

address bar	a text field near the top of a Web browser window that displays the URL of the current webpage
analog	a continuous transmission of information perceivable by humans
Android	mobile operating system developed by Google
antivirus	a type of utility used for scanning and removing viruses from your computer
Apple	Apple is the company that makes Macintosh computers and develops a large number of software programs
applet	a small application designed to run within another application
artificial intelligence	(AI) the ability of a computer to act like a human being – most commonly used in video games where the computer is made to act like another player
back-up	a copy of a file created as an alternate in case the original data is lost or becomes unusable
bookmark	a marker for a Website
browser	the program people use to access the World Wide Web – it interprets HTML code
byte	a unit of measurement used to measure data – one byte contains 8 binary bits
Caps Lock	featured on nearly every keyboard, when active it capitalizes each letter typed on the keyboard
cd	(compact disc) – circular discs that holds data or audio stored as small notches on the disc – it must be read by a laser from an optical drive
cell	a specific location within a spreadsheet, defined by the intersection of a row and column
character	any letter, number, space, punctuation mark, or symbol that can be typed on a computer – each character requires one byte of space
clip art	a collection of pictures or images that can be imported into a document or another program
cloud	from early network diagrams where an image of a cloud was used to indicate a large network...is associated with the entire Internet
computer	a programmable machine
control panel	feature of Windows operating system – allows user to modify system settings and controls
cookie	small amount of data generated by a website and saved by your web browser so that it can remember information about you
copy & paste	Selecting text, making a digital copy, and pasting it to another location
cursor	The cursor on your screen can indicate two things: 1) where your mouse pointer is, or 2) where the next character typed will be entered in a line of text.
cut & paste	Selecting text, making a digital copy, deleting from the current location and pasting it to different location
cyberbullying	Bullying that takes place over cyberspace
cyberspace	the virtual world of computers
dashboard	A user-interface feature introduced by Apple
defragment	Efficiently removing fragments of added or deleted programs from a computer's hard drive
digital	information stored using a series of ones and zeros – computers are digital machines because they can only read information as on or off
digital signature	used to authenticate the contents of electronic documents
double-click	clicking your mouse button quickly two times – it is recognized by the computer as a specific command
download	process in which data is sent to your computer
e-mail	Sending messages electronically
emoticon	Text-based faces and object that help give the reader a sense of the writer's feeling behind the text
encryption	The coding or scrambling of information so that it can only be decoded by someone

	who has the correct decoding key
ergonomics	The study of how humans interact with manmade objects
Facebook	a social networking website that allows users 13 and over to create and customize their own profiles with photos, videos, and information about themselves to be shared with friends
file extension	suffix at the end of a filename that indicates what type of file it is
firewall	limits the data that can pass through it and protects a networked server or client machine from damage by unauthorized users
flash drive	a small data storage device that uses flash memory and has a built-in USB connection
format	page format – describes the page layout or style of text file format – refers to the way data is saved within a file disk format – enables the computer to read the disk's directory structure
Google	world's most popular search engine
gps	global position system – a satellite navigation system used to determine ground position and velocity (location, speed, direction)
graphics	an image or visual representation of an object
hashtag	A number symbol used to label keywords in a tweet. The name was coined by Twitter
headphones	A device used for listening
home page	The starting point or front page of a web site
http	"hypertext transfer protocol" – protocol used to transfer data over the World Wide Web
hyperlink	a word, phrase, or image that you can click on to jump to a new document or new section within the current document – found on nearly all Web pages
IP address	A code made up of numbers separated by three dots that identifies a particular computer on the Internet. Every computer requires an IP address to connect to the Internet.
Ipad	tablet computer developed by Apple
jpg or jpeg	A compressed image file format.
keyboard	a board of keys, a primary input device used with a computer
keystroke	typing one character on a keyboard
left click	the default action used for common computer tasks (selecting objects, opening links, closing windows)
link	Allows you to "jump" to a new web page or web site
login	a combination of information that authenticates your identity
modem	a communications device that can be either internal or external to your computer
mouse	primary input device for a computer (shaped like a mouse)
mp3	A compressed audio file format
multi-media	The integration of multiple forms of media
pixel	Short for "picture element" these are the small dots which make up the images on computer displays
post script	A page description language that describes a page's text and graphical content
printer	an output device that prints paper documents
qwerty	describes a standard (Latin alphabet-based) keyboard because the first 6 keys in the upper-left part of the keyboard spell out QWERTY
resolution	describes how many pixels a monitor can display or how fine a printer can print (dpi)
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retina display	A hardware term coined by Apple, it describes a display that has a resolution over 300 dpi

right-click	The button on the right side of the mouse, often used to open separate menus
scanner	input device that scans documents and converts it to digital format
shift	A modifier key on the keyboard, its primary use is to capitalize lowercase letters
smartphone	A mobile phone that includes advanced functionality beyond making calls and sending text messages
social networking	Allows users to be part of a virtual community...Facebook is the most popular
spam	Refers to junk e-mail or irrelevant postings
spooling	the process of sending data to a spool, a temporary storage area in the computer's memory
streaming	When a multimedia file can be played back without being completely downloaded
surge protector	allows multiple devices to be plugged in at one time and protects each connected device from power surges
tweet	An online posting or "micro-blog" created by a Twitter user
upload	sending a file from your computer to another system
usb	Universal serial bus – the most common type of computer port
website	a collection of web pages
youtube	A video sharing service that allows users to watch videos posted by other users and upload videos of their own
zip	A compressed file