Table 14.1   Client/Server Terminology

Applications Programming Interface (API)
A set of function and call programs that allow clients and servers to intercommunicate

Client
A networked information requester, usually a PC or workstation, that can query database and/or other information from a server

Middleware
A set of drivers, APIs, or other software that improves connectivity between a client application and a server

Relational Database
A database in which information access is limited to the selection of rows that satisfy all search criteria

Server
A computer, usually a high-powered workstation, a minicomputer, or a mainframe, that houses information for manipulation by networked clients

Structured Query Language (SQL)
A language developed by IBM and standardized by ANSI for addressing, creating, updating, or querying relational databases