Computer Abbreviatons

Abbreviation	Full Form
A	
AA	Anti-alias
AAC	**Advanced Audio Coding**
AAM	autmoatic acoustic management
AAS	as a service or Auto Area Segmentation
ABC	Atanasoff-Berry Computer
Abend	abnormabl end
ABIOS	**Advanced BIOS**
ABP	**AdBlock Plus**
AC	**alternating current**
ACCT	account
ACE	access control entry
ACID	atomic, consistent, isolated, and durable
Ack	**acknowledgment**
ACL	**access control list**
ACM	**Association for Computing Machinery**
ACPI	**Advanced Configuration and Power Interface**
ACR	absolute cell reference, attenuation crosstalk ratio, actual cell rate, or annual compliance report
ACS	**access control system**
AD	**Active Directory**
ADB	**Android Debug Bridge or Apple Desktop Bus**
ADC	**analog-to-digital**
ADO	**ActiveX Data Object**
ADPCM	adaptive delta pulse code modulation
ADSI	**Active Directory Service Interface or analog display service interface**
ADSL	**asymmetric digital subscriber line**
ADSM	**ADSTAR Distributed Storage Management**
AE	After Effects or automatic exposure
AE lock	auto exposure lock
AES	**Advanced Encryption Standard**
AF	Autofocus
AGP	accelerated graphics port
AHCI	Advanced Host Controller Interface
AI	**artificial intelligence**
AIM	AOL Instant Messenger or Apple, IBM, and Motorola
AIML	**Artificial Intelligent Markup Language**
AIMM	AGP in-line memory module
AIO	**All-in-One**
AIX	advanced interactive executive
AJAX	**Asynchronous JavaScript and XML**
AKA	also known as
ALGOL	**algorithmic language**
Alpha	alphabet
ALU	**arithmetic logic unit**
AM	**amplitude modulation**
AMA	ask me anything
AMOLED	active-matrix organic light-emitting diode
Amp	**ampere**
ANI	**Automatic Number Identification**
ANSI	**American National Standards Institute**
AODRM	always-on digital rights management
AOP	aspect-oriented programming or auto operator
AOSP	**Android Open Source Project**
API	**application programming interface**
APIC	**Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller**
APIPA	Automatic Private Internet Protocol Addressing
APK	**Android package file**
APM	advanced power management
App	**application**
APT	advanced packaging tool or advanced persistent threat
APU	accelerated processing unit or advanced processing unit

AR	**augmented reality**
ARCnet	**Attached Resource Computer network**
A record	**address record**
Arg	**argument, alternate reality games, or augmented reality games**
ARP	**Address Resolution Protocol**
ARPA	**Advanced Research Projects Agency or address and routing parameter area**
ARPANET	**Advanced Research Projects Agency Network**
ARQ	automatic repeat request
AS	autonomous system
AS/400	Application System/400
ASAP	as soon as possible
ASCII	**American Standard Code for Information Interchange**
ASME	**American Society of Mechanical Engineers**
ASMR	**autonomous sensory meridian response**
ASN	autonomous system number
ASN.1	abstract syntax number one
ASP	**Active Server Pages, application service provider, authorized service provider, or answer set programming**
ASPI	advanced SCSI programming interface
ASR	**automated system recovery or automatic speech recognition**
AT	**advanced technology**
ATA	Advanced Technology Attachment
ATAPI	AT Attachment Packet Interface
ATC	advanced transfer cache
ATF	above the fold
ATM	**ascynchronous transfer mode, at the moment, or automated teller machine**
ATRAC	Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding
ATX	**Advanced Technology eXtended**
AU	**arithmetic unit**
AUI	Attachment Unit Interface
AUP	acceptable use policy
Auto	automatic, automobile, or autonomous
AV	**antivirus, aperture value, or avatar**
AVC	**Advanced Video Coding**
AVI	**Audio Video Interleaved**
AVR	**automatic voltage regulator, automatic voice recognition, or automatic voice response**
AWS	**Amazon Web Services**
B	
B2B	**business-to-business**
B2C	**business-to-consumer**
BAE	before anyone else
Basic	**Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code**
BAT	**Baby AT**
BB	**broadband**
BBS	**BIOS boot specification, bulletin board system, or be back shortly**
BC	**before Christ**
BCC	**blind carbon copy**
BCD	**binary-coded decimal**
BCP	best current practices
BCPL	Basic Combined Programming Language
BD	**Blu-ray disc**
BDC	backup domain controller
BDF	Glyph Bitmap Distribution Format
BDI	**bidirectional isolation**
BDO	**bidirectional override**
BEDO DRAM	Burst EDO DRAM
BER	bit error rate or beyond economical repair
BERT	bit error rate tester or bit error rate test
BGMP	Border Gateway Multicast Protocol
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol
BHO	Browser Helper Object
Bi-di	bidirectional
BIND	Berkeley Internet Name Domain
BIO	biography
BIOS	**basic input/output system**

BISYNC	BinarySynchronous Communications
Bit	**binary digit**
BITNET	because it's time network
BIU	**bold, italic, underline**
BNC	Bayonet Neill-Concelman
BO	back orifice
BOE	bind on equip
BOFH	Bastard Operator From Hell
BOINC	Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing
BOM	byte order mark, bill of materials, beginning of message, or beginning of medium
Bool	**Boolean**
BOP	bind on pickup
BPB	BIOS pattern block
BPDU	Bridge Protocol Data Unit
BPL	broadband-over-powerline
bps	**bits per second**
Bps	**bytes per second**
BPSK	biphase shift keying
Br	Break or battle royale
BRI	basic rate interface
Brouter	**bridge router**
BSB	back-side bus
BSC	**Binary Synchronous Communications**
BSoD	**Blue Screen of Death**
BSoD	**Black Screen of Death**
BSS	**basic service set**
BTC	**bitcoin or Behavior Tech Computers**
BTDT	been there done that
BTX	Balanced Technology eXtended
C	
C	Celsius
C2	Core 2
CA	**certificate authority**
Cab	**Cabinet file**
CAD	**computer-aided design**
CAP	**Competitive Access Provider**
CAPS	**CapsLock**
CAPSLK	CapsLock
CAPTCHA	**Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart**
CAS	column address select or column access strobe
CASC	Certificate Authority Security Council
CAT	Central Africa Time
CATV	Cable TV or Community Access Television
CB	call back, chat brat, or closed beta
CBL	**calculator based labs**
CBT	**computer-based training**
CC	**carbon copy, C compiler, Creative Commons, or Cursor control**
CCC	Catalyst Control Center
CCD	charge-coupled device
CCDE	**Cisco Certified Design Expert**
CCFL	cold cathode fluorescent lighting
CCIE	**Cisco Certified Internetworking Expert**
CCITT	Comit Consultatif International Tlphonique et Tlgraphique
CCNA	**Cisco Certified Network Associate**
CCNP	**Cisco Certified Network Professional**
CCS	call-control signaling or common command set
CCTV	**closed circuit television**
CCW	counterclockwise
CD	**change directory or compact disc**
CDA	**Communication Decency Act or compact audio disc**
CDDA	**compact disc digital audio**
CDDB	**compact disc database**
CDDI	Copper Distributed Data Interface
CDE	Common Desktop Environment

CDfs	Compact Disc file system
CD-i	Compact Disc Interactive
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access
CDN	**content delivery network or content distribution network**
CDP	**Cache Discovery Protocol, Certificate in Data Processing, Columbia Data Products, content delivery platform, content discovery platform, or continuous data protection**
CD-PROM	**Compact Disc-Programmable ROM**
CD-R	**Compact Disc Recordable**
CDRFS	CD-R file system
CD-ROM	**Compact Disc Read-Only Memory**
CD-ROM XA	CD-ROM extended architecture
CD-RW	**Compact Disc Re-Writable**
CDSL	Consumer DSL
CD-WO	**Compact Disc Write Once**
CE	collector's edition, cancel entry, compact edition, or consumer edition
Cell phone	**cellular telephone**
CentOS	**Community Enterprise Operating System**
CEO	**chief executive officer**
CERN	Conseil Europeen pour la Recherche Nuclaire
CERT	**Computer Emergency Response Team, or certified**
Cert	**certificate, certified, or certification**
CES	Consumer Electronics Show
CF	CompactFlash
CFPM	cubic feet per minute
CGA	**Color Graphics Adapter**
CGI	common gateway interface or computer-generated imagery
CH	Computer Hope or College Humor
CHAP	Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol
Char	**character**
chdir	**change directory**
CHS	cylinder-head-sector
cHTML	**compact HTML**
CIDR	classless inter-domain routing
CIFS	common Internet file system
CIM	common information model
CIR	committed information rate
CISC	complex instruction set computer
CISSP	certified information systems security professional
CLCC	ceramic leadless lead carrier
CLI	**command-line interface, commandl-line interpreter**
CLNS	connectionless network service
CLOS	Common Lisp object system
CLR	**common language runtime**
CLSID	class ID
CLUT	color lookup table
CMA	**Computer Misuse Act**
CMC	computer-mediated communication
CMOS	complementary metal-oxide semiconductor
CMS	**content management system**
CMYK	cyan magenta yellow black
CNCT	**Certified Network Computer Technician**
CNE	**Certified Novell Engineer**
CNR	**Communication and Network Riser**
CNST	**Certified Network Systems Technician**
CO	central office
COA	**Certificate of Authenticity**
COAST	Cache On A STick
COB	close of business, chip on board
COBOL	**Common Business Oriented Language**
COD	Call of Duty, cash on delivery, click of death
Code	source code
Codec	**COmpression / DECompression**
Coil	electromagnetic coil
COLA	comp.os.linux.announce

COM	**Component Object Model or Computer Output Microfilm**
COMDEX	Computer Dealers' Exhibition
CompTIA	**Computer Technology Industry Association**
Con	console, confidence, or conference
COPPA	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act or California Online Privacy Protection Act
Core	core dump
CPA	**cost per action or cost per acquisition**
CPAN	comprehensive Perl archive network
CPC	**cost per click**
CPGA	ceramic pin grid array
CPI	**characters per inch**
CPL	Combined Programming Language
CPM	**cost per thousand or cost per mile**
CPS	**characters per second**
CPTM	cost per targeted thousand
CPU	**central processing unit**
CR	**carriage return**
CRC	cyclic redundancy check
CREN	Corporation for Research and Educational Networking
C-RIMM	continuity RIMM
CRL	Certificate Revocation List
CR/LF	**carriage return/line feed**
CRM	customer relationship management
CRT	cathode ray tube
Crypto	**cryptography or cryptocurrency**
CS	customer service, computer science, counter-strike, cable select, or code segment
CSMA/CD	carrier sense multiple access/collision detection
CSNET	Computer Science Network
CSS	**cascading style sheets, Content Scramble System, chirp spread spectrum**
CST	**Computer Service Technician**
CSU/DSU	Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit
CSV	**comma-separated values**
CTA	call to action
CTCP	client-to-client protocol
CTD	crash to desktop
CTF	Capture the Flag
CTO	technology officer or chief technical officer
CTR	click-through rate
Ctrl	**Control key**
CTS	**Clear to Send**
CTTY	change teletype
CU	**control unit**
CUI	**character user interface or command-line user interface**
CUPS	Common Unix Printing System
Curmbox	Current Mailbox
CUT	Coordinated Universal Time
CVE	**Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures**
CVS	Concurrent Version System
CWIS	Campus Wide Information System
D	
D	depth
D2D	**disk-to-disk**
DAC	digital-to-analog converter or discretionary access control
DACL	discretionary access control list
DAE	**digital audio extraction, does anyone else**
DARPA	**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency**
DART	**Data Access in Real Time, Dynamic Analysis and Replanning Tool, or Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset**
DASD	**direct access storage device**
DASP	**Disk Anti-Shock Protection, Drive Active Slave Present, or Dynamic Adaptive Speculative Pre-Processor**
DAT	**Digital Audio Tape**
DAW	digital audio workstation
DB	**database**
DBA	**database administrator, database analyst, decibels adjust, or doing business as**
DBAN	Darik's Boot and Nuke

DBMS	**database management system**	
DC	**direct current, domain controller, data center, or disconnect**	
DCC	Direct Client-to-Client	
DCE	data circuit-terminating equipment, data communication equipment, Desktop Composting Engine, or distributed computing environment	
DCIM	**digital camera images**	
DCOM	Distributed Component Object Model	
DD	double density or don't die	
DDBMS	**distributed database management system**	
DDE	Dynamic Data Exchange	
DDK	driver development kit	
DDL	**data definition language**	
DDNS	**dynamic DNS**	
DDO	disk drive overlay or Dungeons & Dragons Online	
DDoS	**Distributed Denial of Service**	
DDP	Datagram Delivery Protocol	
DDR	**double data rate, dial-on-demand routing, or Dance Dance Revolution**	
DDR2	**double data rate two**	
DDR3	**double data rate three**	
DDR4	**double data rate four**	
DDR SDRAM	**double data rate synchronous dynamic random access memory**	
DDS	**Digital Data Storage**	
DEA	**Data Encryption Algorithm**	
DEC	**Digital Equipment Corporation**	
DES	**Data Encryption Standard**	
DFMC	direct methanol fuel cell	
DHCP	**Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol**	
DHTML	**dynamic Hypertext Markup Language**	
DID	direct inward dialing	
DIF	Directory Interchange Format	
DIME	**direct Internet message encapsulation**	
DIMM	**dual in-line memory module**	
DIP	**dual in-line package**	
DIVX	digital video express	
DIX	Digitial, Intel, and Xerox	
DJ	disc jockey	
DL	**download or down low**	
D/L	**download**	
DLA	drive letter access	
DLC	Data Link Control, digital loop carrier, or downloadable content	
DLL	**dynamic-link library**	
DLNA	Digital Living Network Alliance	
DLP	**data loss prevention, data level parallelism, discrete logarithm problem, or Digital Light Processing**	
DLT	digital linear tape	
DM	**direct message, Device Manager, or deathmatch**	
DMA	**direct memory access**	
DMAC	**Direct Memory Access Control**	
DMAR	**destination memory address register**	
DMCA	**Digital Millennium Copyright Act**	
DMI	**Desktop Management Interface**	
DML	**data manipulation language**	
DMTF	Distributed Management Task Force	
DMZ	demilitarized zone	
DNS	**Domain Name System**	
DOA	dead on arrival	
DoCoMo	Do Communications Over Mobile	
DOD	Department of Defense	
DoS	**denial of service**	
DOS	**disk operating system**	
DoT	**damage over time**	
Double	**Double-precision floating-point**	
DP	**DisplayPort**	
DPI	**dots per inch**	
Dpkg	Debian package manager	

DPMI	DOS Protected Mode Interface
DPMS	display power management system
DPS	damage per second
DRAM	**dynamic random access memory**
DRM	digital rights management
Drop	malware dropper
DRQ	data request
DS	drive select
DSAP	Destination Service Access Point
DSL	**digital subscriber line or Damn Small Linux**
DSO	data source object
DSP	**digital signal processor or drive secondary present**
DSR	Dynamic Source Routing or Dell System Restore
DSS	Digital Satellite Service or Digital Signature Standard
DSVD	Digital Simultaneous Voice and Data
DTE	data terminal equipment or data terminating equipment
DTR	Data Terminal Ready
DTS	**digital thermal sensor, Digital Theater Sound, or data transformation services**
DTX	discontinuous transmission
DUN	Dial-Up Networking
DUST	did you see that
DUT	device under test
DVD	**digital versatile disc**
DVI	**digital visual interface**
DVMT	Dynamic Video Memory Technology
DVR	**Digital Video Recorder**
Dword	**double word**
DxDiag	DirectX diagnostics
E	
E	Enlightenment
E-911	Enhanced 911
E3	Electronic Entertainment Expo
EA	Electronic Arts
EAI	enterprise application integration
EAP	**Extensible Authentication Protocol**
EAP-FAST	Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunneling
EAPROM	**Electronically Alterable Programmable Read-Only Memory**
Eb / EB	Exabit / Exabyte
EBCDIC	**Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code**
E-book	**electronic book**
ECC	error-correcting code
ECDSA	Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm
ECHS	extended cylinder-head-sector
ECMA	**European Computer Manufacturers Association**
ECP	Extended Capabilities Port
EDA	electronic design automation
EDI	electronic data interchange
EDIINT	electronic data interchange-Internet integration
EDO	Extended Data Out
EDP	electronic data processing
EDSAC	**Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator**
EDVAC	**Electronic Discrete Variable Automatic Computer**
EEPROM	**electrically erasable programmable read-only memory**
EFI	**Extensible Firmware Interface**
EFS	**Encrypting File System**
EGA	Enhanced Graphics Adapter
eGPU	**external graphics processing unit**
EHCI	**enhanced host controller interface**
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EIA	Electronic Industries Alliance
EIDE	enhanced integrated drive electronics
EIGRP	Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
EISA	Extended Industry Standard Architecture or Extended ISA
EIST	enhanced Intel SpeedStep technology

ELD	electroluminescent display
E-learning	**electronic learning**
ELF	extremely low frequency
EM	emphasized
E-mail	**electronic mail**
EMF	**electromotive force or enhanced metafile**
EMI	**electromagnetic interference**
EMM	expanded-memory manager
EMR	Electromagnetic radiation or electronic medical record
EMS	emergency management services or expanded memory specification
ENIAC	**Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator**
EOD	end of day or end of discussion
EOF	**end-of-file**
EOL	**end of life or End-of-Line**
EOM	end-of-message
EOP	**end-of-page**
EOT	End-of-Transmission or end of topic
EOW	end of week
EPD	electronic paper display
EPIC	Electronic Privacy Information Center
EPP	Enhanced Parallel Port
EPROM	**Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory**
EPS	encapsulated PostScript
ePUB	**electronic publication**
EQ	equals, equalizer, or EverQuest
ERD	Emergency Repair Disk
ESA	Entertainment Software Association
ESCD	Extended System Configuration Data
ESD	electrostatic discharge
ESDI	Enhanced Small Disk Interface
ESI	**Enhanced Serial Interface**
ESP	e-mail server provider
ESRB	Entertainment Software Rating Board
ETA	**estimated time of arrival**
ETA-I	Electronic Technicians Association International
ETX	End-of-Text
EULA	**End-User License Agreement**
Eval	**evaluate**
EVD	enhanced versatile disc
EV-DO	Evolution-Data Optimized or Evolution-Data Only
EVP	**enhanced virus protection**
exFAT	**Extended File Allocation Table**
F	
F	fahrenheit
F2P	free-to-play
FAD	functioning as designed
Famicom	family computer
FAQ	**frequently asked questions**
FAST	Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunneling
FAT	**file allocation table**
FAU	file allocation unit
Fav	favorite
FB	facebook or frame buffer
FCC	**Federal Communications Commission**
FCIP	**Fibre Channel over IP**
FC-PGA	flip-chip pin grid array
FD	**floppy drive or file descriptor**
FDC	**Floppy Disk Controller**
FDD	**floppy disk drive**
FDDI	**Fiber Distributed Data Interface**
FDHP	**Full Duplex Handshaking Protocol**
Feat	feature
FF	Firefox, fast forward, form feed, or friends forever
FFA	free for all

FHD	**Full High Definition**
FIF	**fractal image format**
FIFO	**first in, first out**
FiOS	**Fiber Optic Service**
FIPS	**Federal Information Processing Standards**
Fixed	fixed-point
FLAC	**Free Lossless Audio Codec**
Flash	Adobe Flash
Float	**floating-point**
FLOPS	Floating-Point Operation Per Second
FM	**frequency modulation**
FMV	full motion video
Fn	function
FNBN	for nerds by nerds
FNEA	full name and e-mail address
FNR	format and restore
FOIA	**Freedom of Information Act**
FOIRL	**fiber-optic inter-repeater links**
FOMO	fear of missing out
FORTRAN	**Formula Translation**
FOSS	**free and open-source software**
FP	**fast page or FrontPage**
FPGA	field-programmable gate array
FPM	fast page mode
FPROM	field programmable read-only memory
FPS	frames per second or first-person shooter
FPU	floating-point unit
FQDN	fully qualified domain name
FR	Frame Relay
FRAM	**Ferroelectric RAM**
FRU	field-replacable unit
FS	**file system**
FSB	front-side bus
Fsck	**file system check**
FSO	free-space optical communication
FSP	**File Sharing Protocol**
Fstab	file systems table
FSTN	film supertwist nematic
Fstype	file system type
FTAM	file transfer, access and management
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTP	**File Transfer Protocol**
FUD	fear, uncertainty, and doubt
FWH	Firmware Hub
FYI	for your information
G	
G+	Google Plus
G2G	Good to go, Got to go, or government to government
GA	general availabililty
GaAs	Gallium Arsenide
Gb / GB	**gigabit / gigabyte**
GBIC	gigabit interface converter
Gbps	**Gigabits per second**
GCC	**GNU Compiler Collection**
GCHQ	**Government Communications Headquarters**
GCR	group code recording
GDDR	**graphics double data rate**
GDI	**Graphics Device Interface**
GDPR	**General Data Protection Regulation**
GE	General Electric or "greater than or equal to"
Gear	Samsung Gear
GEM	Graphics Environment Manager
GF	GeForce
GFM	GitHub Flavored Markdown

GFS	**Global File System or Google File System**
GHz	**Gigahertz**
Gib / GiB	**gibibit / gibibyte**
GIGO	"garbage in, garbage out"
GIMP	GNU image manipulation program
GIMPS	great Internet mersenne prime search
GIS	Geographic Information System
GIYF	Google Is Your Friend
GKS	**Graphical Kernel System**
GM	game masters, gold master, golden masters, good morning, or good manners
Gmail	**Google Mail**
GNU	GNU's Not Unix
Goat	greatest of all time
GPF	**general protection fault**
GPG	GNU Privacy Guard
GPL	**general public license**
GPO	Group Policy Object
GPPM	graphic pages per minute
GPRS	**General Packet Radio Service**
GPS	**Global Positioning System**
GPT	**GUID partition table**
GPU	**graphics processing unit**
Gram	Instagram
Gravatar	globally recognized avatar
GRUB	**GRand Unified Bootloader**
GSM	**Global System for Mobile communication**
GT	Greater than or Greenwich Mean Time
GTK	GIMP toolkit
GTM	Google Tag Manager
GUI	**graphical user interface**
GUID	**globally unique identifier**
GWAM	gross words a minute
Gzip	**GNU zip**
H	
H	height
HACMP	high availability cluster multiprocessing
HAL	**hardware abstraction layer**
HAN	**home area network**
HBA	host bus adapter
HCI	human computer interface
HCL	hardware compatibility list
HD	**hard drive, high-definition, or high-density**
HDC	**hard disk controller**
HDCP	High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection
HDD	**hard disk drive**
HD DVD	**High Definition Digital Versatile Disc**
HDLC	High-level Data Link Control
HDMI	**High-Definition Multimedia Interface**
HDML	**handheld device markup language**
HD-ROM	**high-density read-only memory**
HDSL	**high-bit-rate digital subscriber line**
HDTV	**high-definition TV**
HEIF	**High Efficiency Image File format**
HES	**hypertext editing system**
HEVC	**high efficiency video coding**
HFC	hybrid fiber coax
HFS	**hierarchical file system**
HGA	Hercules graphics adapter
HID	**human interface device**
Hiew	**hacker's view**
Hi-res	**high resolution**
HIT	human intelligence task
HLL	**high-level language**
HMA	high-memory area

HMU	hit me up
HOP	half OP
HOPE	hackers on planet Earth
HoT	Heal over Time
HP	Hewlett-Packard or Hit Points
HPA	high-performance addressing or hidden protected area
HPD	hybrid passive display
HPE	Hewlett Packard Enterprise
HPFS	high-performance file system
HPGL	Hewlett Packard Graphic Language
HP-UX	Hewlett Packard UniX
HQ	**high-quality**
HR	**Human Resources**
HREF	**Hypertext reference**
HSB	**Hue, Saturation, and Brightness**
HSF	heat sink and fan
HSL	**Hue, Saturation, and Lightness**
HSSI	High-Speed Serial Interface
HSYNC	Horizontal Synchronization
HT	Hyper-Threading or HyperTransport
HTML	**Hypertext Markup Language**
HTPC	home theater personal computer
HTTP	**Hypertext Transfer Protocol**
HUD	heads up display
Huh	Have you heard
HW	hardware or homework
Hz	**Hertz**
I	
IA-32	**Intel Architecture 32**
IA-64	**Intel Architecture 64**
IAB	**Internet Architecture Board**
IAC	In Any Case or Interapplication communications
IAD	integrated access device
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IAP	**Internet access provider**
IBG	interblock gap
ICA	independent computing architecture, or integrated communications adapter
Icacl	Integrity control access control list
ICANN	**Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers**
ICCCM	**Inter-Client Communication Conventions Manual**
ICCP	**Institute for Certification of Computer Professionals**
ICMP	**Internet Control Message Protocol**
ICO	**icon or Initial Coin Offering**
iCOMP	Intel comparative microprocessor performance
ICRA	Internet Content Rating Association
ICS	Internet Connection Sharing
ICT	information and communications technology or International Computers and Tabulators
ICU	instruction cache unit, interface converter unit, ISA configuration utility, or interactive chart utility
IDC	insulation displacement contact or insulation displacement connector
IDE	**integrated development environment or integrated device electronics**
IDEA	**International Data Encryption Algorithm**
IDMS	**Integrated Database Management System**
IDPS	intrusion detection prevention system
IDS	intrusion detection system
IDSL	**integrated services digital network digital subscriber line**
IE	**Internet Explorer**
IEC	**International Electrotechnical Commision**
IEEE	**Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers**
IEN	Internet Experiment Note, Internet Engineering Notes, or Image-Enabled Netware
IETF	Internet engineering task force
IF	interactive fiction
IFIP	**International Federation for Information Processing**
IFTF	**Interactive Fiction Technology Foundation**
IG	Instagram, in game, I guess, ignore, or ignorant

IGES	**Initial Graphics Exchange Specification**
IGMP	Internet Group Management Protocol
IGP	**Interior Gateway Protocol**
IHA	Intel Hub Architecture
IIL	integrated injection logic
IIS	**Internet Information Server**
IM	**instant message, instant messenger, or instant messaging**
IMAP	**Internet Message Access Protocol**
IMDb	**Internet Movie Database**
IMEI	**International Mobile Equipment Identity**
IMSI	**International Mobile Subscriber Identity**
INC	**incorporated, or incoming**
INCITS	**International Committee for Information Technology Standards**
Inetd	Internet service daemon
Info	**information**
Inode	index node
Int	**integer**
INTA	INTernational Trademark Association or INTerrupt Acknowledge
INTR	**interrupt**
I/O	**input/output**
IOC	**input/output controller**
IOCCC	Internet Obfuscated C Code Contest
IOPS	input/output operations per second
IOS	Input/Output Supervisor or Internetworking operating system
IP	**Internet Protocol, ingress protection, intellectual property**
IPB	illustrated parts breakdown
IPC	**interprocess communication, instructions per cycle**
IPD	interpupillary distance
IPF	invalid page fault
IPL	initial program load
IPng	**Internet Protocol next generation**
IPOS	**input, processing, output, and storage or IP over Satellite**
IP Rating	Ingress Protection Rating
IPS	intrusion prevention system
IPsec	**Internet Protocol security**
IPTO	Information Processing Technology Office
IPTV	**Internet Protocol television**
IPv4	**Internet Protocol version 4**
IPv6	**Internet Protocol version 6**
IPX/SPX	**Internetwork Packet Exchange/Sequenced Packet Exchange**
IR	**infrared, or information retrieval**
IRC	**Internet Relay Chat**
IrDA	**Infrared Data Association**
IRG	interrecord gap
IRGB	**Intensity-Red-Green-Blue**
IRL	in real-life
IRQ	interrupt request
IS	image stabilization, Information Services, or Information Systems
ISA	Industry Standard Architecture
ISACA	Information System Audit and Control Association
ISAM	**indexed sequential access method**
ISAPI	Internet Server Application Programming Interface
ISATAP	Intra-Site Automatic Tunnel Addressing Protocol
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
ISDN	**Integrated Services Digital Network**
ISIS	Image and Scanner Interface Specification, infinitely scalable intelligent storage, or integrated software for imagers and spectrometers
ISO	**International Organization for Standardization**
ISP	**Internet service provider**
ISV	**independent software vendor**
IT	**information technology**
ITC	**International Typeface Corporation**
ITIL	**Information Technology Infrastructure Library**
ITU	**International Telecommunication Union**

ITX	Information Technology eXtended
J	
JAR	Java archive
Java EE	Java Platform, Enterprise Edition
JCL	job control language
JDBC	Java Database Connectivity
JDK	Java Development Kit
JEDEC	Joint Electron Device Engineering Council
JHTML	Java within HTML
JIL	Java Intermediate Language or Joint Innovation Lab
JIT	just-in-time
JNI	Java Native Interface
JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group
JRE	Java Runtime Environment
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
JSP	JavaServer Pages
JSR	jump to subroutine
JTAG	Joint Test Action Group
JVM	Java virtual machine
K	
K	kilobit, OK
kb / kbit	kilobit
KB	kilobyte
Kbps	kilobits per second
KDE	K Desktop Environment
kHz	kilohertz
KiB	kibibyte
Kib	kibibit
kilo	one thousand
KOS	kill on sight
KVM	keyboard, video, and mouse or Kernel-based Virtual Machine
L	
L	loss or loser
L2	level 2 cache
L2P	learn to play
L2TP	Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol
LAME	LAME ain't an MP3 encoder
LAN	local area network
LAPM	Link Access Procedure for Modems
Laser	light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
LAWN	local area wireless network
LBA	large block addressing
LBS	location-based service
LC	lowercase
LCC	leadless chip carrier
LCD	liquid crystal display
LD	laserdisc
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
LE	Less than or Equal to
LED	light-emitting diode
LF	line feed
LFAP	Light-weight Flow Admission Protocol
LFD	Login Failure Daemon
LFG	looking for group
LFM	looking for more
LFN	long file name
LG	Life's Good
LGA	land grid array
LGPL	Lesser General Public License
LH	Loadhigh
LIFO	last in, first out
Li-ion	lithium-ion
LILO	Last In Last Out or Linux loader
Li-polymer	lithium-polymer

LIPS	Linear Inferences Per Second or LInux Phone Standard
Lisp	List Processing
LISTSERV	list server
LKGC	last known good configuration
LLC	limited liability company or Logical Link Control
LMK	let me know
LMS	**Learning Management System**
LNP	local number portability
LOD	level of detail
LOF	loss of frame
LOL	laugh out loud, League of Legends, lots of love, or lots of luck
Lo-res / low-res	**low-resolution**
LOS	**Line of Sight or Loss of signal**
LP	long play
LPD	**line printer daemon**
LPI	**lines per inch**
LPM	**lines per minute**
LPS	Library Programs Service
LPT	**line printer terminal**
LPWAN	low-power wide-area network
LPX	Low Profile eXtension
LQ	letter-quality
LRC	longitudinal redundancy check
LRDIMM	load-reduced dual inline memory module
LRU	line replaceable unit or least recently used
LSB	**least significant bit**
LSB	**Linux Standard Base**
LSC	**least significant character**
LSD	**least significant digit**
LSP	Layered Service Provider or link state packet
LTE	Long-Term Evolution
LU	**logic unit or logical unit**
Luser	Local user
LUT	lookup table
lvl	**level**
LZ or Lzone	Landing Zone
M	
m	**milli**
M-	**meta key**
MAC	**media access control or Macintosh**
Macro	**macroinstruction**
MAE	**Metropolitan Area Ethernet**
mAH	**milliamp hour**
MAN	**manual or metropolitan area network**
MAPI	**Message Application Programming Interface**
MAPS	**Mail Abuse Prevention Systems**
MAR	**memory address register**
Matlab	**matrix laboratory**
Matrix	Matrix code
MAU	**media access unit**
Max	maximize or maximum
Mb	**megabit**
MB	**megabyte**
MBAM	Malwarebytes
MBean	Managed Beans
MBL	microcomputer-based labs
Mbps	**megabits per second**
MBps	**megabytes per second**
MBR	**master boot record**
MC	megacycle
MCA	Micro Channel Architecture
MCGA	memory controller gate array or multicolor graphics array
MCITP	**Microsoft Certified IT Professional**
MCSA	**Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator**

MCSE	**Microsoft Certified System Engineer**	
MDA	**Monochrome Display Adapter**	
MDBMS	**Multidimensional Database Management System**	
MDC	**modification detection code**	
MDF	main distribution frame	
MDI	multiple-document interface	
MDRAM	Multibank DRAM	
Memo	memorandum	
MFA	multi-factor authentication	
Mflop	megaflop	
MFM	**Modified Frequency Modulation**	
MFP	**multifunction printer**	
MFT	**Master File Table**	
Mget	multiple get	
MHz	**megahertz**	
MIA	missing in action	
Mib	**mebibit**	
MiB	**mebibyte**	
MIB	management information base	
MICR	**magnetic ink character recognition**	
Microsoft MVP	**Microsoft Most Valuable Professional**	
MIDI	**Musical Instrument Digital Interface**	
MIME	**Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension**	
MIMO	**multiple-input, multiple-output**	
Min	minimum	
MIN	mobile identification number	
MIPS	**millions of instructions per second**	
MIR	mail in rebate	
MIS	**management information system**	
MIT	**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**	
MITMA	**man-in-the-middle attack**	
Mkdir	**make directory**	
MLG	Major League Gaming	
MMC	**MultiMediaCard or Microsoft Management Console**	
MMI	man machine interface	
MMORPG	massively multiplayer online role-playing game	
MMS	**Multimedia Message Service**	
MMU	**memory management unit**	
MMX	**MultiMedia eXtension**	
MNP	**Microcom Network Protocol**	
Moblog	mobile blog	
Mod	modulo	
Model no.	model number	
Modem	**modulator/demodulator**	
MO diskette	magneto-optical diskette	
Mofo	**Mozilla Foundation**	
MOS	metal-oxide-semiconductor	
MOSFET	metal-oxide semiconductor field-effect transistor	
MOTD	message of the day	
MOV	**Metal Oxide Varistor**	
MP	**megapixel, multiplayer or mana point**	
MPAA	**Motion Picture Association of America**	
MPC	**Multimedia Personal Computer**	
MPEG	**Moving Picture Experts Group**	
MPI	message passing interface	
MPLS	Multiprotocol Label Switching	
MPP	massively parallel processing	
Mput	multiple put	
MR	**mixed reality**	
MRP	Materials Requirement Planning	
MRU	Maximum Receive Unit	
MRUD	**Most Recently Used Directory**	
MS	millisecond, Microsoft, or memory stick	
MSC	**Most Significant Character**	

MSCS	Microsoft Cluster Server
MSD	**Microsoft Diagnostics or Most Significant Digit**
MSDN	**Microsoft Developer Network**
MS-DOS	**Microsoft Disk Operating System**
MSDS	material safety data sheet
MSE	**Microsoft Security Essentials**
MSN	**The Microsoft Network**
MSP	**Management Service Provider**
MSRP	Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price
MSVC	**Microsoft Visual C++**
MT	Moluccas or mistell
MTA	mail transfer agent or message transfer agent
MTBF	mean time between failure
MTU	maximum transmission unit
MUD	multi-user dungeon
MUI	**multi-user interface**
MUT	Mauritius Time or MultiUser Talk
Mutex	mutual exclusion object
MVNO	mobile virtual network operator
MVP	**most valuable player**
MVS	**multiple virtual storage**
MX record	**Mail eXchange record**
N	
N	**nano**
N/A	**not applicable or not available**
NA	**North American, not applicable, or not available**
NAK	**negative acknowledgment**
NaN	**not a number**
NAS	**network access server or network-attached storage**
NAT	**Network Address Translation**
NCP	**NetWare Core Protocol or Network Control Protocol**
NCSA	**National Center for Supercomputing Applications**
NCSC	**National Cybersecurity Center**
NDA	**non-disclosure agreement**
NDAS	Network Direct Attached Storage
NDIS	network driver interface specification
NDR	non-destructive readout, network data representation, or non-active, dormant, to be removed
NDRO	non-destructive readout
ne	not equal
NEC	**Nippon Electronics Company or National Electrical Code**
NEM	New Economic Movement
Net	network
NetBEUI	**NetBIOS Enhanced User Interface**
NetBIOS	**Network Basic Input/Output System**
NFC	**near-field communication**
NFR	Not For Resell
NFS	**network file system**
NFT	non-fungible token
NG	newsgroup
NIC	network interface card
NIDS	network intrusion detection system
NII	National Information Infrastructure
NiMH	nickel-metal hydride
Nimrod	National Institute Machine Radiating On Downs
NIP	non-impact printer
NIT	Network Information Table or Network Interface Tap
*NIX	Linux or Unix
NLP	natural language processing
NLQ	near letter-quality
NLS	online system
NLX	New Low Profile Extended
nm	**nanometer**
NMI	nonmaskable interrupt
NMS	**network management software**

NN	NOT NULL
NNTP	**Network News Transfer Protocol**
NOBUS	Nobody But Us
NO-OP	no operation
NOR	Not-Or
NOS	**network operating system**
NPAPI	Netscape Plugin Application Programming Interface
NPC	non-playable character, non-printing character, or NP-Complete
NRZ	non-return-to-zero
ns	nanosecond, nice shot, or not sure
NSAP	**Network Service Access Point**
NSFNET	**National Science Foundation Network**
NSP	**Name Server Protocol, network service provider, or news service provider**
NSPA	**Network Service Point Address**
NSSN	**National Standards Systems Network**
NTFS	**NTFS file system**
NTLDR	NT loader
NTP	**Network Time Protocol**
NTSC	**National Television System Committee**
NTWY	noteworthy
NUC	Next Unit of Computing
Num	number
NVRAM	**non-volatile random-access memory**
NWAM	Network Auto Magic
O	
OA	**office automation**
OB	open beta or Open Broadcaster
OBJ	object
OC	optical carrier or overclock
OCR	**optical character recognition or optical character reader**
OCTAVE	operationally critical threat, asset, and vulnerability evaluation
ODBC	**Open Database Connectivity**
ODI	Open Data-Link Interface
ODP	OverDrive Processor
ODPR	OverDrive Processor Replacement
OEM	original equipment manufacturer
OHCI	**Open Host Controller Inferface**
OID	**object identifier**
OIN	Open Invention Network
OLAP	online analytical processing
OLE	Object Linking and Embedding or OnLine English
OLED	**organic light-emitting diode**
OLPC	one laptop per child
OLTP	**online transaction processing**
OMR	**optical mark reading**
OO	object-oriented or OpenOffice
OOF	out of office
OOP	**object-oriented programming**
OP	operation, operator, opinion, original poster, or overpowered
Open	open source
OpenAL	Open Audio Library
OpenGL	Open Graphics Library
OR	OR operator or operation research
OS	**operating system**
OSD	**on-screen display, object-based storage device, or open source definition**
OSF	**Open Software Foundation**
OSHA	**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**
OSI	**Open Systems Interconnection or Open-Source Initiative**
OSK	**on-screen keyboard**
OSPF	open shortest path first
OSRI	operating system reinstall
OSS	**open-source software or operations support systems**
OTP	**on the phone, one-time password, or one-time programmable**
OVR	overtype mode

P	
P2W	pay-to-win
PaaS	Platform as a Service
PAC	proxy auto config
PAD	**packet assembler/disassembler**
PAE	**Physical Address Extension**
PARC	Palo Alto Research Center
Parm	parameter
PATA	Parallel AT Attachment
Pb	**petabit**
PB	**Packard Bell or petabyte**
PBX	private branch extension or private branch exchange
PC	**personal computer or player character**
PCB	**printed circuit board**
PC-DOS	Personal Computer Disk operating system
PCI	**Peripheral Component Interconnect**
PCIe	**PCI Express**
PCI-X	Peripheral Component Interconnect Extended
PCL	printer command language
PCM	pulse-code modulation
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association
P-code	pseudocode or packed code
PCS	personal communications service
PDA	**personal digital assistant**
PDC	**Primary Domain Controller**
PDF	Portable Document Format or Package Definition File
PDL	page-description layer
PDoS	**permanent denial-of-service**
PDP	Programmed Data Processor
PDU	protocol data unit
PEAR	**PHP Extension and Application Repository**
PEGI	Pan-European game information
PEP	**Packet Ensemble Protocol**
Permalink	permanent link
PET	**Personal Electronic Transactor**
PFP	profile picture
PGA	pin grid array, Professional Graphics Adapter, or Professional Golf Association
Pg Dn	page down
PGP	Pretty Good Privacy
Pg Up	page up
PHP	**PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor**
Pic	picture
PICNIC	problem in chair not in computer
PICO	PIne COmposer
PICS	Platform for Internet Content Selection
PID	**process identifier or product identification**
PIF	program information file
PII	Pentium 2 or personally identifiable information
PIIX	PCI IDE Xcelerator
PIM	personal information management or Protocol Independent Multicast
PIN	**personal identification number**
PIO	programmed input/output
PL	power leveling
PLCC	plastic leaded chip carrier
PLED	Power LED
Plus	Microsoft Plus!
PM	**private message, personal message, power management, Presentation Manager, preventive maintenance, post meridiem, or polarization maintaining**
P-machine	pseudomachine
PMF	polarization maintaining fiber
PMS	Pantone Matching System
PN	part number
PNG	**Portable Network Graphics**
PnP	**Plug and Play or party and play**

POD	plain old documentation or print on demand
POE	**point of entry or Power over Ethernet**
POP	Post Office Protocol or point of pressence
PoS	**Proof-of-Stake**
POS	**packet over SONET**
POSIX	Portable operating system interface for Unix
POST	**power-on self-test**
POTS	plain old telephone system
POV	point of view
PoW	**Proof-of-Work**
PPC	**pay per click**
PPGA	Plastic Pin Grid Array
PPI	**pixels per inch**
PPM	pages per minute or Perl package manager
PPP	Point-to-Point Protocol
PPPoE	**Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet**
PPS	**Privacy Policy Statement**
PPT or PP	**PowerPoint**
PPTP	**Point-to-Point Tunnel Protocol**
PR	Pagerank or press release
PRAM	Parameter RAM
Printf	print formatted
PRISM	**Planning Tool for Resource Integration, Synchronization, and Management**
Privmsg	Private Message
PRN	printer
Proglog	progress log
Prolog	Programming in Logic
PROM	**programmable read-only memory**
PrtScrn or Prt Scrn	**Print Screen key**
PS	power supply, PowerShell, or print screen
PS/2	Personal System/2
PS2	PlayStation 2
PS3	PlayStation 3
PS4	PlayStation 4
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
PSD	**Photoshop Document**
PSoC	programmable system on a chip
PSP	PlayStation Portable, Python Server Pages, Paint Shop Pro
PSR	Problem Steps Recorder
PST	Pacific Standard Time, please send tell, Personal Store
PSTN	public switched telephone network
PSU	power supply unit
PTR	Public Test Realm
PTS	pseudoterminal slave
PTY	pseudoterminal
PU	physical unit
PUBG	PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds
PUG	pickup group
PVE	Player vs. Environment
PVP	Player vs. Player
PVR	personal video recorder
PW	**password**
PWA	progressive web application
PWD	print working directory or password
PWS	Personal Web Server
Px	**pixel**
PXE	**preboot execution environment**
PXI	**PCI extensions for instrumentation**
Q	
Q&A	**questions and answers**
QA	**quality assurance**
QAM	**quadrature amplitude modulation**
QBE	query by example
QHD	**Quad High Definition**

QIC	quarter-inch cartridge
QLED	**quantum-dot light emitting diode**
QMAC	**Quad Media Access Controller**
QnA	**questions and answers**
QoS	**quality of service**
QPSK	quadrature phase shift keying
QQ	quick question, quit
QR Code	**Quick Response Code**
QSXGA	**Quad Super Extended Graphics Array**
R	
RAD	rapid application development
RADIUS	**Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service**
RADSL	rate-adaptive DSL
RAID	**redundant array of independent disks**
RAM	**random access memory**
RAMAC	**random-access method of accounting and control**
RAP	Route Access Protocol
RAR	**Roshal Archive**
RARP	Reverse Address Resolution Protocol
RAS	remote access server, Remote Access Service, row address select, or row access strobe
RAT	**Remote Access Trojan**
RBAC	role-based access control
RBL	real-time blackhole list
RC	**release candidate, remote connection, remote control, or run commands**
RCE	**Remote Code Execution, Reverse Code Engineering, or Regional Coding Enhancement**
RCS	revision control system
RDBMS	**relational database management system**
RDF	Resource Description Framework
RDMS	**report distribution management system**
RDP	**Remote Desktop Protocol**
RDRAM	**Rambus Dynamic Random Access Memory**
Rec.	receive
REC	Record
ReFS	Resilient File System
Regex	**regular expression**
Rel	release
REM	remark
REPL	read-eval-print loop
RF	**radio frequency**
RFC	Request for Comments
RFI	**Radio Frequency Interference, request for information**
RFID	**radio frequency identification**
RF shielding	radio frequency shielding
RGB	**red-green-blue**
RHCE	**Red Hat Certified Engineer**
RIAA	**Recording Industry Association of America**
RIP	**raster image processor, raster image process, or Routing Information Protocol**
RIPE notes	Reseaux IP Europeens notes
RISC	reduced instruction set computer
RJ-45	**Registered Jack-45**
RL	real-life
RLE	run-length encoding
RLL encoding	run-length limited encoding
RLP	resource location protocol
RMA	return materials authorization
RMS	root mean square
ROM	**read-only memory**
ROM BIOS	**read-only memory basic input/output system**
RO terminal	**read-only terminal**
RP	rating pending or role-playing
RPC	**remote procedure call**
RPG	role-playing game, report program generator, or raster pattern generator
RPM	**revolutions per minute or Red Hat Package Manager**
RRAS	routing and remote access service

RRD	**removable rigid disk**
RS-449	**Recommended Standard-449**
RSAC	**Recreational Software Advisory Council**
RSAT	**remote server administration tools or regulatory sequence analysis tools**
RSL	Rambus signaling level
RSS	**Really Simple Syndication, or Relay Spam Stopper**
RT	real-time or retweet
RTC	**real-time clock**
RTDM	read the damn manual
RTF	**Rich Text Format**
RTOS	**Real-time Operating System**
RTR	RARE technical report
RTS	real-time strategy or Request to Send
RTSP	**Real Time Streaming Protocol**
RTTTL	Ringing Tone Text Transfer Language
RVR	realm vs. realm
RWD	**responsive web design**
RXD	received data
S	
S2R	**send to receive**
SaaS	**Software as a Service**
SACD	Super Audio CD
SAN	**storage area network**
SANE	Standard Apple Numeric Environment or Scanner Access Now Easy
SAP	Service Advertising Protocol or Session Announcement Protocol
SAS	Serial Attached SCSI or Standalone Server
SATA	**Serial AT Attachment**
SATAN	Security Administrator Tool for Analyzing Networks
SB	SoundBlaster or sugar baby
SBE	Small Business Edition
SC	Service Controller, StarCraft, or Supercomputing Conference
SCA	Single Connector Attachment
Scanf	scan formatted
SCC	Serial Communications Controller or shipping container code
SCCM	system center configuration manager
SCOM	**System Center Operations Manager**
ScrLk	**Scroll Lock key**
SCSI	small computer system interface
SD	**Secure Digital, single-sided diskette, single-density diskette, standard definition, or sugar daddy**
SDDL	**Security Descriptor Definition Language**
SDHC card	**Secure Digital High Capacity card**
SDK	**software development kit**
SDLC	**synchronous data link control or systems development life cycle**
SDLT	super digital linear tape
SDRAM	**synchronous DRAM**
SDSL	symmetrical DSL
SDU	service data unit
SE	search engine or second edition
SEA	**self-extracting archive**
SECC	single edge contact cartridge
SELinux	Security-Enhanced Linux
SEO	**search engine optimization**
Serial no.	serial number
SERP	search engine results page
Servlet	Java servlet
SETI	Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence
Setuid	set user ID on execution
Sexp or sexpr	s-expression
SFF	small form factor
SFTP	**Secure File Transfer Protocol or SSH File Transfer Protocol**
SFW	safe for work
SFX	special effects, or sound effects
SGD	speech-generating device
SGML	Standard Generalized Markup Language

SHV connector	safe high-voltage connector
SI	Le Système International d'Unités or Silicon
Sig	signature
SIGINT	signal interrupt or Signals Intelligence
Sim	simulation
SIM card	**Subscriber Identity Module card**
SIMD	single instruction, multiple data
SIMM	**single inline memory module**
SIO	super input/output
SIP	single in-line package
SLA	sealed lead-acid, or service-level agreement
SLI	**Scalable Link Interface**
SLIP	**Serial Line Internet Protocol**
Slogin	**secure login**
Slotket	**socket adapter**
SLSI	super-large scale integration
SMAR	**source memory address register**
SMART	**Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology**
SMB	server message block, system management bus, or Super Mario Bros.
SMBus	**System Management Bus**
SM card	SmartMedia card
SMI	**System Management Interrupt, or Simple Mail Interface**
SMIL	**Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language**
SMM	System Management Mode
SMP	symmetric multiprocessing
SMPS	switched-mode power supply
SMRAM	System Management RAM
SMS	**short message service, storage management subsystem, or system management server**
SMT	Surface-mount Technology
SMTP	**Simple Mail Transfer Protocol**
SNA	**Systems Network Architecture**
SNMP	**Simple Network Management Protocol**
SOA	**service-oriented architecture or start of authority**
SOAP	**Simple Object Access Protocol**
SoC	system on a chip
SO-DIMM	small outline dual in-line memory module
SOHO	small office/home office
SOI	silicon on insulator
SONET	**synchronous optical networking**
SOP	**super operator, or standard operating procedure**
Source	source code
SP	service pack or spelling
SPARC	Scalar Processor Architecture
SPD	Serial Presence Detection
S/PDIF	Sony and Phillips Digital Interconnect Format
Spec	**specification**
SPI	**serial peripheral interface, stateful packet inspection, or system packet interface**
SPIM	**spam over instant message**
Spit	**Spam over Internet Telephony**
SPL	systems programming language
splogs	spam blogs
Spool	**simultaneous peripheral operatings online**
SPP	Standard Parallel Port
SPS	Standard Power Supply
SQL	**Structured Query Language**
SRAM	**static random access memory**
SS	screenshot, South Sudan
SSAP	Source Service Access Point
SSD	**solid-state drive**
SSE	Simple Sharing Extension or Streaming SIMD Extensions
SSEM	Small Scale Experimental Machine
SSI	Server Side Include or small-scale integration
SSID	**service set identifier**
SSL	**Secure Sockets Layer**

SSL	Space Sciences Laboratory, UC Berkeley
SSP	storage service provider or System support program
SSR	solid-state relay
SSTP	**Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol**
Stdin	**standard input**
STM	**Synchronous Transport Module**
STN	supertwisted nematic
STP	Spanning Tree Protocol, shielded twisted pair, or software test plan
STR	Suspend-to-RAM or send to receive
STS	**synchronous transport signal**
Sub	subscript
Subnet	**subnetwork**
SUID	**set user ID**
Sup	superscript
SUS	**Single Unix Specification or suspicious**
SVCD	Super Video CD
SVG	**Scalar Vector Graphic**
SVGA	**Super Video Graphics Array**
S-Video	Super Video
SW	**software**
SXGA	**Super Extended Graphics Array**
SXGA+	**Super XGA Plus**
SYN	**synchronize**
sync	**synchronize**
synth	synthesizer
sysgen	**system generation**
syslog	**system log**
sysop	system operator
sysrq	**system request**
T	
TA	terminal adapter
Ta	Tantalum
TACACS	Terminal Access Controller Access Control System
TAPI	**Telephony Application Programming Interface**
TAR	tape archive
TCO	total cost of ownership
TCPA	Trusted Computer Platform Alliance
TCP/IP	**Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol**
TD	table data
TDD	telecommunications device for the deaf
TDM	team deathmatch
TDP	thermal design power or thermal design point
Tech	technology
Telco line	telecommunications line
Temp	temporary or temperature
TERA	The Exiled Ream of Arborea
TET	**text enhancement technology**
Texel	texture element
TFS	Team Foundation Server or three-finger salute
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol
TH	table head
THD	total harmonic distortion
THz	**terahertz**
Ti	Tebi, Titanium, or Textas Instruments
TIFF	**Tagged Image File Format**
TIGA	**Texas Instruments Graphics Architecture**
Tk	toolkit
TKIP	**Temporal Key Integrity Protocol**
T&L	transform, clipping, and lighting
TLD	**top-level domain**
TLP	thread-level parallelism
TLS	Transport Layer Security
TM	trademark
TN	twisted nematic

TOF	**top of file**
TOPS	transparent operating system
Tor	**The Onion Router**
TOS	**tape operating system, teacher over shoulder, terms of service, terms of use, or type of service**
TPI	tracks per inch
TPM	Trusted Platform Module
TP-PMD	Twisted-Pair Physical Medium Dependant
TR	technical report
Transistor	**transfer resistance**
Triple DEA	**Tripple Data Encryption Algorithm**
TRS	Tandy Radio Shack or Telecommunications Relay Service
TSR	terminate-and-stay-resident
TT	Turing test
TTFB	time to first byte
TTL	time to live, or transistor-transistor logic
TTS	**text-to-speech**
TTY	teletypewriter or teletype
TV	**television**
TXD	trasmit data
U	
UA	**user agent**
UAC	**User Account Control**
Uarch	microarchitecture
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter
UBCD	Ultimate Boot CD
UC	uppercase
UCE	unsolicited commercial e-mail
UDF	**Universal Disk Format, user-defined font, or user-defined function**
UDID	**Unique Device Identification**
UDIMM	unbuffered dual inline memory module
UDMA	Ultra Direct Memory Access
UDP	**User Datagram Protocol**
UDSL	unidirectional DSL
UEFI	**Unified Extensible Firmware Interface**
UHCI	**Universal Host Controller Interface**
UHD	**Ultra High Definition**
UI	**user interface**
U/L	**upload**
UL	**upload, uplink, or Underwriters Laboratories**
UL	unordered list
ULSI	**Ultra Large Scale Integration**
UMA	Upper Memory Area
UMB	upper memory block
UNC	**Uniform Naming Convention or Universal Naming Convention**
UNIVAC	**Universal Automatic Computer**
UPC	**universal product code**
UPI	User Program Interface
UPnP	**Universal Plug and Play**
UPS	uninterruptible power supply or United Parcel Service
URC	Uniform Resource Characteristic
URI	**Uniform Resource Identifier**
URL	**Uniform Resource Locator**
URN	Uniform Resource Name
USB	**universal serial bus**
USMT	User State Migration Tool
USP	unique selling point
USR	user, or U.S. Robotics
USRT	**Universal Synchronous Receiver-Transmitter**
USWC	uncachable speculative write combining
UT	**Universal Time**
UTC	**Coordinated Universal Time**
UTF	**Unicode Transformation Format**
UTM	**Unified Threat Management, universal Turing machine, Urchin Tracking Module**
UTP	**unshielded twisted pair**

Uuencode	Unix-to-Unix encode
UUID	**universal unique identifier**
UV	**ultraviolet**
UWIN	University of Washington Information Navigator
UX	**user experience**
UXGA	Ultra Extended Graphics Array
V	
VA	**virtual address**
VAC	**Valve Anti-Cheat**
VADSL	**very high bit rate asymmetric digital subscriber line**
VAN	value-added network
VAR	value-added reseller
VB	**Visual Basic**
VBR	**variable bitrate or volume boot record**
VBScript	**Microsoft Visual Basic Scripting Edition**
VBV	video buffering verifier
VC	venture capital, videoconferencing, virtual circuit, or version control
VCEG	Video Coding Experts Group or Visual Coding Experts Group
VCI	virtual circuit identifier
VCPI	virtual control program interface
VCR	video cassette recorder
VDC	voltage direct current or video display controller
VDD	**virtual device driver, virtual disk drive**
VDSL	**very high data rate DSL**
VDU	**visual display unit or video display unit**
Ver	**Version**
Veronica	**Very Easy Rodent-Oriented Net-wide Index to Computer Archives**
VESA	**Video Electronics Standard Association**
VGA	**Video Graphics Array or Video Graphics Adapter**
VHDL	**VHSIC Hardware Description Language**
VHF	**very high frequency**
Vhost	**virtual host**
VHS	**Video Home System**
VIM	**Vendor Independent Messaging**
VIP	very important person
VLAN	**virtual local area network**
VLB	Vesa Local Bus
VL Bus	Vesa Local Bus
VLC	**VideoLAN**
VLSI	very-large-scale integration
VM	**virtual machine, virtual memory, or voicemail**
VMEbus	Versa Module Eurocard bus
VMM	**Virtual Machine Manager or Virtual Machine Monitor**
VMS	**virtual memory system or voicemail system**
VNC	**Virtual Network Computing**
VOD	video on demand
VoIP	**Voice over Internet Protocol**
VoMM	eVade o' Matic Module
VPN	**virtual private network**
VPS	**virtual private server**
VR	**virtual reality**
VRAM	**video random access memory**
VRLA	valve-regulated lead-acid
VRM	voltage regulator module
VRML	**Virtual Reality Modeling Language**
Vs	versus or Visual Studio
VSAM	**virtual storage access method or virtual storage access memory**
VTuber	Virtual YouTuber
W	
W	width or win
W3C	**World Wide Web Consortium**
WAIS	Wide Area Information Server
WAN	**wide area network**
WAP	**Wireless Application Protocol or wireless access point**

WARP	Warning, Advice and Reporting Point
WBEM	**Web-based Enterprise Management**
WCDMA	**Wideband Code Division Multiple Access**
WCN	Windows Connect Now
WD	**Western Digital, working directory, or working draft**
WDF	Window Driver Foundation or Windows Driver Frameworks
Web app	web application
WEP	**Wired Equivalent Privacy**
WFM	Wired for Management
WFP	Windows File Protection
WGA	Windows Genuine Advantage
WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
Win3x	Windows 3.0, Windows 3.1, and 3.11
Win9x	Windows 95 or Windows 98
Windows PE	Windows Pre-install Environment
WinNT	Windows NT
Winsock	Windows socket
WISP	wireless Internet service provider
WMF	Windows metafile format or Wikimedia Foundation
WMI	Windows Management Instrumentation
WML	**Wireless Markup Language or Website META Language**
WOL	**Wake-on-LAN**
WOTD	word of the day
WOW	Windows on Windows or World of Warcraft
WP	**way point, well played, word processor, or WordPress**
WPAD	Web Proxy Auto Discovery
Wpcomp	write pre-comp or word processing competency
WQXGA	Wide Quad Extended Graphics Array
WRAM	Windows RAM
WSXGA	**Widescreen Super eXtended Graphics Array**
WWDC	Apple Worldwide Developer Conference
WWW	**World Wide Web**
WYSIWYG	what you see is what you get
WYSIWYP	what you see is what you print
X	
X	X Window System
X11	X Window System
XDF	**extended density format**
XGA	**Extended Graphics Array**
XHTML	**Extensible Hypertext markup Language**
XML	**Extensible Markup Language**
XMPP	Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol
XMS	**extended memory specification**
XPAC	expansion pack
XPM	XP mode
XSL	**Extensible Stylesheet Language**
XSLT	**Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations**
XSS	**cross-site scripting**
XT	**extended technology**
Y	
Y2K	**year 2000**
YAML	**YAML Ain't Markup Language**
YAUN	yet another Unix nerd
YT	you there or YouTube
Z	
ZB	**zettabyte**
ZCS	**Zimbra Collaboration Suite**
ZiB	**zebibyte**
ZIF	zero insertion force
ZIP	**Zone Information Protocol or Zoning Improvement Plan**
ZIPI	**Zeta Instruments Processor Interface**
ZV port	zoomed video port