

ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (form of DSL)	CRT	Cathode Ray Tube: standard type computer monitor display	Firewire	IEEE 1394 serial port (faster than USB)
AFAIK	(as far as I know; email)	CPU	Central Processing Unit	FLOPS	Floating Point Operations/Second
AGP	Advanced Graphics Port	CSID	Call Subscriber ID (for FAX and phone caller ID)	FPM	Fast Page Mode (RAM)
AIM	AOL Instant Messenger	CSLIP	Compressed Serial Line Interface Protocol [Internet]	FYI	For Your Information
ALT.	ALTErnate lifestyle (USENET newsgroup category)	CSV	Comma-Separated Value/Variable (file type)	GIGO	Garbage In, Garbage Out
ANSI	American National Standards Institute	CTRL	Control (computer keyboard key)	GIS	Geographic Information System
AOL	America Online	CYMK	Cyan-Yellow-Magenta-Black (color model)	GNU	Gnu's Not Unix (operating system that really IS Unix)
ARQ	Automatic Repeat Request	DAC	Data Acquisition and Control + Digital to Analog Converter	GPS	Global Positioning Satellite/System
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange	dB	Decibel	GUI	Graphical User Interface
ASP	Association of Shareware Professionals	DBMS	Data Base Management System	GW-basic	Gee Whiz BASIC
ASPI	Advanced SCSI Programming Interface [Adaptec]	DCD	Data Carrier Detect	HDSL	High-Data-Rate Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) + High-Speed Digital Subscriber Loop
ATA	Advanced Technology Attachment (original hard drive interface)	DCE	Data Communications Equipment + Distributed Computing Environment [OSF] + Distributed Computing Equipment	HDTV	High Definition Television
ATDT	Attention Dial Tone (modem command)	DCF	Data Communication Facility [IBM] + DDE	HEX	Hexadecimal
ATM	Adobe Typeface Manager + Asynchronous Transfer Mode	DDE	Direct Data Entry + Dynamic Data Exchange [Microsoft]	HP	Hewlett-Packard (Company)
ATZ	Attention Restore configuration profile from nonvolatile RAM (modem command)	DDR	Double Data Rate (double= speed of RAM)	HPFS	High-Performance File System (Windows NT)
Autoexec	Automatic Execution file (AUTOEXEC.BAT automatically executed on startup of DOS systems)	DDR-SDRAM	Double Data Rate-SDRAM	HPGL	Hewlett-Packard Graphics Language
AWK	(Unix language named after its authors... Al Aho, Peter Weinberger and Brian Kernighan)	DIMM	Dual Inline Memory Module	HPIB	Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus
B2B	Business to Business	DIN	Deutsche Industrie Norm (German equivalent of EIA)	HPLJ	Hewlett-Packard Laser Jet
BDSL	Broadband DSL	DIP	Dual In-line Package (e.g., DIP switches)	HSV	Hue Saturation Value (color model)
BEDO	Burst Extended Data Out (RAM)	DIR	Directory (file)	HTML	HyperText Markup Language
BIOS	Basic Input/Output System (system chips)	DLL	Dynamic Link Library	HTTP	HyperText Transport Protocol
BPS	Bits Per Second + Bytes Per Second	DMA	Direct Memory Access/Addressing	HTTP-NG	HTTP Next Generation
BsoD	Blue (or black) Screen of Death: Windows just died (again)	DNS	Domain Naming System (Internet address names)	HTTPS	HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure
CAD	Computer Aided Design	DOS	Disk Operating System	Hz	Hertz (frequency, per second)
CADD	Computer Aided Design and Drafting	DPI	Dots Per Inch	IDE	Integrated Development Environment [Borland] + Integrated Drive Electronics + Intelligent Drive Electronics
CC:	Carbon Copy (email usage)	DRAM	Dynamic Random Access Memory	IEEE 1394	Firewire (faster serial port than USB)
CCITT	Comite Consultatif International Telegraphique et Telephonique/ Consultative Committee for International Telegraph and Telephone	DSL	Digital Subscriber Line: fast Internet connection over existing phone lines	IMAP	Internet Message Access Protocol [Internet; a step up from POP]
CD	Change Directory (UNIX/DOS)	DSTN	Double Supertwisted Nematic (LCD screen type)	IMHO	(in my humble opinion; email)
CD-R	Compact Disk - Recordable	DTMF	Dual Tone Multiple Frequency (phone tones)	I/O	Input/Output (serial and parallel ports)
CDOR/W	Compact Disk - Rewritable	DUN	Dial-Up Networking (Microsoft)	IP	Internet Protocol (as in TCP/IP)
CD-ROM	Compact Disk - Read Only Memory	DVD	Digital Video Disk; Digital Versatile Disk; 4.7 GB CD format	IPX	Internetwork Packet Exchange [Novell]
CD-WO	Compact Disk - Write Once	EBCDIC	Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code [IBM] (is to ASCII as Sanskrit is to English)	IR	Infrared
CD-XA	Compact Disk - Extended Architecture	ECC	Error Check Code + Error Checking and Correction + Error Correction Code	IrDA	Infrared Data Association (Ir port standard)
CDMA	Code-Division Multiple Access (wireless/cellphone protocol)	ECP	Enhanced Capabilities Port [Microsoft]	IRQ	Interrupt Request (PC hardware signal)
CDPD	Cellular Digital Packet Data (wireless protocol)	EDO	Extended Data Out (RAM)	ISA	Industry Standard Architecture
CERN	The European Particle Physics Laboratory (initials originally from Conseil European pour la Recherche Nucleaire)	EEPROM	Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory	ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network (digital phone line)
CERT	Computer Emergency Response Team	EIDE	Enhanced Integrated Drive Electronics (hard drive interface)	ISP	Internet Service Provider
CGI-BIN	Common Gateway Interface - Binary (programming for Web forms)	EISA	Extended Industry Standard Architecture (PC bus design)	IT	Information Technology
CIS	CompuServe Information Service	EMACS	Editing Macros [Unix editor]	I-WAY	Information Highway
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor (type of nonvolatile memory chip) + PC configuration stored on CMOS	EOF	End of File (^ Z character)	JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group
CMYK	Cyan-Magenta-Yellow-Black (color model)	EPP	Enhanced Parallel Port	KB	Keyboard + Kilobyte (1,024 bytes; also kB)
COAX	Coaxial Cable (for Ethernet and similar networks)	EPROM	Electrically Programmable Read Only Memory + Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory	kHz	Kilohertz
COM1	First serial Port (asynchronous port)	ESDI	Enhanced Small Device Interface	LAN	Local Area Network
COM2	Second serial Port	EWAN	Emulator Without A Good Name [Internet]	LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
COMDEX	Computer Dealers Exposition (biggest yearly U.S. computer show)	FAQ	Frequently Asked Question	LED	Light Emitting Diode
		FAT	File Allocation Table	LF	Line Feed
		FDC	Floppy Disk Controller	LIF	Low Insertion Force
		FDISK	Fixed Disk (DOS utility)	LINUX	(Free-Source version of UNIX Operating system named after Linus Torvalds)
		FIFO	First-In, First-Out	listserv	List Server [Internet]
				LPI	Lines Per Inch
				LPT	Line Printer
				LPT1	First Parallel Printer Port
				LPT2	Second Parallel Printer Port
				LQ	Letter Quality
				LSI	Large Scale Integration
				LZW	Lempel-Ziv-Walsh (algorithm)
				MB	Megabyte (also mB; 1,000 kilobytes)
				MBASIC	Microsoft BASIC [Microsoft]
				MBps	Megabytes Per Second
				Mbps	Megabits Per Second

MD	Make Directory (DOS/Unix)	SDRAM	Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory	.BAS	Basic Language
MEG	Megabyte	SGML	Standard Generalized Markup Language	.BAT	Batch Processing
MFS	Macintosh File System [Macintosh]	SGRAM	Synchronous Graphics RAM	.BIN	Binary
MHz	Megahertz (million cycles per second)	SIMM	Single In-line Memory Module	.BMP	Bitmap Picture
MIDI	Musical Instrument Digital Interface	SIPP	Single In-line Pin Package	.CFG	Configuration
MIME	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension [email attachment protocol]	SLIP	Serial Line Interface Protocol	.CGM	Computer Graphics Metafile +
MIPS	Million Instructions Per Second	SLIP	Serial Line Interface Protocol	.CHK	CHKDSK
MMX	Multimedia Extensions (additional CPU instructions)	S-MIME	Secure MIME	.COM	Command
MODEM	Modulator Demodulator	SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (basic email protocol)	.DAT	Data
MPC	Multimedia Personal Computer (Microsoft)	SNOBOL	String Oriented Symbolic Language (Programming Language)	.DIC	Dictionary
MPEG	Moving Picture Experts Group	SO-DIMM	Small Outline DIMM	.DOC	Document + Documentation (file name extensions)
MSCDEX	Microsoft Compact Disc Extension	SRAM	Static Random Access Memory	.DRV	Device Driver (Also see .DVR)
MS-DOS	Microsoft - Disk Operating System	SSL	Secure Sockets Layer	.EPS	Encapsulated PostScript
MSG	Message	SVG	Super Video Graphics Array	.HLP	Help
MSIE	Microsoft Internet Explorer [Microsoft]	SVGA	Super Video Graphics Array	.HQX	BinHexed [Macintosh]
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failures	SYSOP	System Operator	.ICO	Icon
NCSA	National Center for Supercomputing Applications	TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol	.IDX	Index
NICAD	Nickel Cadmium	TDMA	Tone-Division Multiple Access wireless/cellphone protocol	.INI	Initialize
NIMH	Nickel-Metal Hydride	TEMP	Temporary	.JPG	Joint Photographic Experts Group (compressed graphics format)
NNTP	Network News Transfer Protocol [Internet]	Thomas	The (U.S.) House (of Representatives) Open	.ME	Usually Read.ME
NSFNET	National Science Foundation Network	TIFF	Tagged Image File Format	.MP3	MPEG 3 compressed audio
OCX	OLE Custom Control	TMP	Temporary	.NDX	Index
OLE	Object Linking and Embedding [Microsoft]	TWAIN	Technology Without Any Interesting Name (connection between application and scanner software)	.OLD	Old version
PBSRAM	Pipeline Burst RAM	UAE	Unrecoverable Application Error	.OVL	Program Overlay
PC-DOS	Personal Computer - Disk Operating System [IBM]	UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter	.OVR	Program Overlay
PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect/Interface (PC Bus)	UDMA	Ultra Direct Memory Access	.PAS	PASCAL source code
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association	UMB	Upper Memory Block [LIM/AST]	.PCT	Picture
PD	Public Domain	UNIX	(AT&T Bell Laboratories Operating System)	.PCX	Picture Image
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant	UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply	.PDF	Portable Document Format (Adobe Acrobat) + Printer Description [Borland, Lotus]
PGP	Pretty Good Privacy (name of encryption program)	USB	Universal Serial Bus serial port standard	.PFM	Printer Font Metrics [Windows]
PIM	Personal Information Manager	USENET	User's Network [Internet]	.RTF	Rich Text Format
PING	Packet Internet Groper	UUCP	Unix-To-Unix Copy Program	.SCR	Script
PIXEL	Picture Element	UXGA	Ultra XGA; see XGA; 1600x1200 pixels	.SEA	Self Extracting Archive [Macintosh]
POP	Post Office Protocol (protocol for distributing email)	VAX/VMS	Virtual Address Extension/Virtual Memory System [DEC]	.STY	Style [Ventura, Word, WordPerfect]
Popmail	email via POP	VDT	Video Dial Tone + Video Display Terminal	.SYS	System Configuration +
PPM	Pages Per Minute	VFAT	Virtual File Allocation Table [Microsoft]	.tar	Tape Archive (archived file name extension) [Unix]
PRN	Printer	VGA	Video Graphics Array: IBM/Windows 640x480 color graphics display standard	.tar.Z	Compressed Archived files [Unix]
PRTSC	Print Screen	VRAM	Video Random Access Memory	.TIF	Tagged Image File (filename extension)
RAM	Random Access Memory	VxD	Virtual Extended Driver [Microsoft]	.TMP	Temporary
RDRAM	Rambus Dynamic Random Access Memory	WAIS	Wide Area Information Server	.TTF	TrueType Font
RGB	Red-Green-Blue (color model)	WFW	Windows For Workgroups [Microsoft]	.UUE	UUEncoding [Unix]
REM	Remark (comment)	Winword	Word For Windows [Microsoft]	.VXD	Virtual device Driver (Windows)
RISC	Reduced Instruction Set Computer	WORM	Write Once, Read Many	.WAV	Waveform Audio
RJ-11	Standard U.S. phone connector	WP	WordPerfect + Word Processing + Write Protected	.WMF	Windows Metafile Format [Microsoft]
RJ-45	Standard Ethernet connector	WPM	Words Per Minute	.WPG	WordPerfect Graphics
RAID	Redundant Arrays of Independent Disks + Redundant Arrays of Independent Drives + Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks	WRAM	Windows RAM (graphics card)	.WRI	Write
RIMM	Rambus Inline Memory Module	WS	WordStar + Workstation	.z	Packed file (file name extension - using Pack/Unpack program) lower case z..[Unix]
RLL	Run Length Limited (encoding scheme for hard disks)	WYSIWYG	What You See Is What You Get Extended Graphics Array [IBM]: generically, 1024x768 color standard	.Z	Compressed file (file name extension - using Compress/Uncompress program)..upper case Z..[Unix]
RLSI	Ridiculously Large-Scale Integration	XGA	Extended Graphics Array [IBM]: generically, 1024x768 color standard	.ZIP	Compressed File [PKWare]
RMA	Return Material Authorization + Return to Manufacturer Authorization	ZIF	Zero-Insertion Force (socket)	.SSS	Temporary File
RMDIR	Remove Directory (DOS/Unix)	.*	Star-Dot-Star (represents any file name, any file name extension)		
RN	Read News [Internet]	.ARC	Archive (file name extension)		
ROM	Read Only Memory (chip)	.ARJ	Compressed File (file name extension) [Jung]		
ROTFL	(rolling on the floor laughing; email)	.ASC	ASCII text (file name extension)		
SCSI	Small Computer System Interface (for hard drives, scanners, etc.)	.ASP	Active Server Page (Microsoft)		
		.ASM	Assembler Source Language		
		.BAK	Backup		

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