouse**: this type of mouse replaces the middle button of the three button mouse with a small roller. When the user moves the roller forward and backward, the screen moves in downward and upward direction respectively.
- **Cordless mouse**: cordless mice aren't physically connected with the computer. Instead, they rely on infrared or radio waves to communicate with the computer.