

4GL	fourth-generation (programming) language
AC	alternating current
ACH	automated clearinghouse
ADC	analog-to-digital converter
AFK	away from keyboard
AGP bus	Accelerated Graphics Port bus
AI	artificial intelligence
Ajax	Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
ALU	arithmetic/logic unit
AOL	America Online
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ASP	application service provider
ATA	analog telephone adapter
ATM	automated teller machine
AUP	acceptable use policy
B2B	business-to-business
B2C	business-to-consumer
BASIC	Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
BCPL	Basic Combined Programming Language
BI	business intelligence
BINAC	Binary Automatic Computer
BIOS	basic input/output system
BMP	bitmap
BPL	Broadband over Powerline
bps	bits per second
BSA	Business Software Alliance
CAD	computer-aided design
CAM	computer-aided manufacturing
CAN-SPAM Act	Controlling the Assault of Non-solicited Pornography and Marketing Act
CASE	computer-aided software engineering
CAVE	computer automatic virtual environment
CCD	charge-coupled device
CCDA	Cisco Certified Design Associate
CCIP	Cisco Certified Internetworking Professional
CCNA	Cisco Certified Network Associate
CCSP	Cisco Certified Security Professional
CD	compact disc
CD-R	compact disc-recordable
CD-RW	compact disc-rewritable
CF	CompactFlash
CFR	computerized facial recognition
CG FX	computer graphic special effects
CGI script	Common Gateway Interface script
CIM	computer-integrated manufacturing

CIPA	Children's Internet Protection Act
CIS	computer information systems
CNA	Certified Novell Administrator
CNE	Certified Novell Engineer
COBOL	COmmon Business-Oriented Language
COM	Component Object Model
CompTIA	Computing Technology Industry Association
COPPA	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998
CP/M	Control Program for Microcomputers
cps	characters per second
CPU	central processing unit
CRM	customer relationship management
CRT	cathode ray tube
CTP	Convergence Technologies Professional
DBA	database administrator
DBMS	database management system
DC	direct current
DDR SDRAM	Double Data Rate Synchronous Dynamic random access memory
DDR3 SDRAM	third generation Double Data Rate Synchronous Dynamic random access memory
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DHTML	Dynamic Hypertext Markup Language
DLP	digital light processing
DMCA	Digital Millennium Copyright Act
DMD	digital micromirror device
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DOM	document object model
DoS attack	denial of service attack
DOS	disk operating system
dpi	dots per inch
DRAM	Dynamic random access memory
DSL	digital subscriber line
DSS	decision support system
DTP	desktop publishing
DVD	digital versatile (or video) disc
DVD-R	digital versatile disc-recordable
DVD-ROM	digital versatile disc-read-only memory
DVD-RW	digital versatile disc-rewriteable
DVR	digital video recorder
DWDM	dense wave division multiplexing
EBCDIC	Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code
EDI	electronic data interchange
EDP	electronic data processing
EFT	electronic funds transfer

ENIAC	Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer
EOUSA	Executive Office for United States Attorneys
EPS	encapsulated PostScript
ESA	Entertainment Software Association
ESS	executive support system
EUCD	European Union Copyright Directive
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAT file	file allocation table file
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interface
FEDI	financial electronic data interchange
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
FORTRAN	FORmula TRANslator
FPGA	field programmable gate array
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
GB	gigabyte
Gbps	gigabit per second
GIF	graphics interchange format
GIGO	garbage in, garbage out
GPS	Global Positioning System
GUI	graphical user interface
GUID	Global Unique Identifier
HD-DMD	High Definition Digital Multilayer Disc
HDTV	high-definition television
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
ICANN	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
IDVL	Infomedia Digital Video Library
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IIS	Internet Information Services
IM	instant messaging
IMAP	Internet message access protocol
IP	intellectual property
IP	Internet Protocol
IRC	Internet relay chat
IS	information system
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
ISP	Internet service provider
IT	information technology
JIT	just-in-time
JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group

JVM	Java Virtual Machine
KB	kilobyte
Kbps	kilobit per second
LAN	local area network
LCD	liquid crystal display
LD	link death; your Internet connection failed
MAN	metropolitan area network
MB	megabyte
Mbps	megabit per second
MCAD	Microsoft Certified Applications Developer
MCDBA	Microsoft Certified Database Administrator
MCP	Microsoft Certified Professional
MCSA	Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator
MCSD	Microsoft Certified Solution Developer
MCSE	Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer
MFD	multifunction device
MIDI	Musical Instrument Digital Interface
MIS	management information system
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MMC	MultiMediaCard
MMO	massively multiplayer online
MMORPG	massively multiplayer online role-playing games
MOS	Microsoft Office Specialist
MP3	Moving Pictures Expert Group Layer III
MPEG	Moving Picture Experts Group
MSN	Microsoft Network
NET Act	No Electronic Theft Act
NFB	National Federation of the Blind
NIC	network interface card
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NLP	natural-language processing
NOS	network operating system
NRAM	nonvolatile random access memory
NSA	National Security Agency
NTSC	National Television System Committee
OCAD	Oracle Certified Application Developer
OCDBA	Oracle Certified Database Administrator
OCR	optical character recognition
OIS	office information system
OLAP	online analytical processing
OLE	object linking and embedding
OES	Open Enterprise Server
OLTP	online transactional processing
OOP	object-oriented programming
OPA	Online Privacy Alliance

OS	operating system
OSI model	Open System Interconnection model
P2P	peer-to-peer
PAN	public access network
PB	petabyte
Pbps	petabit per second
PC	personal computer
PCI bus	Peripheral Component Interconnect bus
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association
PDA	personal digital assistant
perl	practical extraction and report language
PIM	Personal Information Manager
PIN	personal identification number
PLC	programmable logic controller
PNG	Portable Network Graphics
POD	print-on-demand
POP	Post Office Protocol
POST chip	power-on self test chip
POST	power-on self test
ppm	pages per minute
PPTP	Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol
PvP	player versus player; an area that allows players to harm one another
QA	quality assurance
QBE	Query by Example
RAD	rapid application development
RAM	random access memory
RF	radio frequency
RFID	radio frequency identification
RFP	request for proposal
RISC	reduced instruction set computing
RL	real life
ROM	read-only memory
RPG	Report Program Generator
SD	Secure Digital
SDLC	software development life cycle
SDRAM	Synchronous Dynamic random access memory
S-HTTP	Secure HTTP
SIM	subscriber information module
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
SNA	Systems Network Architecture
SOP	standard operating procedure
SPA	Software Publishers Association

SQC	statistical quality control
SQL	Structured Query Language
SRAM	Static random access memory
SSL	Secure Sockets Layer
SSO	single sign-on
TB	terabyte
Tbps	terabit per second
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TCPA	Telephone Consumer Protection Act
TFT	thin-film transistor
TIA	Telecommunications Industry Association
TIFF	tag image file format
TLS	Transport Layer Security
TOS	trusted operating system
UAC	User Access Control
UNIVAC	Universal Automatic Computer
UPC	Universal Product Code
UPS	uninterruptible power supply
UPS	United Parcel Service
URL	Uniform (or Universal) Resource Locator
USA PATRIOT Act	Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act
USB	Universal Serial Bus
VAN	value added network
VB	Visual Basic
VoIP	Voice over Internet Protocol
VPN	virtual private network
VR	virtual reality
WAN	wide area network
WAP	Wireless Application Protocol
WEP	Wired Equivalent Privacy
Wi-Fi	wireless fidelity
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WLAN	wireless local area network
WML	Wireless Markup Language
WORM	write once, read many
WoW	World of Warcraft
WSP	wireless service provider
WWW	World Wide Web, or Web
WYSIWYG	what you see is what you get
XHTML	Extensible Hypertext Markup Language
XML	Extensible Markup Language