



# GREEN COMPUTING: IMPROVISED SUSTAINABILITY WITH LONG TERM VIABILITY

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**Abstract** : We get the most excited when we hear the word "technology." When we come across previously imagined innovations like apps, social media, the ease of communication and travel, humanoid robots, and artificial intelligence, we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to call our environment "digital." However, have we ever given any regard to the manufacturing process of a device? or the potentially harmful substances that we use and discard casually? Despite the sophistication of our lifestyle, we must constantly keep in mind the dangers posed by wasteful consumption, and environmental and psychological repercussions. We had witnessed a dramatic increase in the use of technology over the last several decades, mostly owing to recent developments in the technological and IT sector which are offering an ever-expanding array of devices and applications. As a result, environmental and sustainability issues have long been a worry, notwithstanding the advantages. We'll go through the history, benefits, and drawbacks, as well as the current trend toward green computing and other factors that have prompted us to conduct extensive study for this article.

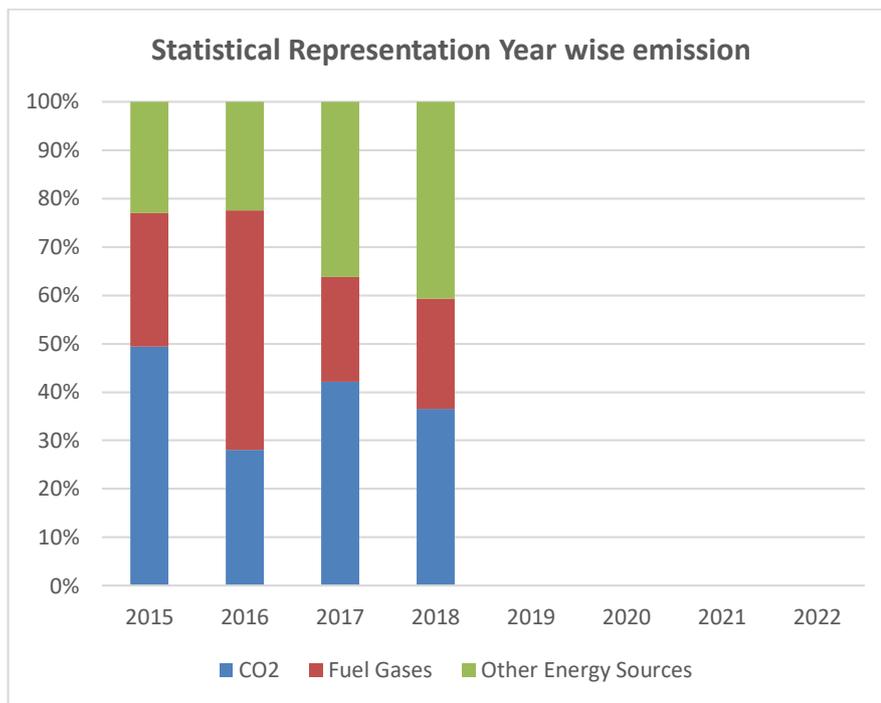
## I. INTRODUCTION

Commonly referred as the Green Information Technology (Green IT), Green Computing has become one of the trending implemented methods in response to the environmental damages being caused due to the excess usage of devices with hazardous components leading to the negative effects like radiation effects, heat-waves, ozone depletion and more. It is also referred to as sustainable IT, green IT, or eco-friendly IT since it reduces the negative influence on the environment by lowering carbon emissions and the amount of energy used by manufacturers, data Centre's, and end users. Green computing also includes decreasing electronic waste and supporting sustainability through the use of renewable resources, such as choosing sustainably sourced raw materials. The term "Green Computing" has been used to describe the ways in which computers may help save the environment. The environmentally responsible and ecologically friendly use of computers and computer resources is known as "green computing." Even though we assume computers are non-polluting and require relatively little power, they actually have a significant impact on the environment. Only around 15 percent of the \$250 billion spent on computer power each year is used for computation, the rest is squandered on idle (i.e., consumed by computers which are not in use but still turned ON). A reduction in the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted due to a reduction in the amount of energy used in computer hardware and computation would result in a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions each year. science is also known as the study of designing, building, producing, utilizing and destroying computing equipment in a way that minimizes their environmental effect. It's no secret that the most efficient way to utilizes technology is through the use of Green Computing, also known as Green Technology and Green IT.

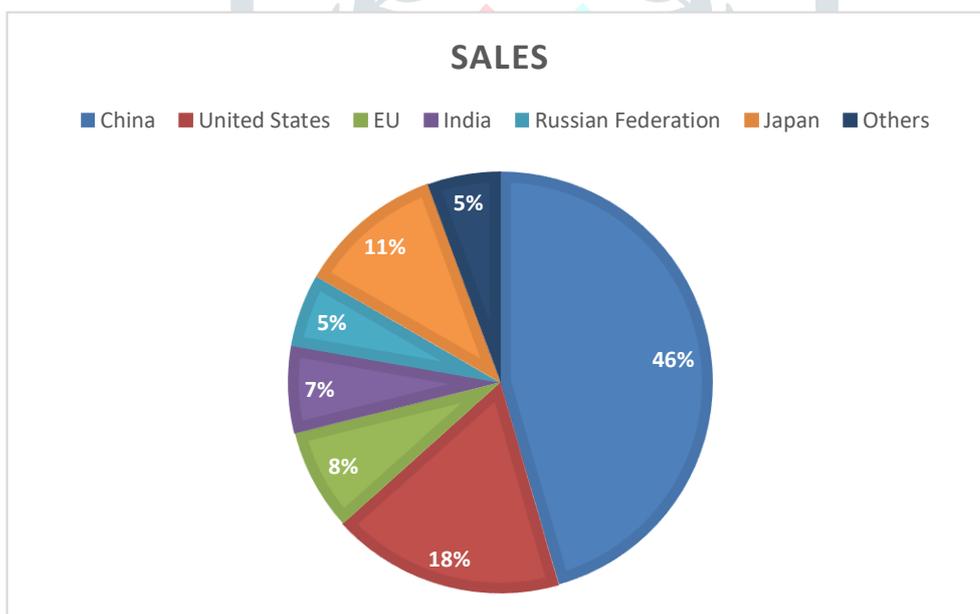
## II. WHY GREEN COMPUTING

The term "green computing" is commonly used to refer to initiatives that aim to lessen the environmental impact of technology. To put it another way, we are making an effort to save resources, reduce the amount of trash we produce, and deepen our commitment to protecting the environment. Because companies that deal in information technology and systems as well as linked industries have a significant carbon footprint, an attempt is being made to reduce it through green computing. Data Centers, Equipment Rooms, Storage Facilities, and Other Sites That Use Energy or Are Affected by It are Common Targets for Energy Efficiency Programs by IT Managers Energy efficiency initiatives often target locations that either use energy or are affected by it. The desire to keep more of one's own money is still another factor. The regulations that have been imposed by the government in regard to conserving energy have also been a driving force behind efforts to become green. A third factor for the growth of the green movement is the impact that climate change, as well as pressure from both internal and external sources, is having on people to become more environmentally responsible.

a. Statistical representation of year wise emissions:



b. Pie-chart representing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by different countries:



III. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF GREEN COMPUTING

Let's come through few of the important advantages and disadvantages of Green Computing.

Pros	Cons
Green computing can help conserve electricity.	There are a lot of upfront fees involved.
The long-term financial benefits of this strategy are substantial.	It's possible that a wide range of expertise may be necessary.
Processes for recycling that are more complex.	Profit maximization aims may be in odds with this policy.
Reducing the amount of waste produced.	Computer networks may suffer as a result.
Reduced emissions of greenhouse gases.	The general population is unaware of the problem.
Reduction of consumer health hazards.	Renovation may prove challenging.
Beneficial effects on our natural resources.	Small firms may not be able to handle it.

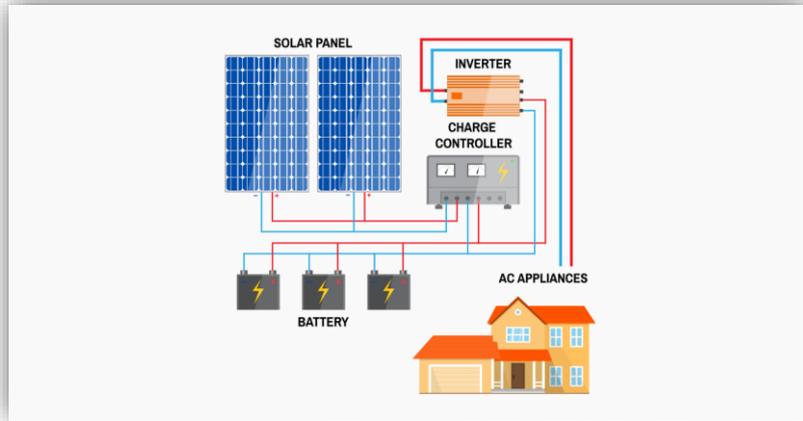
#### IV. TYPES OF GREEN POWER GENERATION FOR IT

The three major types of Energy generating Green Computing include the following:

1. Solar Power System.
2. Wind Turbine Program.
3. Geothermal Power.

#### How does a Solar Power System contribute towards Green Computing?

We can count on the sun shining for as long as we're here on Earth. So, from our vantage point, the supply of solar energy is virtually limitless. Every second, the sun provides more energy to the world than humans consume in a year. In addition, solar electricity produces significantly less pollution when it is produced or used than does generated electricity. Developments in solar power and decreased reliance on fossil fuels might drastically cut carbon emissions throughout the world.



#### How does a Wind Turbine Program contribute towards Green Computing?

With very few exceptions, wind turbines don't emit any pollutants into the atmosphere or water, and they don't need water to cool. Reduced fossil fuel use may also result in decreased overall air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions from wind turbines.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Possibilities for employment have improved.	Energy generated through conventional means.
The expense of generating your own power is an option.	distribution of the energy can be difficult.
It's environmentally friendly.	It's possible this won't be lucrative.
A more advanced method of ensuring sustainability.	Noise is a possibility.
Farms and ranches can use these structures.	Animals in the area may be affected.

#### How does Geothermal Power contribute towards Green Computing?

There are several advantages to using geothermal power, but the most important one is that it is environmentally friendly. Geothermal electricity does not need the dependence on fossil fuels, and it will be available for as long as the planet lives (possibly for a further four billion years). A finite number of renewable energy sources can be built on Earth, which limits the potential for geothermal energy output.

#### V. MAJOR APPLICATION OF GREEN COMPUTING IN THE PRESENT-DAY WORLD

1. **Green Computing of Big Data Systems:** Data volume, velocity, diversity, and a host of other factors have skyrocketed in the last decade, giving rise to a new branch of study called as Data Science / Big Data. It causes pollution in form of extreme energy consumption and carbon emissions. It's estimated that Big Data is responsible for 50% of all IT pollution, and by conserving energy and resources in this area, the world may save 40% of its environment.
2. **Green Computing of Cloud Computing:** A major goal of cloud computing nowadays is to ensure that data centers are as energy efficient as possible, as this saves operating costs and adheres to green computing ideals. Cloud resource management comprises numerous components, such as the placement of virtual machines, the scheduling of tasks, the consolidation of burden, and so on. In these endeavors, machine learning plays a critical role.

#### VI. STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP GREEN COMPUTING

Because an advanced IT system relies on varied races, connections, and technologies, a green computing programme must handle these issues. End-user experience, leadership restructuring, regulatory constraints, and return on investment (ROI) may all be issues to consider while creating a new product or solution. Businesses might also benefit financially from taking control of their own energy use. One of the most successful methods of controlling one's power may yet be the simplest, if not the complex.

1. **The ability of a substance to withstand repeated use:** Over the course of a PC's lifespan, the manufacturing process uses about 70% of the planet's natural resources. LCA (lifecycle assessment) of a Fujitsu desktop computer has just been released, and it reveals that manufacturing and disposal are the primary sources of the machine's environmental impact. As a result, green computing has a substantial impact on the tool's lifespan. Another Gartner study recommends

"considering the product lifecycle, stressing expandability and flexibility." Making a new PC has a significantly greater impact on the environment than making a new RAM chip to upgrade an existing one, for example.

2. **Optimization of Equipment and Distribution:** Performance trade-offs while developing applications might impact the amount of desktop resources required for each given computer task. Slower (e.g., linear) to faster (e.g., hashed or indexed) search methods can reduce resource use from considerable to nearly nothing for a specific activity. It is estimated that each Google search produces 7 grammes of carbon dioxide, according to study by a Harvard physicist in 2009. (CO<sub>2</sub>). Contrary to popular belief, Google has claimed that the typical search produces only 0.2 grammes of carbon dioxide each search.
3. **Allocation of Resources:** Algorithms can also be used to send data to data centers with cheaper power costs. An algorithm developed by MIT, Carnegie Mellon University, and Akamai has been rigorously evaluated by experts in the field. If their recommended approach is applied, experts estimate that energy costs will be reduced by 40%. However, this approach only lowers the cost of energy for the company using it, not the total quantity of energy used. Traffic can be managed using an analogous approach that is more environmentally friendly or more effective. Another method to cut power usage is to redirect traffic away from networks that are experiencing hot weather, allowing systems to be shut down and cooling systems to be bypassed. Occasionally, huge server centers are developed in regions where power and space are cheap and plentiful. Environmentally-friendly locations may choose to locate near renewable energy sources. Refrigeration and heating may be done using external air at this temperature, and the heat they generate can be utilized for other purposes.
4. **Green Power of Data Center:** Information centers are a favorite target of green computing proponents because of their notoriously high-power consumption. For the IT industry, 382 billion kilowatt-hours are consumed yearly by information centers, according to a Greenpeace report. Information systems may boost their power and area efficiency by utilizing storage aggregation and virtualization. Many companies are trying to decrease the amount of energy they consume by reducing the number of servers that aren't being used. Reduce data center energy usage by 10% by 2011 is a federal government goal in the United States. Google Inc.'s self-described ultra-efficient evaporative refrigeration process has effectively reduced its electricity consumption to half that of the industry standard.
5. **Green Computing of OS Support:** A minimal set of features for computer power management has been available in Windows 95. Originally, they allowed for a decreased monitor phase and a hold (suspend-to-RAM). In subsequent versions of Windows, hibernate (suspend-to-disk) and ACPI (Advanced Power Management Interface) were implemented. Windows 2000 was the first NT-based operating system to include energy management. A major overhaul of the system's design was required, as well as a new way to controlling the many instruments. Group Policy was another feature of Windows 2000 that allowed administrators to centrally control the appearance and behavior of the operating system. But power management isn't one of those qualities. A connected group of per-user and the per binaries database entries, allowing each customer to configure their own power control settings, is most likely to blame for this.

## VII. GREEN COMPUTING AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental degradation was caused by a wide range of industries in the previous century, including the automobile industry, electronics, high-tech computer, and communication industries. Hazardous compounds are found in computer and electronic trash, plastics, and food waste. These pollutants end up in the atmosphere, soil, rivers, seas, and wells. Fish, vegetables, fruits, and other foods cannot be cleaned of these harmful substances. Fruits, vegetables, other food crops, fish, meat, and corpses produced on contaminated soil can all contain these harmful substances. In the beginning, both children and adults' health are adversely affected by toxic wastes, filthy water and air, and climate change.

Plastic and chemical waste pollute the world's oceans and waterways. Our planet's oceans and seas are being poisoned by chemical toxics and plastic garbage. Fish, birds, and other animals are killed by hazardous chemicals, chemical toxics, and plastic garbage. There is a risk of choking and strangling from plastic garbage. The bottom of the food chain is being contaminated by plastic particles. Plastic garbage is ingested by fish and other animals, causing them to become tainted. These animals are then slaughtered and eaten by humans. Toxics from polluted fish and critters are placed on our plates and end up in our intestines.

In order to keep our planet habitable, the "Saving Earth" mission has become a need for everyone. Stack components of the computer system, including hardware, software, and people, are affected by several holistic approaches to Green Computing. Environmental friendliness, power savings, long-term profit, reduced pollution, power control, and improved performance are just a few of the numerous reasons for the development of green computing. Green computing may be broken down into four main categories: hardware device production, software methodologies, human awareness, and standard rules.



### VIII. EXAMPLES OF RECYCLING – GO GREEN

1. Donating a computer requires you to erase all of your personal files and data. It's common for individuals to just throw everything into the trash or recycle bin, however this is only a partial erasure! This "erased" information may be used by cyber thieves in whatever way they want. You must run a programme that "sanitizes" your hard disc if you want to be completely safe. They may be downloaded from the internet and work by erasing all of your data and replacing it with a random collection of meaningless gibberish. A secure and unpunished good deed will keep your personal information safe and sound.
2. There is a slew of useful functions that may be gleaned from outdated mobile devices. Helping those in need, such as troops serving abroad or domestic abuse victims, is more than just a waste of time. Some deserving organizations can be found on this list.
3. A modest bit of money may be made from techno trash since it contains valuable metals such as gold, silver, and copper. How about a collective effort to collect and dispose of everyone's technological waste? At the same time, you'll be doing good for both your neighborhood and the environment.

### IX. CONCLUSION

Environmental protection cuts down on both financial costs (like waste management and cleanup) and indirect impacts (health problems and environmental damage). Preventing pollution not only helps the environment by preserving and safeguarding natural resources, but it also helps the economy by increasing industrial production efficiency and reducing the amount of garbage generated by individuals, businesses, and entire communities. The environment benefits from green computing. Carbon dioxide emissions are reduced as a result of a decrease in the amount of fossil fuel utilized in energy plants and mobility. By reducing the number of resources used in the production, usage, and disposal of goods, we are conserving energy and cutting costs. It is imperative that we pursue zero-impact computing in order to reduce the environmental harm that the electronics and IT industries inflict.

Although the Internet has the potential to become one of the most polluting industries, manufacturing electronic devices is the one that exacerbates the climate and ecological crises the most, due to the use of hazardous materials and the time-consuming, energy- and water-intensive processes involved. There is a lot of waste throughout the months-long process of making a microchip, relative to the completed product's size. With today's technology, a single computer generates between 227 and 270 kg of carbon dioxide emissions. According to The Guardian, the Intel facility in Ocotillo, Mexico, already created 15 thousand tons of garbage, 60% of which was hazardous, and utilized over 4 million liters of water and 560 thousand kwh of electricity of power during first four months. Obsolete equipment, an increasing demand for electronic goods as well as difficulties in disposing of components are all contributing factors. Furthermore, just 14% of Europe's electronic trash is classified as "differentiated," indicating that the majority of it is destined for landfills. When data is exchanged online, the use of gadgets results in a significant increase in overall power usage. It doesn't matter how little a person uses, because the millions of linked devices emit as much CO<sub>2</sub> as a small nation. Green cloud is critical in the battle against global warming because of this. In the long run, we may not be able to meet all of our energy needs, even with renewables, because of the pollution and lack of energy supply that these issues entail.

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