

COMPUTER GLOSSARY

"Z" Alphabet







ZERO INSERTION FORCE (ZIF)

A type of socket used in CPUs and other electronic components that allows the device to be inserted or removed without applying force.

ZERO TRUST SECURITY

A security model that requires strict identity verification for every user or device attempting to access resources, regardless of their location within or outside the network.





Z-INDEX

A CSS property used to determine the stacking order of elements on a webpage, specifying which elements should appear in front or behind others.

Z-BUFFERING

A computer graphics technique used in 3D rendering to manage image depth coordinates, ensuring that objects closer to the camera obscure those further away.





ZIP FILE

A file format that supports lossless data compression, commonly used for bundling files together and reducing their size.

ZERO-DAY VULNERABILITY

A security vulnerability that is exploited by hackers before the vendor becomes aware of it and releases a patch or update.





Z-WAVE

A wireless communication protocol used in home automation systems, similar to Zigbee but often used for smart home devices like lights and locks.

ZONE FILE

A data file used by DNS (Domain Name System) servers that contain mappings of domain names to IP addresses.





ZIGZAG ALGORITHM

An algorithm used in image processing and compression, especially in JPEG format, to order the coefficients in a way that improves efficiency.

ZERO-FILL

A process of overwriting a hard drive's data with zeros to securely erase the content.





ZERO LATENCY

Refers to a state where there is no delay in data transmission or response time, ideal for high-performance computing and gaming.

ZIGBEE

A low-power, wireless communication protocol used for Internet of Things (IoT) devices, such as smart home appliances.





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ZOMBIE COMPUTER

A computer that has been compromised by a hacker and is being controlled remotely, often as part of a botnet to carry out malicious activities.

