

Common Technology Acronyms



On a day-to-day basis, we encounter acronyms to do with technology all of the time. Whether it be when reading an article on a web page or in an email message, on TV or on the Radio. We might know what some of them mean, but it is unlikely that we know all of the meanings. So, to help, following is a list of some of the most common acronyms and what they stand for as well as a few others that are not so common.

AI: Artificial Intelligence

AR: Augmented Reality

ASCII: American Standard Code for Information Interchange

BIOS: Basic Input/Output System

CD: Compact Disk

CPU: Central Processing Unit

DAB: Digital Audio Broadcasting

DVD: Digital Versatile Disk

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

FTP: File Transfer Protocol

GPS: Global Positioning System

GUI: Graphical User Interface

HDMI: High Definition Multimedia Interface

HTML: Hyper Text Mark-up Language

HTTP: Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

IBM: International Business Machine

IMAP: Internet Message Access Protocol

ISP: Internet Service Provider

JPEG: Joint Photographic Experts Group

LAN: Local Area Network

LCD: Liquid Crystal Display

LED: Light Emitting Diode

LTE: Long Term Evolution

Modem: Modulator-Demodulator

OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer

OS: Operating System

PC: Personal Computer

PDF: Portable Document Format

POP: Post Office Protocol

QR Code: Quick Response Code

RAM: Random Access Memory

ROM: Read Only Memory

RSS: Really Simple Syndication

SIM: Subscriber Identity Module

SMTP: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

SSD: Solid State Drive

TFT: Thin Film Transistor

URL: Uniform Resource Locator

USB: Universal Serial Bus

VDU: Video Display Unit

WAN: Wide Area Network

Wi-Fi: Wireless Fidelity

WYSIWYG: What You See Is What You Get

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