

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
404 error	A screen that opens if you try to go to a webpage that doesn't exist. "404 error" means "page/site/file not found".
Account	The way an Internet user interacts with materials on different sites. Creating an account means settings, favorited items, posts, and details are stored and saved so it looks the same each time you visit the site.
Application	Shortened to <i>apps</i> ; also called <i>programs</i> . Tools used to complete specific tasks or access different types of information.
Bluetooth	Technology that enables the short-range exchange of data between devices that are near each other.
Bookmark	A link to a website or webpage that is saved so that you can view it again easily later.
Browser	An application used to access and view websites. Popular examples include Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Yahoo!, and Microsoft Edge.
Cache	Hardware or software that is used to store something, usually data, temporarily in a computing environment.
Carousel	A set of images or graphics on a website which, when formatted, showcases each of the photos on the website or webpage.
Click	How to interact with a device when using a mouse. Left-clicking completes actions. Right-clicking opens settings and more options.
Clickbait	The intentional act of over-promising or otherwise misrepresenting an article, story, or headline.
Cloud	Where we store and access data and programs over the Internet instead of your computer's hard drive.
Cookies	Cookies are text files with small pieces of data — like a username and password — that are used to identify your computer while connected to a network.
Crowdfunding	Term for funding a project or venture by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically over the internet.
Cursor	Highlighted, bright, or blinking line or icon that shows where the next character will appear. See pointer .
Default	A "factory setting" for any given option in a software program or operating system.
Desktop	The "home screen" on your computer. This is what you see when you first log on to your computer, laptop, or tablet.
Direct message	Almost always shortened to DM . Private form of communication between social media users that is only visible to the sender and recipient(s).

Technology Dictionary

Domain	A domain is a network of computers and devices that are controlled by one set authority and that have specific guidelines.
Double-click	To press the left button on a mouse twice in quick succession to select a file, program, or function.
Download	To copy data or files from one device to another, typically over the internet.
Dox (to dox; doxing)	To search for and publish private or identifying information about (a particular individual) on the internet, typically with malicious intent.
Drag	Left-click and without releasing, move the icon or folder to another place on the computer by letting go of the left mouse button.
E-mail	Short for <i>electronic mail</i> . These are private messages sent and received over a computer network. See e-mail address .
E-mail address	The "digital address" where people can send you e-mail on the internet. Often simply referred to as your <i>e-mail</i> .
Embed	Using computer code to place a link or file on a Web site or blog. When something is embedded, a user can interact with the item without leaving their current page.
Emoji	Small images, symbols, or icons used in text fields in electronic communication (as in text messages, email, and social media) to express emotions, convey ideas quickly, or communicate playfully.
Ethernet	A networking technology that lets nearby computers communicate over a cable to form a local area network, using an <i>Ethernet cable</i> .
Extensions	Also called <i>add-ons</i> . Modifications that can be added to a browser or account that make changes to the way information is presented.
File	A piece of computer information, like a document, spreadsheet, or video, that is saved on your device.
File Explorer	Directory that includes all files and folders on a single device.
Firewall	Part of a computer system or network which is designed to block unauthorized access while permitting outward communication.
Flash drive	Also called: <i>pendrive</i> , <i>thumbdrive</i> , <i>jump drive</i> , or <i>USB drive</i> . It is a data storage device that includes flash memory. It is typically removable, rewritable, and portable. See USB .
Folder	Where files, like documents or videos, are stored on a device.
Font	The size and style of letters in a document or on a site.
Formatting	Refers to the way a document is laid out, and the various changes that can be made to it.
Hard drive	A piece of hardware used to store digital content and data on computers.

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Hardware	The physical parts of a computer, such as the monitor, mouse, keyboard, etc. Hardware is the tangible objects that make up a device.
Hashtag	A word or phrase preceded by a hash sign (#), used on social media websites and applications, to identify digital content on a specific topic. Examples: #MyKCPL, #DogsOfInstagram
Highlight	A particular block of text or object(s) have been selected with the mouse or keyboard. Highlighted items are shown with a different-colored background.
Home screen	The interface displayed by default by an electronic device (such as a smartphone or computer) that provides quick access to commonly used functions, settings, etc.
Homepage	The introductory page of a website, typically serving as a table of contents for the site. Also can be a webpage set as the default or start-up page on a browser.
Hotspot	Physical places where users can wirelessly connect their mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, to the Internet. See mobile hotspot .
Hover	To position a computer cursor over something like an image or icon without selecting it.
Icon	A small graphical representation of a program or file.
Internet	The vast network that connects computers all over the world.
Internet Service Provider (ISP)	A company that provides subscribers with access to the internet.
IP address	A unique numerical address that identifies a device on the internet or a local network.
Link	Short for <i>hyperlink</i> . A word or string of text that allows you to "jump" to a new location.
Login	A set of credentials used to authenticate a user. Most often, these consist of a username and password , but may also include a two-factor authentication key, PIN, or other secret information.
Malware	Shortened from the term <i>malicious software</i> . Intrusive software that is designed to damage and destroy computers and computer systems.
Meme	An image, text or video - anything that can be copied and modified by people who add their own twist to the content. They gain popularity on social media sites where they can be spread to wide audiences.
Menu	A list of operations available to the user of a program.
Mobile hotspot	A hotspot that can be created using your smartphone's data connection to connect your device to the Internet.

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Modem	The piece of hardware that allows computer to connect to the internet.
Netiquette	The correct or acceptable way of communicating on the internet.
Network	A collection of computers that are connected.
Operating system (OS)	A specific type of software on a device that controls the hardware and makes it possible to run other types of software.
Password	The secret combination that you can associate with accounts or device. They can also be used to access information stored on a computer or computer network. Often paired with a username which, when combined, create your unique login for an account .
Paywall	An arrangement where access is restricted only to users who have paid a subscription fee to the site to view content.
Phishing	A type of social engineering attack often used to steal user data, including things like login credentials and credit card numbers.
Pointer	The symbols that appear on the computer screen that indicate your movement of the mouse. See cursor .
Post	To publish or share text, video, song or other files on social media. Different sites use different words for this action, including tweet(ing) , reblog(ging) , or share (sharing).
Ribbon	A graphical control element in the form of a set of toolbars placed on several tabs.
Right-click	To press and release the right button on the mouse. Usually pulls up shortcut menu options for the program upon which you've clicked.
Router	A device that plugs into a cable or phone line and broadcasts the digital signal wirelessly. This device is what make WiFi possible.
Scroll	Control which portion of the document is visible in the window; available either horizontally or vertically or both.
Scroll wheel	The center wheel/button on a mouse that performs a range of special page movement functions.
Search engine	Software program that helps people find the information they are looking for online using keywords or phrases.
Search Engine Optimization (SEO)	The process of improving the quality and quantity of website traffic to a website or a web page from search engines through targeted marketing.
Select	Left-clicking the mouse button to choose an item, icon, or file on your device to complete an action, such as opening a file, playing a song, or logging into an account.

Technology Dictionary

Social media	Technology that facilitates the sharing of ideas, thoughts, and information through the building of virtual networks and communities. Popular social media sites include: Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter.
Software	instructions and directions that tells a computer what to do or how to perform a task. Software includes all different programs on a computer, such as applications and the operating system.
Spam	Any kind of unwanted, unsolicited digital communication that gets sent out in bulk.
Toolbar	Part of a window, often a bar across the top, that contains buttons that execute commands when you click them.
Troll	A member of an Internet community who posts offensive, divisive and controversial comments.
Two-factor authentication	Often shortened to 2FA . A security system that requires two separate, distinct forms of identification in order to access something. The first factor is a password and the second commonly includes a text with a code sent to your phone or email.
Uniform Resource Locator (URL)	A unique identifier used to locate a resource on the Internet. It is also referred to as a web address.
Upload	To transfer something, such as data or files from one device to the memory of another device, especially via the Internet.
USB	Shortened from <i>Universal Serial Bus</i> . A standardized technology that can attach in the ports (the "holes") on a device. See flash drive .
Username	A name that uniquely identifies someone on a computer system. Often paired with a password which, when combined, create your unique login for an account .
VPN	Acronym for " <i>virtual private network</i> ". An encrypted connection over the Internet from a device to a network.
Webpage	Like the page of a book, a webpage is part of a website, where information is stored and displayed.
Website	Often shortened to <i>site</i> . A location connected to the Internet that maintains one or more pages on the World Wide Web.
Wi-Fi	Technology that allows computers and other devices to communicate over a wireless signal.
Window	The "box" or portal that opens on the desktop when you double-click on an application. It is the way you interact with the application.