The “Alphabet Soup” application (“AlphaSoup” icon (above) on your desktop once installed) is an acronym lookup tool that will assist you in finding a definition for an acronym without paging through voluminous lists.

To set up the app, browse to “H:\Jon\Apps\Alphabet Soup\” and double-click “install”. Follow the prompts, and when you are done, you should see the AlphaSoup icon on your desktop.

Launching the app will get you the following screen:

A white and green striped background

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You can place it anywhere on your screen, and if you use the “Quit” button to exit the application, it will remember that location the next time you launch it. You can also set your color scheme via the “Theme” menu.

To use the application, simply start typing the acronym you want to look up. Once you press a key, a predictive list will appear. You can use the up and down arrow keys to traverse this list. The more you type, the more refined the predictive list becomes.

A close-up of a blue and white screen

Description automatically generated

Pressing Enter selects the highlighted acronym and retrieves its definition(s).

A close-up of a computer screen

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If the selected acronym has more than 3 definitions, the scrollbars on the far right will activate.

Pressing the Backspace key will re-activate the predictive list. Pressing the Esc(ape) key will clear both the input field and any displayed definitions, making it ready for your next lookup.

“Quit” is self-explanatory. If you use the ‘x’ in the upper right corner of the window, any changes to your window location or selected theme will not be saved.

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