

Term	Definition	Example
BBS	Bulletin Board System. Often refers to communication systems that existed between the 1970s and 1990s that required users to directly connect to the communication system with their modem.	The homepage of one of the earliest BBSes (The Well--from "Whole Earth 'Lectronic Link," a spinoff of the Whole Earth Catalog): <a href="http://www.well.com/">http://www.well.com/</a>
blog	A "web blog" is a website used as a journal, can be personal or professional in nature.	The Official Goggle Blog: <a href="http://googleblog.blogspot.com/">http://googleblog.blogspot.com/</a>
chatroom	An online location where individuals can come together to have text-based chat discussions that occur in real-time	Yahoo! Chat Rooms : <a href="http://chat.yahoo.com">http://chat.yahoo.com</a>
cloud computing	Distant storage or data management servers typically owned and operated by a third party	Google Docs; DropBox
cookie	A text file placed on user's computer by a website or web server. Often used for keep track of individuals as they navigate a site, and more broadly the web.	Mozilla's Definition and Examples of Cookies: <a href="http://support.mozilla.com/en-US/kb/Cookies">http://support.mozilla.com/en-US/kb/Cookies</a>
Creative Commons	A copyright licensing schema that provides users different choices about the way in which the licensed material can be used.	The Creative Common's License Generator: <a href="http://creativecommons.org/choose/">http://creativecommons.org/choose/</a>
CUSeeMe	An early online video conferencing software tool.	Screen capture of CUSeeMe Software, hosted by Wikipedia: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:CU-Schools.GIF">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:CU-Schools.GIF</a>
Distributed Denial-of-Service Attack	A means of attacking a website by overloading it with hundreds of requests at a time. Often abbreviated as DDOS.	The Computer Emergency Response Team's (CERT) examples of how a DDOS attack works: <a href="http://www.cert.org/homeusers/ddos.html">http://www.cert.org/homeusers/ddos.html</a>
encryption software	A piece of software that is used to obfuscate information to all of those who do not have the means to decrypt the information.	PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) is an example of encryption software: <a href="http://www.pgp.com/">http://www.pgp.com/</a>
Facebook	A popular online social networking site, designed originally to mimic a school yearbook.	<a href="http://www.facebook.com">http://www.facebook.com</a>
Flickr	A social networking site built around sharing photographs.	<a href="http://www.flickr.com">http://www.flickr.com</a>
folksonomies	A classification and/or tagging system that is defined by a specific community.	The tags and tagging system used at sites such as <a href="http://delicious.com/">http://delicious.com/</a> are folksonomies.
Hacking	The unauthorized access, use, or manipulation of computing resources.	Wired Article on "Internet Hacking for Dummies": <a href="http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/1998/02/10459">http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/1998/02/10459</a>
hyper-blogging	Rapid posting of blog entries, usually with relatively short entries, often consisting one or two sentences.	The Twitter platform is often considered an example of a hyperblog: <a href="http://www.twitter.com">http://www.twitter.com</a>
iChat	Mac based software that provides instant messaging and video chat capabilities.	The iChat homepage is located at: <a href="http://www.apple.com/macosx/what-is-macosx/ichat.html">http://www.apple.com/macosx/what-is-macosx/ichat.html</a>

ICQ	A software program used for instant messaging.	The ICQ homepage: <a href="http://www.icq.com/en.html">http://www.icq.com/en.html</a>
IM	Short for "Instant Messaging"	An example of an IM conversation, hosted by Wikipedia: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pidgin_Screenshot_Ubuntu.png">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pidgin_Screenshot_Ubuntu.png</a>
IP Address	A numeric address assigned to every computer that connects to a network, or more commonly, the Internet.	Examples and further explanation of IP Addresses: <a href="http://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet/basics/question549.htm">http://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet/basics/question549.htm</a>
IRC	Internet Relay Chat, a protocol used for hosting and participating in chat rooms	The homepage of the largest IRC site: <a href="http://www.efnet.org/">http://www.efnet.org/</a>
knowledge re-use database	A database consisting of research datasets or results, designed to emphasize the re-use of those data.	ICPSR: <a href="http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/">http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/</a> , UK Data Archive: <a href="http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/">http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/</a>
LambdaMoo	A specific text based online community.	The LambdaMoo Homepage: <a href="http://lambdamoo.info/">http://lambdamoo.info/</a>
listserv	An electronic mailing list or discussion group, where messages are sent via e-mail. Though the name LISTSERV is actually a software package for managing these lists, the name has been co-opted.	The LISTSERV software homepage: <a href="http://www.lsoft.com/products/listserv.asp">http://www.lsoft.com/products/listserv.asp</a>
Livejournal	A blog hosting site that hosts both individual and community blogs.	<a href="http://www.livejournal.com">http://www.livejournal.com</a>
lurking	A behavior specific to online communities, wherein an individual remains silent, observes, and does not participate in the community. Phrase "lurker" can also be used to describe the individual who does this.	A discussion of the ethics of lurking (along with examples) can be found in this article by Dr. Ronald Kizior: <a href="http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/law/st_org/ipdf/commentary/content/1999060506.html">http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/law/st_org/ipdf/commentary/content/1999060506.html</a>
malware	A generic term for software designed to harm, spy on, or otherwise negatively affect a user's computer, often without the user's knowledge. The term encompasses viruses, trojan horses, worms, spyware, and other malicious programs.	See <a href="http://malware.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page">http://malware.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page</a>
MMORPG	An acronym for "Massively MultiPlayer Online Role Playing Game". These types of games often involve hundreds of players participating in virtual worlds.	The "World of Warcraft" is a popular MMORPG.
MOO	A text based online virtual environment, often used for text based gaming in real time.	A list of active MOOs: <a href="http://www.lsoft.com/products/listserv.asp">http://www.lsoft.com/products/listserv.asp</a>
MUD	Short for "Multi-User Dungeon", a MUD is a text based online virtual environment, often used for gaming in real time.	A list of active MUDs: <a href="http://www.mudconnect.com/">http://www.mudconnect.com/</a>
MySpace	A popular social networking site.	<a href="http://www.myspace.com">http://www.myspace.com</a>
newsgroups	A bulletin board type system for posting messages and content; most often refers to the USENET newsgroups.	The Master List of Newsgroup Hierarchies Homepage: <a href="http://web.archive.org/web/20060428060056/www.magma.ca/~leisen/mlnh/mlnhntables.html">http://web.archive.org/web/20060428060056/www.magma.ca/~leisen/mlnh/mlnhntables.html</a>

online character	An online persona used by an individual.	A tutorial on how to create a (fantasy) online character: <a href="http://www.ehow.com/how_4540206_create-fantasy-character-online.html">http://www.ehow.com/how_4540206_create-fantasy-character-online.html</a>
online survey	Any tool used to collect responses to survey questions via the Internet.	SurveyMonkey, a common site used for conducting online surveys: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/">http://www.surveymonkey.com/</a>
Phishing	A type of fraud that involves attempting to obtain sensitive user information (usernames, passwords, etc) through deceptive means, such as fake websites.	Microsoft's Explanation of Phishing: <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/protect/fraud/phishing/symptoms.aspx">https://www.microsoft.com/protect/fraud/phishing/symptoms.aspx</a>
Ping	A command used to send a packet of data to an IP address to see if it is reachable from a networked computer. (from the audible sound of submarine sonar)	Wikipedia's example of the results of a ping command: <a href="https://secure.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/wiki/Ping#Sample_ping_test">https://secure.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/wiki/Ping#Sample_ping_test</a>
Second Life	An online virtual environment, run by LindenLabs.	The Second Life homepage, which includes screenshots of the virtual environment can be found at: <a href="http://www.secondlife.com">http://www.secondlife.com</a>
secure website	A site that uses the Secure HyperText Transfer Protocol (https)	An example of a secure website: <a href="https://www.google.com">https://www.google.com</a>
Social Engineering	The act of trying to obtain potentially information from individuals under false pretenses using person to person contact.	Symantec's explanation of common approaches taken in social engineering: <a href="http://www.symantec.com/connect/articles/social-engineering-fundamentals-part-i-hacker-tactics">http://www.symantec.com/connect/articles/social-engineering-fundamentals-part-i-hacker-tactics</a>
social networking site	A site designed to encourage social interaction among its users.	Facebook is an example of a popular social networking site: <a href="http://www.facebook.com">http://www.facebook.com</a>
Spam	Unwanted e-mail, usually commercial in nature.	The Federal Trade Commission's "Can-SPAM Act" Compliance Guide: <a href="http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus61-can-spam-act-Compliance-Guide-for-Business">http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus61-can-spam-act-Compliance-Guide-for-Business</a>
Spyware	Software that sits on a user's computer and collects data about the user without their knowledge or consent.	HowStuffWorks explanation of how Spyware works: <a href="http://computer.howstuffworks.com/spyware.htm">http://computer.howstuffworks.com/spyware.htm</a>
trolling	An action designed to provoke a response or create discord among a site's users.	Time Magazine's examples of trolls and trolling: <a href="http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1570701,00.html">http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1570701,00.html</a>
Tumblr	A blog hosting site that emphasizes the sharing of multimedia content	<a href="http://www.tumblr.com">http://www.tumblr.com</a>
Turk	A crowd sourced work or research model, made popular by the Amazon Mechanical Turk.	<a href="https://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome">https://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome</a>
tweet	A term for a single post on Twitter.	An example of a "tweet" from the NASA Twitter page can be found at: <a href="http://twitter.com/NASA/status/20146648791">http://twitter.com/NASA/status/20146648791</a>
Twitter	A blogging site that limits messages to 140 characters.	<a href="http://www.twitter.com">http://www.twitter.com</a>

Usenet	A popular bulletin board system that allows individuals to post messages and content.	Searchable archive of more than 700 million Usenet postings from a period of more than 20 years. <a href="http://groups.google.com/">http://groups.google.com/</a>
virtual community	A group of individuals networked together through association through a virtual environment, homepage, or other internet medium.	Digg is an example of an online community centered around news: <a href="http://www.digg.com">http://www.digg.com</a>
Virus	A piece of code that is capable of replicating itself. Generally, these programs are malicious.	HowStuffWorks explanation of how Viruses work: <a href="http://www.howstuffworks.com/virus.htm">http://www.howstuffworks.com/virus.htm</a>
wiki	A collaborative portal that allows users to post and edit the content of the web pages found on the portal. Pages on the portal are often highly interconnected to other information in the portal as well as to other external links.	Wikipedia is a popular wiki: <a href="http://www.wikipedia.org">http://www.wikipedia.org</a>
WIPO Copyright treaty	The "World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty", an international copyright agreement.	The text of the WIPO treaty; <a href="http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/ip/wct/trtdocs_wo033.html">http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/ip/wct/trtdocs_wo033.html</a>
Wordpress	A blogging tool and online publishing platform.	<a href="http://www.wordpress.com">http://www.wordpress.com</a>
World of Warcraft	A popular massive multiplayer online role playing game centered around completing tasks within the fantasy world.	The World of Warcraft homepage, which includes screenshots of the virtual environment can be found at: <a href="http://www.worldofwarcraft.com/index.xml">http://www.worldofwarcraft.com/index.xml</a>
worm	A computer program designed to propagate itself on multiple computers, via the internet. May cause problems due to consumption of network resources.	See <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_worm">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_worm</a> for a discussion of the first well-known computer worm
Youtube	A large video sharing website on the Internet, owned by Google.	<a href="http://www.youtube.com">http://www.youtube.com</a>