

The Personal Computer and its Position in Lifelong Learning and Leisure of University Students in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland*

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ABSTRACT This paper describes the results of a research study focusing on the attitudes of university students towards the personal computer. The objective is to find out whether they use it more as a learning instrument or a leisure instrument. The research methods were a questionnaire and ATER two-factor semantic differential. The research study involved students from Palacký University in Olomouc (PU), Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra (CPU) and University of Rzeszow (RU), and was conducted in autumn of 2014. The performed research study indicated that at all universities, the concept of the personal computer was perceived in a similar way as the concept of my relationships with people. At PU and RU the concept of the PC is perceived in a similar way as the concept of colleagues-students. This confirmed the researchers' assumption that the PC is perceived among the population as an irreplaceable means of work, lifelong learning, communication and leisure.