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There are two major types of computer keyboards namely the **BASIC KEYBOARD** and the **EXTENDED KEYBOARD**

**BASIC KEYBOARD:** This contains at most 110 keys, these keys are enough to perform all the functions on a PC. They include; Typing keys, A numerical keypad, Function keys and Control keys. The typing keys are the alphabets laid out in QWERTY format. The numerical keypad simply contains numbers 0-9. The fuction keys act as shortcuts, performing certain functions, like saving files, printing data, or refreshing a page, they include F1 to F12. The control keys provide the cursor and screen control and the four arrow keys shaped in inverted T format.

**EXTENDED KEYBOARD**: A larger version of a basic computer keyboard that has additional function keys which can be assigned to trigger regular actions such as printing, connecting to the internet and file saving. An example can be the windows button on the pc. Under this category we have various designs of keyboard namely

1. Flexible Keyboard
2. Ergonomic Keyboard
3. Projection keyboard
4. Virtual keyboard
5. Laptop keyboard
6. Mechanical keyboard
7. Multimedia/ internet keyboard
8. Wireless keyboard
9. Membrane keyboard
10. Gaming keyboard

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| **BASIC KEYBOARD** | **EXTENDED KEYBOARD** |
| Contains only 110 keyboards | Contains more than 110 |
| Less expensive | More expensive |
| Requires no training to use | Requires training to use |
| Performs basic operations | Performs complicated operations |