

GLOSSARY

CCITT

Comite Consultatif Internationale de Telegraphie et Telephonie

This is an international committee based in Geneva, Switzerland, that recommends telecommunications standards, including the audio compression/decompression standards (codecs) and the famous V. standards for modem speed and compression (V.34 and so on). Although this organization changed its name to ITU-T (International Telecommunications Union-Telecommunication), the old French name lives on.

See also: [CCITT A-law](#), [CCITT u-law](#), [codec](#), [ITU-T](#), [V. standards](#)

CCITT A-law

This is a CCITT-ratified audio encoding and compression technique supported by Windows 95 and Web phones. Among other implementations, A-law was originally intended as a phone-communications standard.

See also: [CCITT](#), [CCITT u-law](#), [ITU-T](#)

GSM

Groupe Speciale Mobile
(Global System for Mobile Communications)

This set of standards is widely used in Europe for cellular communications. The audio encoding subset of the GSM standard is best known to computer users because its data compression and decompression techniques are also being used for Web-phone communication and encoding WAV and AIFF files.

See also: [AIFF](#), [codec](#), [WAV](#)