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TABLE I

Units and Corresponding Symbols

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| megabytes per second | MB/s |
| kilohertz | kHz |
| nanosecond | ns |

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Prefixes such as “non,” “sub,” “micro,” and “ultra” are not independent words; they should be joined to the words they modify, usually without a hyphen. There is no period after the “et” in the Latin abbreviation “et al.” The abbreviation “i.e.” means “that is,” and the abbreviation “e.g.” means “for example.”

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