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This "Help file" is a semi-comprehensive list of computer and computerrelated acronyms. This fourth version contains approximately 1,550 acronyms. This list will be updated quarterly with new and newlydiscovered acronyms.

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The 114 Acronyms beginning with A

A Ampere

A/UX Apple UniX
AA Auto Answer

Add Accelerator

AACE Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education

AAL ATM Adaptation Layer

AARP AppleTalk Address Resolution Protocol

ABIOS Advanced BIOS
ABP Alternate BiPolar
AC Alternating Current

ACD Automatic Call Distribution

ACDI Asynchronous Communication Device Interface

ACH Automated Clearing House

ACI AutoCad Color Index

ACID Atomic, Consistent, Isolated, Durable

ACK ACKnowledgement
ACL Access Control List

ACM Association of Computing Machinery

Audio Compression Manager

ACS Asynchronous Communication Server

ACTLU ACTivate Logical Unit
ACTPU ACTivate Physical Unit

ACTS Advanced Communications Technology Satellite

ACTT Advanced Communications and Timekeeping Technology

ACU Access Control Units

AD Administrative Domain

ADC Analog-Digital Computer

ADF Automatically Deferred Function

ADPCM Adaptive Differential Pulse-Code Modulation

ADSP AppleTalk Data Stream Protocol

ADSS Apple Data Stream Protocol

AE American Express

AEIC Academic Exchange Information Center

AEP AppleTalk Echo Protocol

AFI Authority and Format Indicator

AFM Added Font Metrics
AFP Apple Filing Protocol

AFRP Arcnet Fragmentation Protocol

AFS Andrew File System
AG Address Generation

AGEX Address Generation/Execute Cycle

AGS Asynchronous Gateway Server

AGU Address Generation Units

Al Artificial Intelligence

AIP ATM Interface Processor

AIR Apple Internet Router

AIX Advanced Interactive EXecutive

ALGOL ALGOrithmic Language

ALMS Appware Loadable ModuleS

ALR Advanced Logic Research

ALU Arithmetic Logic Unit

AM Active Monitor

AMD Advanced Micro Devices

AMI Alternate Mark Inversion
American Megatrends, Inc.

AMP Asymmetrical Multiprocessor Processing

Apple Management Protocol

AMPS Analog Mobile Phone Service

AMT Address Mapping Table

ANS Advanced Network & Services

Advanced Network System

ANSI American National Standards Institute

AO/S Agents Object System

AOCE Apple Open Collaboration Environment

AOL America OnLine

APA All Points Addressable

APCUG Association of PC Users Groups

APD Async Professional for Delphi

API Application Programming Interface

APIC Advanced Programmatic Interface Controller

APL A Programming Language

APM Advanced Power Management

APPC Advanced Program-to-Program Communications

APPN Advanced Peer-to-Peer Networking

ARA Apple Remote Access

ARAP AppleTalk Remote Access Protocol

ARCNET Attached Resource Computer NETwork

ARE All Routes Explorer

argc argument count

ARI Address Recognized Indicator Bit

ARIES ATM Research & Industrial Enterprise Study

ARM Asynchronous Response Mode

ARP Address Resolution Protocol

ARPA Advanced Research Projects Agency

ARPANET Advanced Research Projects Agency NETwork

ARS Automatic Route Selection

AS Autonomous System

ASAD Association of Software Authors and Distributors

ASC Advanced Software Concepts

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

ASI Adapter Support Interface

ASIC Application-Specific Integrated Circuit

asm assembler

ASN.1 Abstract Syntax Notation 1

ASP Association of Shareware Professionals

Association of Shareware Programmers

AppleTalk Session Protocol

ASPI Advanced SCSI Programming Interface

ASSET Asset Source for Software Engineering Technology

AST Automatic Scheduled Testing

ASTRAL Alliance for Strategic Token Ring Advancement and Leadership

AT Advanced Technology

AT&T American Telephone & Telegraph

ATDT ATtention Dial Tone

ATM Asynchronous Transfer Mode

Adobe Type Manager

ATOB ASCII TO Binary

ATP AppleTalk Transaction Protocol

ATT Automatic Toll Ticketing

ATU Address Translation Unit

AUC Author Upload Center

AUI Attachment Unit Interface

AUP Acceptable Use Policy

AURP Apple Update Routing Protocol

AVI Audio Video Interleave

AWG American Wire Gauge

AWK **A**no, **W**einberger and **K**ernighan

The 53 Acronyms beginning with B

B-ISDN Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network

B8ZS Bipolar with 8 Zero Substitution

BAPI Bridge Application Program Interface

BASH Bourne Again SHell

BASIC Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code

BASM Built-in ASseMbler

Borland ASseMbler

BB **B**ye **B**ye

BBS Bulletin Board System

Bulletin Board Service

BC Block Check

bcc blind carbon copy

BCD Binary Coded Decimal

BCS Business Communication Services

BDE Borland Database Engine

BDOS Basic Disk Operating System

BER Basic Encoding Rules

BERs Basic Encoding Rules

BEV Blacksburg Electronic Village

bg **b**ack**g**round

BGP Border Gateway Protocol

BHA ButtHead Astronomer

BIC Borland International Conference

BIND Berkeley Internet Name Domain

BIOS Basic Input/Output System

BIPS Billion Instructions Per Second

BITNET Because Its Time NETwork

BIU Basic Information Unit

BIV Built-In Video

BIX Byte Information EXchange

BLOB Binary Large OBject

BMUG Berkeley Macintosh Users Group

BOC Bell Operating Company

BOF Beginning Of File

Birds Of a Feather

BOND Bandwidth ON Demand

BOOTP BOOTstrap Protocol

BP7 Borland Pascal 7

BPDU Bridge Protocol Data Unit

BPR Business Process Re-engineering

bps bits per second

BPV **BiP**olar **V**iolations

BRB **B**e **R**ight **B**ack

BRI Basic Rate Interface

BRS Bibliographic Retrieval Service

BSC Binary Synchronous Communication

BSD Berkeley Software Division

BSS Binary Segment Size
BTB Branch Target Buffer

BTL Bell Telephone Labs

BTU Basic Transmission Unit

BTW **B**y **T**he **W**ay

BVD Battery Voltage Detect

BVSP Borland Visual Solutions Pack

The 140 Acronyms beginning with C

CAD Computer-Aided Design

CADD Computer-Aided Design and Drafting
CADE Computer-Aided Document Engineering

CAI Computer-Aided Engineering
CAI Computer-Aided Instruction

CALS Computer-aided Acquisition and Logistic Support

Continuous Acquisition and Lifecycle Support

CAM Computer-Aided Manufacturing

Common Access Method

CAN Campus Area Network

CARL Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries
CAS Communications Application Specification

CASE Computer-Aided Systems Engineering

Computer-Aided Software Engineering

CAT Computerized Axial Tomography

Computer Adaptive Testing

CATV CAble TeleVision

CAVE Cave Automatic Virtual Environment

CB Create Button

Citizen's Band

CBB Change Button Binding

CBE Computer-Based Education

CBET Computer Based Education and Training

CBF Code Behind Forms

CBIOS Compatibility BIOS

CBM Commodore Business Machines

CBT Computer-Based Training

CC Console Control

CCD Charge-Coupled Device

Charge-Coupled Diode

CCFT Cold Cathode Fluorescent Tube

CCIRN Coordinating Committee for Intercontinental Research Networks

CCIS Common Channel Interoffice Signaling

CCITT Comite Consultatif International

de Telegraphique et Telephonique

CCL Connection Control Language

CCR Commitment, Concurrency and Recovery

CCS Common Command Set

CCT CompuServe Communications Toolbox

CD Compact Disk

Change Directory
Carrier Detect

CD+G Compact Disc + Graphics
CD-DA Compact Disc Digital Audio
CD-I Compact Disk Interactive

CD-R Compact Disk Recordable

CD-ROM Compact Disk Read Only Memory

CD-XA Compact Disc Extended Architecture

CDDI Copper Distributed Data Interface
CDE Common Desktop Environment

Cdev Control Panel **DEV**ice
CDF Comma-**D**elimited **F**ile

CDFS Compact Disc File System
CDK Control Development Kit

Control Developers' Kit

CDMA Code Division Multiple Access
CDPU Cellular Digital Packet Data

CDR Constant Density Recording

CDRAM Cached Dynamic Random Access Memory

CDV Comma-Delimited Value

CE Customer Engineer

CENET Cornell Extension NETwork

CERT Computer Emergency Response Team

CES Consumer Electronics Show

CFR Computerized Facial Recognition

CFV Call For Votes

CGA Color Graphics Adapter

CGDA Computer Game Developers Association

CGI Common Gateway Interface

CGM Computer Graphics Metafile

CHAP Challenge Handshake Authorization Protocol

CI Component Interface

Check Item

CIB Change Item Binding

CICS Customer Information Communication System

CIE Commercial Internet Exchange

Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage

CIF Compiler Information File

CIM CompuServe Information Manager

CIR Committed Information Rate
CIS Card Information Structure

Compuserve Information Service

CISC Complex Instruction Set Computer

CIX Commercial Internet EXchange

CLASS Custom Local-Area Signaling Services

CLC Color Laser Copier
CLI Call-Level Interface

CLNS ConnectionLess Network Services

ConnectionLess-mode Network Services

CLOS Common LISP Object System

CLP Cell Loss Priority

CLTP ConnectionLess Transport Protocol

CMC Common Mail Call

Common Messaging Calls

Computer-Mediated Communication

CMIP Common Management Information Protocol

CMIS Common Management Information Services

CMOL CMIP On IEEE 802.2 Logical Link Control

CMOS Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor

CMOT Common Management Information Protocol Over TCP/IP

CMOV Conditional **MOV**e

CMS Conversational Monitor System

CMY Cyan Magenta Yellow

CMYK Cyan Magenta Yellow BlacK

CNDs Can Not Duplicates

CNI Coalition for Networked Information

CNIDR Clearinghouse for **N**etworked **I**nformation

Discovery and Retrieval

COA Change Of Address

COAM Customer Owned And Maintained

COBOL COmmon Business Oriented Language

CODASYL Conference On DAta SYstems and Languages

CODE Client/server Open Development Environment

CODEC COmpression DECompression

EnCOder and DECoder

COM Component Object Model

Common Object Model

CONS COnnection-mode Network Services

CORBA Common Object Request Broker Architecture

COS Corporation for Open Systems

CoSN Consortium for School Networking

CP/M Control Program for Microcomputers

CPE Customer Premises Equipment

Convergence Protocol Entity

cpi **c**haracters **p**er **i**nch

CPN Compuserve Packet Network

CPR Computerized Patient Records

cps characters per second

CPS Cycles Per Second

CPU Central Processing Unit

CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

Computer Records Center

CREN Corporation for Research and Networking

CRS Configuration Report Server

CRT Cathode Ray Tube

CS Clear to Send

CSD Computer Services Organization

CSLIP Compressed Serial Line Internet Protocol

CSMA/CD Carrier-Sense Multiple-Access/Collision-Detect(ion)

CSN Card-Select Number

CSNET Computer+Science NETwork

CSS Char Segment Size

CSTA Computer-Supported Telephony Applications

CSU Channel Service Unit

CSU/DSU Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit

Channel Service Unit/Digital Service Unit

CSV Comma-Separated Values

CT Copy Topic

CTB Communications ToolBox

CTERM Communications **TERM**inal Protocol

Command **TERM**inal Protocol

CTI Computer Telephone Integration

Computer/Telephony Interconnect

CTS Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Clear To Send

CUA Common User Access
CUI Common User Interface
CVF Compressed Volume File

CVRAM Cached Volatile Random Access Memory

CWIS Campus Wide Information System

The 128 Acronyms beginning with D

D-R Disconnect and Reconnect

DAA Data Access Arrangement

DAC Digital-to-Analog Controller

DAD Desktop Application Director

DAEMON Disk And Execution MONitor

DAL Data Access Language
DAO Data Access Objects
DAP Data Access Protocol

DARPA Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

DAT Digital Audio Tape

Duplicate **A**ddress **T**est

DB **D**efine **B**yte

Destroy Button
Disable Button

DBA DataBase Administrator

DBD **D**ata**b**ase **D**esktop

DBMS DataBase Management System

DC **D**evice **C**ontext

Direct Current

DCA Digital Communications Associates, Inc.

Defense **C**ommunications **A**gency

DCC Direct Cable Connection

DCD Data Carrier Detect

DCE Data Communications Equipment

Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment

Device-Control Entries

Distributed Computing Environment

DCI Display Control Interface

DCL Delphi Component Library

DCOMP Distributed COMPression

DCOMPC Distributed COMPression Client

DCOMPS Distributed COMPression Server

DCU Delphi Compiled Unit

DDA Digital Differential Analyzer

Dynamic Data Access

DDB Device Descriptor Block

DDC Data Display Channel

Display Data Channel

DDCMP Digital Data Communications Message Protocol

DDE Dynamic Data Exchange

DDEML Dynamic Data Exchange Management Library

DDIs Device Driver Interfaces

DDK Device Driver Kit

DDL Data Definition Language
DDN Defense Data Network

DDP Datagram Delivery Protocol

DDS Digital Data Standard

Digital Data Storage

DDW **D**efine **D**ouble **W**ord

DEC Digital Equipment Corporation

DECmcc **DEC** management control center

DEK Data Encryption Key

DEMPR **DEC M**ulti**P**ort **R**epeater

DEN Document-Enabled Network

DES Data Encryption Standard

DFM Delphi Form Module

DFWMAC Distributed Foundation Wireless Media Access Control

DG Data General

DHCP Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

DHL Dynamic Head Loading

DI **D**isable Item

DIB Device Independent Bitmap

DID **D**estination Node **ID**

Direct Inward Dial(ing)

DIF Data Interchange Format

DIMMs Dual Inline Memory Modules
DIOC Direct Input/Output Control

DIP Dual In-line Package

Document Insert Protocol

DISA Direct Inward System Access

DIX **D**igital, Intel and **X**erox

DL **D**ata **L**ink

DLC Data Link Control

DLCI Data Link Connection Identifier

DLSw Dynamic Link Library
DLSw Data-Link Switching

DLSw+ Data-Link Switching plus

DLT **D**igital **L**inear **T**ape

DMA Direct Memory Access

DMF Distribution Media Format

DMI Desktop Management Interface

DML Data Manipulation Language

DMT Dynamic Method Table

Delphi Menu Template

DMTF Desktop Management Task Force

DNS Domain Name System

DOE Distributed Objects Everywhere

DOJ Department Of Justice dot document template

DP **D**ial **P**ulse

DPA **D**emand **P**rotocol **A**rchitecture

DPI Dots Per Inch

DPL Descriptor Privilege Level

DPMI DOS Protected Mode Interface

DPMS Display Power Management Signaling

DPP Distributed Parallel Processing

DPR **D**elphi **PR**oject

DPT Distributed Processing Technology

DQDB Distributed Queue Dual Bus

DR Dynamic Recompilation

DR-DOS Digital Research Disk Operating System

DRAM Dynamic Random Access Memory

DRDA Distributed Relational Database Architecture

DRP **D**ECnet **R**outing **P**rotocol

DS **D**ata **S**egment

Decode and Select

DS0 Digital Signal Level 0
DS1 Digital Signal Level 1
DS3 Digital Signal Level 3
DSA Directory System Agent

DSAP Destination Service Access Point
DSC Document Structure Conventions
DSM Distributed System Management

DSN Data Source Name

DSOM Distributable System Object Model

DSP Digital Signal Processor

Domain Specific Point

DSR Data Set Ready

DSSS Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

DSTN Dual-Scan Twisted Nematic

DSU Data Service Unit

DSU/CSU Data Service Unit/Channel Service Unit

DSVD **D**igital **S**imultaneous **V**oice and **D**ata

DTD Document Type Definition
DTE Data Terminal Equipment

DTMF **D**ual-**T**one **M**ulti**F**requency

DTP DeskTop Publishing
DTR Data Transmit Ready

Data Transmit Ready
Data Terminal Ready

Data Transfer Rate

DTSX Data Transport Station for X.25

DUA Directory User Agent

DVC Desktop Video Conferencing

DVD **D**igital **V**ideo **D**isk

DVI Digital Video Interactive

DW **D**efine **W**ord

DXF Drawing EXchange Format

The 80 Acronyms beginning with E

E-IDE Enhanced Integrated Drive Electronics

E3 Electronic Entertainment Exposition

Even parity, **7** data bits, **1** stop bit

EAP Enterprise Architecture Planning

EARN European Academic and Research Network

EAROM Electronically Alterable Read Only Memory

EB Enable Button

EBCDIC Extended-Binary-Coded Decimal Interchange Code

EBIOS Extended BIOS

EC Error Control

ECC Error Checking and Correcting

ECCs Error Correction Codes

ECD Energy Conversion Devices

ECL End Communication Layer

ECMA European Computer Manufacturers Association

ECO Engineering Change Order

ECP Extended Capability Port

ECSA Exchange Carriers Standards Association

ECTF Enterprise Computer Telephony Forum

ED Extended Disk

EDC Error Detection Code

EDI Electronic Data Interchange

EDL Edit Decision List

EDLIN **ED**itor of **LIN**es

EDM End Of Message

EDO Extended Data Out

EDOSRAM Extended Data Out Static Random Access Memory

EDOVRAM Extended Data Out Volatile Random Access Memory

EDRAM Enhanced Dynamic Random Access Memory

EE Extended Edition

EEL Epsilon Extension Language

EEPROM Electronically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory

EFF Electronic Frontier Foundation

EFLA Extended Four-Letter Acronym

EGA Enhanced Graphics Array

Exterior Gateway Protocol

EGP Exterior Gateway Protocol

El Enable Item

EIA Electronics Industries Association

EIA/TIA Electronic Industries Association/Telecommunication

Industries Association

EIS Executive Information System

EISA Extended Industry Standard Architecture

EL ElectroLuminescent

ELAP EtherTalk Link Access Protocol

ELF Extremely Low Frequency Radiation

em editor for mortals

EM Expanded Memory

EMA Electronics Messaging Association

EMACS Editor MACroS

EMF Enhanced MetaFile

EMI Electro-Magnetic Interference
EMM Expanded Memory Manager

EMS Extended Memory System

Expanded Memory Specification Enterprise Messaging Server

EMWAC European Microsoft Windows NT Academic Consortium

ENIAC Electronic Numerical Integrator And Calculator

ENS Enterprise Network Services

EOF End Of File

EOI End Of Interrupt

EOT End Of Transmission

EP Execute Program

ElectroPhotography

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EPP Enhanced Parallel Port

EPROM Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory

EPS Encapsulated PostScript

EPSF Encapsulated PostScript File

ERIC Educational Resource Information Center

ES Extra Segment

ES-IS End System to Intermediate System Protocol

ESC Educational Software Cooperative

ESCD Extended System Configuration Data

ESD ElectroStatic Discharge

Electronic Software Distribution

ESDI Enhanced Small Device Interface

ESF Extended Superframe Format

ESN Electronic Serial Number

ETLA Extended Three-Letter Acronym

ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute

EUNET European Unix NETwork

ew **e**mbedded **w**indow

The 53 Acronyms beginning with F

FAL File Access Listener

FAQ Frequently Asked Question

FAQs Frequently Asked Questions

FAT File Allocation Table

FBE Free Buffer Enquiry

FCBS File Control BlockS

FCC Federal Communications Commission

FCI Frame Copied Indicator Bit
FCS Frame Check Sequence

FDDI Fiber Data Distributed Interface

Fiber Distributed Data Interconnect

FDM Frequency Division Multiplexing

FED Field Emission Display
FEP Front End Processor
FET Field-Effect Transistor

FFS Fast File System

fg foreground

FHP FountainHead Project

FHSS Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum

FID Format **ID**entifier

FIG Forth Interest Group

FIPS Federal Information Processing Standard

FIX Federal Information EXchange

FM Function Management

FMD Function Management Data
FNC Federal Networking Council

FOIM Field Office Information Management System

FORTRAN FORmula TRANslation

FOSI Format Output Specification Instance

FPI Family Programming Interface

FPM Fast Page Mode
FPO For Position Only
fps frames per second

FPSNW File and Print Server for NetWare

FPU Floating -Point Unit

FQDN Fully Qualified Domain Name

FRAM Ferroelectric Random Access Memory

FRC Functional Redundancy Check

FROM Flash Read Only Memory

FSD File System Driver

FSF Free Software Foundation

FSK Frequency Shift Key
FSN Full Service Network

FSRs Free System Resources

FSU File Support Utility

FT-1 Fractional **T-1**

FTA Floptical Technology Association

FTAM File Transfer Access and Management

ftp file transfer protocol

file transfer program

FTS Federal Telecommunications System

FWIW For What It's Worth

FYA For Your Amusement
FYI For Your Information

The 31 Acronyms beginning with G

G Gigabyte

g,d & r grinning, ducking and running

GA Go Ahead

GAMS Guide to Available Mathematical Software

GB **G**iga**B**yte

GBASE Genomic DataBASE of the Mouse

Gbps Gigabit per second

GD&WVVF Grinning, Ducking & Walking Very Very Fast

GDI Graphical Device Interface

GEM Graphics Environment Manager

GEnie General Electric network for information exchange

GHz **G**iga**H**er**z**

GIF Graphics Interchange Format

GIGO Garbage In Garbage Out

GII Global Information Instruction

GLIS Global Land Information System

GMR Giant Magneto-Resistive
GNN Global Network Navigator

GNU GNU is **N**ot **U**nix

GOSIP Gang Of Four (Gamma, Helm, Johnson, Vlissides)
GOSIP Government Open Systems Interconnection Profile

GPF General Protection Fault
GPL General Public License
GPR General Purpose Register
GPS Global Positioning System
GQBE Graphical Query By Example
GQL Graphical Query Language

Grep Globally search for a Regular Expression

and Print all lines containing it

GSH Global School House

GSM Global Standard for Mobile communications

GUI Graphical User Interface

The 33 Acronyms beginning with H

H Hexadecimal

HACMP High Availability Cluster MultiProcessing

HALs Hardware Abstraction Layer
HALs Hardware Abstraction Layers

HARC-C Houston Advanced Research Center-Compression

HCI Human-Computer Interaction
HCSS High Capacity Storage System
HCTS Hardware Compatibility Tests
HDLC High-level Data Link Control
HDTV High-Definition TeleVision

HFC Hybrid Fiber Coax

hgl **h**(ewlett-)p(ackard) **g**raphic **l**anguage

hhos ha ha only serious

HLLAPI High Level Language Applications Programming Interface

HMA High Memory Area

HMD Head-Mounted Display
HMI Host Micro Interface

HMOS High-speed Metal Oxide Semiconductor

HMS Hours, Minutes and Seconds

HP **H**ewlett-**P**ackard

HPCA High Performance Computing Act

HPCC High Performance Computing and Communication

HPFS High-Performance File System

HPPCL Hewlett-Packard Printer Command Language

HPPI High Performance Parallel Interface

HS High Speed

HSM Hierarchical Storage Management

HSSI High-Speed Serial Interface
HSV Hue Saturation and Value
HTML HyperText Markup Language
HTTP HyperText Transfer Protocol

HYTELNET HYpertext Browser for TELNET-accessible sites

Hz **H**er**z**

The 99 Acronyms beginning with I

I-CASE Integrated Computer-Assisted Software Engineering

I-D Internet **D**raft
I/G Individual/**G**roup
I/O Input/**O**utput

IAB Internet Architecture Board

Internet Activities Board

IAC Interpret As Command

Inter-Application Communications

IAFA Internet Anonymous ftp Archives

IAG Instruction Address Generation

IANA Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

IANAD I Am Not A Doctor
IANAL I Am Not A Lawyer

IAP Internet Access Provider

IBA Internet Business Association

IBM International Business Machines

IC Integrated Circuit
ICE In-Circuit Emulator

ICM Image Color-Matching

Image Color Manager

Independent Color Matching

ICMP Internet Control Message Protocol

ICP Internet Control Protocol

ICPs Independent Content Providers
ICW Initialization Command Word

IDAPI Integrated Database Application Programming Interface

IDE Integrated Drive Electronics

Integrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment

IDEA International Data Encryption Algorithm

IDI Initial Domain Indicator

IDL Interface **D**efinition **L**anguage

IDMS Integrated **D**ata **M**anagement **S**ystem

IDP Internetwork Datagram Protocol

Initial Domain Part

IDT Interrupt **D**escriptor **T**able

IE Interrupt Enable

IEC International Electrotechnical Commission

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IEN Internet Experiment Note

IESG Internet Engineering Steering Group

IETF Internet Engineering Task Force

IFD Image File Directory

IFP Instruction Fetch PipelineIFS Installable File System

IFSMgr Installable File System Manager

IGES Initial Graphics Exchange Specification
IGMP Internet Group Management Protocol

IGP Interior Gateway Protocol

IGRP Interior Gateway Routing Protocol

IGS Internet Go Server

IHVs Independent Hardware Vendors

IINREN Interagency Interim National Research and Education Network

IMAP Internet Mail Access Protocol
IMCO In My Considered Opinion

IMHO In My Humble Opinion

IMNSHO In My Not-So-Humble Opinion

IMO In My Opinion

 $IMPLIBW \qquad \qquad IMP ort \ \textbf{LIB} rary \ for \ \textbf{W} indows$

IMPS Interface Message ProcessorS

IMR Internet Monthly Report

IMTC International Multimedia Teleconferencing Consortium

INTF INTerFace

IOC Inter-Office Channel

Input/Output Control

IOS Internetwork Operating System

IOW In Other Words

IP Instruction Pointer

Internet Protocol
Instruction Processor

IPC Interprocess Communications

IPng Internet Protocol next generation

IPUMS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series

IPv6 Internet Protocol version 6

IPX Internetwork Packet EXchange

IR Internet Router

IRC Internet Relay Chat

IrDA Infrared Data Association

IREQ Interrupt REQuest
IRQ Interrupt ReQuest

IRSG Internet Research Steering Group

IRTF Internet Research Task Force

IS Intermediate System

IS-IS Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System Protocol

ISA Industry Standard Architecture

ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network

ISI Information Sciences Institute

ISIS Investigative Support Information System

ISM Industrial **S**cientific and **M**edical

ISN Information System Network

ISO International Standards Organization

ISO/OSI International Standards Organization/Open

System Interconnection model

ISOC Internet **SOC**iety

ISODE International Standards Organization Development Environment

ISP Internet Service Provider

ISQL Interactive Structured Query Language

ISR Interrupt Service Routine

ISV Independent Software Vendor

ITL International Telecommunications Union
 ITT International Telephone and Telegraph
 ITU International Telecommunication Union

ITU-T International Telecommunications Union-Telecomm's

On attack

Section

IU Integer Units

IVES Information Vending Encryption System

Standardization

IVHS Intelligent Vehicle Highway System

IVR Interactive Voice Response
IWM Integrated Woz Machine

IXC IntereXchange Carrier

The 8 Acronyms beginning with J

JC **J**ump **C**ontext

JEIDA Japanese Electronic Industry Development Association

JET Joint Engine Technology

JI **J**ump **I**D

JK **J**ump **K**eyword

JPEG Joint Photographic Experts Group

JPL Jet Propulsion Laboratory

JUNET Japan Unix Network

The 8 Acronyms beginning with K

K12Net Kindergarten-12th Grade Network

KB **K**ilo**B**yte

Kbps Kilo bits per second

KHz **K**ilo**H**er**z**

KIF Knowledge Interchange Format
KIS Knowbot Information Services

KQML Knowledge Query and Manipulation Language

KWF Keyword File

The 46 Acronyms beginning with L

LAA Locally Administered Address

LAN Local Area Network

LAP Link Access Protocol

Link Access Procedure

LAPB Link Access Procedure Balanced

LAPD Link Access Procedure D channel

LAT Local Area Transport

LATA Local Access and Transport Area

LAVC Local Area VAX Cluster

LB Low Battery

LBS Logical Boot Sector

LCA Lotus Communications Architecture

LCC Leaded Chip Carriers

LAN Control Center

LCD Liquid Crystal Display

LDT Local Descriptor Table

LEC LAN Emulation Client

Local Exchange Carrier

LED Light Emitting Diode

LES LAN Emulation Server

LF Largest Frame

LFN Long File Name

LFO Low Frequency Oscillator
LIBS Local InterBase Server

LIF Low Insertion Force

LIFO Last In First Out

LIM Lotus Intel Microsoft

LIM/EMS Lotus Intel Microsoft/Expanded Memory Specification

LISP LISt Processing language

LLAP LocalTalk Link Access Protocol

LLC Logical Link Control

LMMP LAN/MAN Management Protocol
LMMS LAN/MAN Management Service
LN:DI Lotus Notes: Document Imaging

LOD Legion Of Doom

LOL Laughing Out Loud

LP Line Printer

LPCs Local Procedure Calls

LPI Lines Per Inch
LPM Lines Per Minute

lpsz long pointer to a string, zero-terminated

LR List Recursive

LRU Least Recently Used
LSB Least Significant Bit

Least Significant Byte

LSI Large Scale Integration

LSL Link Support Layer

LU Logical Unit

LZW Lempel-Ziv-Welch

The 112 Acronyms beginning with M

M&A Mergers & Acquisitions

MAC Media Access Control

Medium Access Control

MADN Multiple Appearance Directory Number

MAE Macintosh Application Environment

MAN Metropolitan Area Network

MAP Manufacturing Automation Protocol

MAPI Microsoft Mail Application Programming Interface

MARC MAchine Readable Cataloging

MASM Microsoft ASseMbler

MAU Multistation Access Units

MB **M**ega**B**yte

mb **m**ouse **b**utton

MBASIC Microsoft BASIC

Mbone **M**ulticast Back**bone**

Mbps Mega bits per second

MBR Master Boot Record

MC Master Charge

MCA Micro Channel Architecture

MCGA Monochrome Graphics Adapter

MCI Media Command Interface

Media Control Interface

MCS Microsoft Consulting Services

MD Make Directory

MDA Monochrome Display Adapter

MDI Multiple Document Interface

MEPS Multi-language Electronic Phototypesetting System

MESI Modified Exclusive Shared Invalid

MET Memory Enhancement Technology

MFC Microsoft Foundation Classes

MFF MIDI File Format

MFM Modified Frequency Modulation

MFT Master File Table

MHS Message Handling Service

Message Handling System

MHz MegaHerz

MΙ Management Interface

MIB Management Information Base

MIC Management Information Consortium MIDI Musical Instrument Digital Interface

MIF Management Information File

MILNET MILitary **NET**work

MIME Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions

MIN Mobile Identification Number

MIPS Million Instructions Per Second

MIS Management Information Systems

Microcode Instruction Sequencer

MITV Microsoft Interactive TeleVision

MIU Memory Interface Unit

MLI Machine Learning and Inference Center

MLID Multiple Link Interface Driver MLIU Multiple Link Interface Driver

MMAC Multi Media Access Center

MMF Memory-Mapped File MMM Multiple Master Metrics MMS Microsoft Media Services

MMU Memory Management Unit

MNP Microcom Networking Protocol

MO Magnetic Orientation

Magneto-Optical

MOB Memory Order Buffer MOD Masters Of Deception

MODEM **MO**dulation **DEM**odulation

MOM Message-Oriented Middleware

MOMspider Multi-Owner Maintenance spider

MOO **MUD Oriented Objects**

MOP Maintenance Operation Protocol

MOS Mass Optical Storage

Metal Oxide Semiconductor

MOSB Microsoft Office Shortcut Bar

MOSFET Metal-Oxide Semiconductor to Field-Effect Transmitter

MOST Mass Optical Storage Technologies

MP Multilink Point-Point Protocol

MP/M MultiProgram monitor for Microcomputers

MPC Multimedia PC

MPEG Motion Picture Experts Group

MPP Massively Parallel Processing

MPU MicroProcessor Unit

MR Modem Ready

MRBC Multiple-Resolution Bitmap Compiler

MRI Microid Research, Inc.

MRU Most Recently Used

ms millisecond

MS-BASIC MicroSoft BASIC
MS-DOS MicroSoft DOS

MSAU MultiStation Access Unit

msb most significant bit
MSB Most Significant Byte

MSDN MicroSoft Developer Network

MSF Minutes, Seconds and Frames

MSI Medium Scale Integration

MSN MicroSoft Network
MSP Master Stack Pointer

MSRP Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price

MTA Message Transfer Agent

MTBF Mean Time Between Failures
MTF Modular Transfer Function
MTS Message Transfer System

MTTR Mean Time To Repair

MTU Maximum Transmission Unit

MUD Multi-User Dungeon

Multi-User Dimension
Multi-User Dialogue
Multi-User Domain

MULTICS MULTI-User Interactive Computer System

MULTIplexed Information and Computing Service

MUMPS Massachusetts General Hospital Utility

MultiProgramming System

MUNG Mung Until No Good

MUSE Multi-User Simulation Environment

MUSH Multi-User Shared Hallucination

MUSIC Multi Session In Community

 $\textbf{MU} \textbf{ItipleX}, \, \textbf{MU} \textbf{ItipleX} or$

MVC Model-View-Controller

MVDMS Multiple Virtual DOS Machines

MVL Multi-Valued Logic

MVP Multimedia Video Processor

MVS Multiple Virtual Storage

MX Mail EXchange record

The 66 Acronyms beginning with N

N81 No parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit

NACS NetWare Asynchronous Communications Server

NAK Negative AcKnowledgement

NAM Numerical Assignment Module

NASI Network Asynchronous Services Interface

NetWare Asynchronous Services Interface

NAU **N**etwork **A**ddressable **U**nit

NAUN Nearest Active Upstream Neighbor

NBNS NetBIOS Name Server
NBP Name Binding Protocol

NCC National Computer Conference

NCCE Novell Collaborative Communications Environment

NCIC National Crime Information Computer

NCN New Century Network

NCP Network Control Program

Network Control Protocol

NCS Network Connect Services

NCSA National Center for Supercomputing Applications

NCSI Network Communication Services Interface

NDIS Network Driver Interface Standard

NE New Executable

NEARNET New England Academic and Research NETwork

NED NASA Extragalactic Database

NEP **N**etwork **E**ntry **P**oint

NEST Novell Embedded Systems Technology

NetBEUI Net BIOS Extended User Interface

NETBIOS NETwork Basic Input/Output System

NEXT Near End Cross (X) Talk

NFS Network File System

NGM Netware Global Messaging

NIC Network Interface Card

Network Interface Controller

Network Information Center

NiCd Nickel-Cadmium

NICE Network Information and Control Exchange

NII National Information Infrastructure

NiMH Nickel-Metal-Hydride

NIS Network Information Services

National Information System
Names Information Socket

NISO National Information Standards Organization

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

NLM Network Loadable Module

NetWare Loadable Module

NLSP Network Link Services Protocol

NMI NonMaskable Interrupt

NMS Network Management Station

NMSs Network Management Statistics

nn **n**o **n**ews is good news

NNDC National Nuclear Data Center

NNI Network Node Interface

NNTP Net News Transport Protocol

Network News Transport Protocol

NOC Network Operations Center
NOS Network Operating System

NPA Network Printer Alliance

NPTN National Public Telecommunications Network

National Public Telecomputing Network

NRAO National Radio Astronomy Observatory

NREN Nationals Research and Education Network

NRM Normal Response Mode

NRZ Non-Return to Zero

ns nanosecond

NSF National Science Foundation

NSIC National Storage Industry Consortium

NSP Network Services Protocol

Native Signal Processing

NSS Nodal Switching Station

NSTL National Software Testing Laboratories

NT Network Termination

Nested Task

NTFS NT File System

NTP Network Time Protocol

NTSC National Television Standards Committee

NVEs **N**etwork **V**isible **E**ntities

NVRAM Non-Volatile Random Access Memory

The 54 Acronyms beginning with O

OA OLE Automation
OB OBligatory Joke

OBEX **OB**ject **EX**change

OBI Online Book Initiative

OBJ **OB**ligatory **J**oke

OC1 Optical Carrier Level 1

OCIS Organized Crime Information Systems

OCLC Online Computer Learning Center

OCR Optical Character Recognition

OCW Operation Command Word

OCXs OLE Custom Controls (X stands for *Control* in this instance)

ODA Open Document Architecture

Office Document Architecture

ODAPI Open Database Application Programming Interface

ODBC Open DataBase Connectivity

ODBMS Object-Oriented Database Management System

ODI Open Data Link Interface

ODM Object Data Manager

ODMA Open Document Management API

ODS On-Disk Structure

OE Output Enable

OEM Original Equipment Manufacturer

OEP Operand Execution Pipeline

OF Overflow Flag

OFS Object File System

OH Off Hook

OIC Oh I See (C)
OL Ordered List

OLAP On-Line Analytical Processing

OLE Object Linking and Embedding

OLTP OnLine Transaction Processing

OME Open Messaging Environment

OMG Object Management Group

OOBE Out Of Box Experience

OOP Object Oriented Programming
OOUI Object-Oriented User Interface

OP Object Pascal

OPAC On-line Public Access Catalog

OPC Organic Photoconducting Cartridge

OPM Other People's Money

ORAM Optical Random Access Memory

ORB Object Request Broker

ORCID Online Retrieval of Cartographic Data

OS Operating System

OSDF Open Shortest Data First

OSF Open Systems Function

Open Software Foundation

OSI Open Systems Interconnection

OSPF Open Shortest Path First

OTF On The Floor

OTOH On The Other Hand

OTPROM One-Time Programmable Read-Only Memory

OTTH On The Third Hand

OUI Organizationally Unique Identifier

OUTP OUTput to Port

OWL Object Window Library

The 106 Acronyms beginning with P

P-Code Pseudo-Code

P-NNI Private Network-Node Interface

PABX Private Automatic Branch EXchange
PAD Packet Assembler and Disassembler

PADA Packet Assembler/DisAssembler

PAHI Public Access Internet Host
PAIS Public Access Internet Site

PAL Programmable Array Logic

Phase Alternating Line

Paradox Application Language

PAM Pulse Amplitude Modulation

PAP Password Authentication Protocol

Printer Access Protocol

PAR Positive Acknowledgment with Retransmission

PARC Palo Alto Research Center
PAX Private Automatic EXchange

PBS **P**ublic **B**rand **S**oftware

PBX Public Branch EXchange

PC Personal Computer

Popup Context

PCAMI PC Assets Manager Institute

PCCA Portable Computer and Communications Association

PCD Photo Compact Disk

PCI Protocol Control Information

Peripheral Component Interconnect

PCL Printer Control Language

PCM Package Command Manager

Pulse Code Modulation

PCMCIA Personal Computer Memory Card International Association

PCS Personal Communication Services

Personal Conferencing Specification

PCWG Personal Conferencing WorkGroup

PD **P**ublic **D**omain

PDC Primary Domain Controller

PDF Package Definition File

Portable Document Format

PDIAL Public Dialup Internet Access List

PDL Page Description Language

Programming Design Language

PDN Public Data Network

PDO Portable Distributed Objects

PDP Parallel Distributed Processes

PDS Processor Direct Slot

Personal Display System

PDU Protocol Data Unit

PE Portable Executable

PEM Privacy-Enhanced Mail

PEP Packetized Ensemble Protocol

Packet Exchange Protocol

Perl Practical extension and reporting language

PERT Program Evaluation and Review Technique

PET Personal Electronic Transactor

PFB Printer Font Binary

PFM Printer Font Metrics

PGA Pin Grid Array

Professional Graphics Adapter

Programmable Gate Array

PGP Pretty Good Privacy

PI Popup ID

PIC Programmable Interrupt Controller

PICS Protoview Interface Component Set

PIE Polymorphism, Inheritance and Encapsulation

PIF Program Information File

PIM Personal Information Manager

Protocol Independent Multicast

PIN Processor Independent Network

PINE Pine Is Not Elm

PINET Physics Information **NET**work

PING Packet InterNet Gopher
PIO Program's Input/Output

PK Phil Katz

PL/1 Programming Language 1

PL/M Programming Language for Microcomputers

PLA Programmable Logic Array

PLE Public Local Exchange

PLP Presentation Level Protocol

PM Presentation Manager

PMD Physical Media-Dependent
PMJI Pardon Me for Jumping In
PMS Pantone Matching System

PMT Photo Multiplier Tube

PnP Plug 'n' Play

POP Post Office Protocol

Point Of Presence

POP3 Post Office Protocol 3

POSE Portable Operating System Extension

POSIX Portable Operating System Interface for UNIX

POST Power On Self Test
POTP Power One Time Pad

POTS Plain Old Telephone System

Plain Old Telephone Service

PPC Power PC

PPD Printer Page Description

PPN Project-Programmer Number

PPP Point-to-Point Protocol

PPS Pulses Per Second

PRAM Parameter Random Access Memory

PREP Power PC REference Platform

PRI Primary Rate Interface

PROFS PRofessional OFfice System

PROM Programmable Read-Only Memory

PSC Personal Super Computer

PSN Packet Switch Node

PSP Program Segment Prefixes

Presentation Services Process

PSPDN Packet Switched Public Data Network

PSRAM Pseudo Static Random Access Memory

PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network

PTP Point To Point

PU **P**hysical **U**nit

PUC Public Utility Commission

PVC Private Virtual Circuit

Permanent Virtual Circuit

PVCs Permanent Virtual Connections

PW **P**osition **W**indow

pwd **p**rint **w**orking **d**irectory

PWM Pulse Width Modulator

The 4 Acronyms beginning with Q

QBE **Q**uery **B**y **E**xample

QDOS Quick and Dirty Operating System

QIC Quarter-Inch Cartridge

Quarter-Inch Cassette

QLLC Qualified Logical Link Control

The 79 Acronyms beginning with R

R&D Research & Development

RAB RAID Advisory Board

RAD Rapid Application Development

RAID Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks

RAM Random Access Memory

RARE Reseaux Associes par la Recherche Europeenne

RARP Reverse Address Resolution Protocol

RAS Remote Access Server

Remote Access Services

RAT Register Alias Table
RATFOR RATional FORtran

RAW Read After Write

RBOC Regional Bell Operating Companies

RBSE Repository-Based Software Engineering

RC Routing Control

RCP Remote Copy Program

RD Referenced Documents

Received Data

Route Descriptor

RDA Remote Database Access

RDBMS Relational DataBase Management System

RDRAM Rambus Dynamic Random Access Memory

RDS Remote Document Server

REM Ring Error Monitor

REPOUT REPeater OUTput to Port

RET Resolution Enhancement Technology

REXX Restructured EXtended EXecutor

RFC Request For Comments

RFI Radio Frequency Interference

RFP Request For Proposal
RFS Remote File System

RGB Red Green Blue
RH Request Header

Response Header

RHost Remote Host

RI Ring Indicator

Routing Information

RIF Routing Information Field

RIFF Resource Interchange File Format

RII Routing Information Indicator

RIP Remote Imaging Protocol

Routing Information Protocol

RIPE Reseaux IP Europeenne

RISC Reduced Instruction Set Computer

RJ Registered Jack

RJE Remote Job Entry

RLA Remote LAN Access

RLC Run Length Coding

RLIN Research Library Information Network

RLL Run-Length Limited

RMon Remote Monitoring

RMW Read-Modify-Write

rn **r**ead**n**ews

ROB ReOrder Buffer

ROFL Rolling On Floor Laughing

ROI Return On Investment

ROM Read-Only Memory

ROSE Remote Operations Service Element

rot13 rotate 13

ROTFL Rolling On The Floor Laughing

RPC Remote Procedure Call
RPS Ring Parameter Service

RR Register Routine

RRF Real Register File

Retirement Register File

RS Request to Send

RSA Rivest, Shamir, Adleman

RSAC Recreational Software Advisory Council

RSI Repetitive Stress Injury

RSN Real Soon Now

RSRB Remote Source-Route Bridging
RSVP Resource Reservation Protocol

RSX Real-time resource-Sharing EXecutive

RT Routing Type

RTC Real-Time Controller

RTF Rich Text Format

RTFM Read The Fine Manual

RTM Run-Time Manager

RTMK Real-Time MicroKernal

RTMP Routing Table Maintenance Protocol

RTPC RISC Technology Personal Computer

RTS Request To Send
RTT Round-Trip Time

RTTI Run Time Type Information

RU Request Unit

Response Unit

RUIP Remote User Information Program

The 113 Acronyms beginning with S

SAA Systems Application Architecture

SABME Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode Extended

SAP Service Access Point

Service Advertising Protocol Service Advertisement Protocol

SAR Segmentation And Reassembly

SATAN Security Analysis Tool for Auditing Networks

SBL Softbridge BASIC Language

SCALE SCaleable Architecture for Large Enterprises

SCAM SCSI Configuration AutoMagic

SCSI Configured AutoMatically

SCC Serial Communications Controller

SCMS Serial Copy Management System

SCO Santa Cruz Operations

SCS System Communication Services

SCSA Signal Computing System Architecture

SCSI Small Computer Systems Interface

SD Send Data

SDC Secondary Domain Controller

SDD **S**oftware **D**escription **D**atabase

SDI Single Document Interface

SDK System Design Kit

System Development Kit

SDLC Synchronous Data Link Control

SDRAM Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory

sea **s**elf-**e**xtracting **a**rchive

SEAM Saber Enterprise Application Manager

SED Stream **ED**itor

SEF Source Explicit Forwarding

SFT System File Table

SGI Silicon Graphics Incorporated

SGML Standard Generalized Markup Language

SGMP Simple Gateway Management Protocol

shar **sh**ell **ar**chives

SHED Segmented Hypergraphics **ED**itor

SHG Segmented HyperGraphics

Shl Shift left
Shr Shift right

SHTTP Secure HyperText Transfer Protocol

SID Source Node ID

SIG Special Interest Group

SIMM Single In-line Memory Module

SIPS SMDS Interface Protocol

SIR Serial InfraRed

SLCs Subscriber Line Charges

SLIC Subscriber Line Interface Card

SLIP Serial Line Internet Protocol

SLMR Silly Little Mail Reader

SLN Science Learning Network

SM Standby Monitor

SMART Software Metering and Resource Tracking

SMB Server Message Bank

SMDR Station Message Detail Reporting

SMDS Switched Multimedia Data Services

Switched Multimegabit Data Service

SMFA Specific Management Functional Area

SMI Structure of Management Information

SMIT System Management Interface Tool

SMP Symmetric MultiProcessing

Symmetrical Multiprocessor Processing

SMPTE Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers

SMRP Simple Multicast Routing Protocol

SMS Storage Management Services

Systems Management Server

SMTP Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

SNA Systems Network Architecture

SNADS System Network Architecture Distribution Services

SNAP Sub-Network Access Protocol

SNI Subscriber Network Interface

SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol

SNOBOL StriNg-Oriented SymBOlic Language

SOH Start Of Header

SOHO Small Office Home Office

SOM System Object Model

SONET Synchronous Optical NETwork

SP Stack Pointer

SPA Software Publishing Association

SPARC Scaleable Performance ARChitecture

SPEC Systems Performance Evaluation Cooperative

SPI Service Provider Interface
SPID Service Profile Identifier

SPITBOL SPeedy ImplemenTation of SNOBOL

SPOOL Simultaneous Peripheral Operations Off-Line

SPP Sequenced Packet Protocol
SPR Statistical Pattern Recognition
SPX Sequenced Packet EXchange

SQ Signal Quality

SQL Structured Query Language

SR Source Routing

SRAM Static Random Access Memory

SRBs Source Routing Bridges
SRF Specifically Routed Frame
SRI Stanford Research Institute

SRPI Server/Requester Programming Interface

SRT Source Routing Transparent

SS Stack Segment

SSA Serial Storage Architecture
SSAP Source Service Access Point
SSCP System Services Control Point

SSL Secure Sockets Layer

Security Systems Layer

STAR Shareware Trade Association and Resources

Stdio Standard input/output
STE Spanning Tree Explorer

STID STation ID

STIS Science & Technology Information System

STN Super-Twisted Nematic
STP Shielded Twisted Pair

STUN Serial TUNneling

SUA Stored Upstream Address
SVC Switched Virtual Circuit

SVCs Switched Virtual Connections
SVD Simultaneous Voice and Data
SVGA Super Video Graphics Array

SVRAM Synchronous Virtual Random Access Memory

SWAIS Single Wide-Area Information System

SWB **S**ingle-**W**indow **B**rowser

The 64 Acronyms beginning with T

T Type

T&C Terms & Conditions
TA Terminal Adapter

TAC Terminal Access Controller

TANSTAAFL There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch

TAP Telelocator Alphanumeric Protocol

Technological Assistance Program

TAPI Telephony Application Programming Interface

tar tape archiver

Tasm Turbo assembler

TB TeraByte

Transparent Bridging

TBBS The Bread Board System

TCB Transmission Control Block

TCL Tool Command Language

TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol

TCs Telecommuting Centers

TDBs Task DataBases

TDI Transport Driver Interface
TDM Time Division Multiplexing

TDMA Time Division Multiple Access

TDP Telelocator Data Protocol

telnet telecommunications network
TEMC Turbo Editor Macro Compiler

TEML Turbo Editor Macro Language

TEMPEST Transient ElectroMagnetic Pulse Emanation STandard

TFT Thin-Film Transistor

TFTP Trivial File Transfer Protocol

TG Technical Guide

TH Transmission Header
TI Texas Instruments

TIA Telecommunications Industry Association

Thanks In Advance

TIC Token Ring Interface Coupling

TIFF Tag Image File Format

TIMS Transmission Impairment Measurement Set

TIRPC Transport-Independent Remote Procedure Call

TLA Three-Letter Acronym

TLAP TokenTalk Link Access Protocol

TLI Transport Layer Interface

TMC Thinking Machines Corporation

TMSF Tracks, Minutes, Seconds, Frames

TN Twisted Nematic

TP Transaction Processing

Transport Protocol

TPF Transaction Processing Facility

TQM Total Quality Management

TR Terminal Resistors

Terminal Ready

trn threaded readnews
TRS Tandy Radio Shack

TRSDOS Tandy Radio Shack Data Operating System

TSA Target Service Agents

TSAPI Telephony Server Application Programming Interface

TSI Time Slice Intervals

TSR Terminate and Stay Resident

TSS Task State Segment

TTA Transport Triggered Architecture

TTF True Type Font
TTFN Ta Ta For Now

TTL Time To Live

TTN Technology Transfer Network
TTS Transaction Tracking System

TTY TeleTYpewriter

TWAIN Toolkit Without An Important Name

The 30 Acronyms beginning with U

U/L **U**niversal/**L**ocal

UA Unnumbered Acknowledgment

User Agent

UAE Unrecoverable Application Error

UART Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

UDFs User Defined Lists

UDP User Datagram Protocol

UDT Uniform Data Transfer

UI Uncheck Item

UID User ID

UL Unordered List

Unsigned Long

ULP Upper Layer Protocols
UMB Upper Memory Blocks

UNA Universal Networking Architecture

UNC Universal Naming Conventions

UNDU Unofficial Newsletter of Delphi Users

UNI User Node Interface

UNMA Unified Network Management Architecture

UPC Usage Parameter Control
UPM User Profile Management

UPS Uninterruptable Power Supply
URI Universal Resource Identifier

URL Uniform Resource Locator

USART Universal Synchronous/Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

USB Universal Serial Bus
USL Unix Systems Lab

UTC Universal Time Coordinated

UTP Unshielded Twisted Pair

UUCP UNIX to UNIX Copy Program

UV-EPROM Ultra Violet Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory

UVGA Ultra-Video Graphics Array

The 64 Acronyms beginning with V

V Volt

VAN Value-Added Network
VAP Value-Added Process
VAR Value-Added Reseller

VARP VINES Address Resolution Protocol

VAX Virtual Address EXtension
VBA Visual Basic for Applications

VBK Visual Basic Killer

VBNS Very-High Bandwidth Network Service

Very-high-speed Backbone Network Service

VBX Visual Basic EXtension

VC Virtual Channel

Visual C

VCC Virtual Conference Center

VCCs Virtual Channel Connections

VCL Visual Component Library

VCPI Virtual Control Program Interface

VCR VideoCassette Recorder

VCS Version Control System

VDM Virtual DOS Machine

VDMAD Virtual Direct Memory Address Device

VDT Video Display Terminal

VERONICA Very Easy Rodent-Oriented Netwide Index to

Computerized Archives

VESA Video Electronics Standards Association

Video Equipment Standards Association

VFAT Virtual File Allocation Table

VFP Visual Fox Pro

VFRP VINES FRagmentation Protocol

VGA Video Graphics Array
vi visual interactive editor

VICP VINES Internet Control Protocol

VIM Vendor Independent Messaging

VINES VIrtual NEtwork Software

Virtual NEtworking System

VIP VINES Internet Protocol

VIPC VINES InterProcess Communications

VK Virtual Key

VL-BUS VESA Local Bus

VLB Video Electronics Standards Association Local Bus

VLIW Very Large Instructive Word

VLM Virtual Loadable Module

VLSI Very Large-Scale Integration

VM Virtual Mode

Virtual Machine

VMB Voice Mail Box

VMM Virtual Memory Manager

Virtual Machine Manager

VMS Virtual Memory System

VMT Virtual Method Table

VP Virtual Path

VPCs Virtual Path Connections

VPTR Virtual PoinTeR
VR Virtual Reality

VRAM Video Random Access Memory

VRMC Virtual Reality Markup Language
VRML Virtual Reality Modeling Language

VRTP VINES RouTing Protocol

VRU Voice-Response Unit

VSAM Virtual Storage Access Method

VSAT Very Small Aperture Terminal

VSM Visual System Manager

VSPP VINES Sequenced Packet Protocol

VT Video Terminal

Virtual Terminal

VTD Video Terminal Display

Virtual Timer Device

VTE Video Transfer Engine

VXD **V**irtual Device **D**river (X here stands for *Device*)

The 38 Acronyms beginning with W

W3C World Wide Web Consortium

W4 WorldWide Web Wanderer

Wabi Windows application binary interface

WAIS Wide-Area Information Servers

WAL Write Ahead Log

WAN Wide Area Network

WATS Wide Area Telephone Service

Wide Area Telecommunications Service

wcCODE wildcat Custom On-line Development Engine

wd with data

WELL Whole Earth 'Lectronic Link

WFP Well-Formed Path

WfW Windows for Workgroups
WFWG Windows For WorkGroups

WG WorkGroup

WHAT Windows Help Authoring Tools

WID Workgroup ID

WIMP Windows, Icons, Mouse, Pointer

Win32c Windows **32**-bit **c**ompatible

Win32s Windows 32-bit subset

WINS Windows Internet Naming Service

WIRL Web Interactive Reality Layer

WISDN Wireless Intelligent Services Distributed Netwide
WISQL Windows Interactive Structured Query Language

WITS Windows Integrated Test Suite

WMF Windows Message
WMF Windows Meta Files

WORM Write Once Read Many

WOSA Windows Open System Architecture

WOW Windows On Windows

WPP Windows Preview Program

WRAM Windows Random Access Memory

WRK Windows Resource Kit

WRT With Respect To

With Regard To

WUGNET Windows Users Group NETwork

WWIS WorldWide Information Systems

WWW World Wide Web

WYSIWYG What You See Is What You Get
WYSIWYP What You See Is What You Print

The 7 Acronyms beginning with X

XBM X BitMap

XDR EXternal Data Representation
XGA EXtended Graphics Adapter

XID EXchange IDentification

XMM EXtended Memory Manager

XMS EXtended Memory Specification

XNS Xerox Network System

The 10 Acronyms beginning with Y

YA Yet Another

YACC Yet Another Compiler Compiler

YADS Yet Another DOS Shell

YAG Yet Another Gizmo

Yahoo Yet another hierarchically

officious/obstreperous/odiferous/organized oracle

YAS Yet Another Setting

YIPL Youth International Party Line

YMMV Your Mileage May Vary

YP Yellow Pages
YR Yeah, Right

The 5 Acronyms beginning with Z

ZDI **Z**iff-**D**avis Interactive ZIF **Z**ero Insertion **F**orce

ZIP Zone Information Protocol
ZIS Zone Information Socket

ZIT Zone Information Table

The 5 Acronyms beginning with a Number

2BSD **2**nd **B**erkeley **S**oftware **D**ivision

2VL **2**-Valued Logic

3BSD **3**rd **B**erkeley **S**oftware **D**ivision

4GL 4th Generation Language

6DOF **6 D**egrees **O**f **F**reedom

The 4 Acronyms beginning with a Symbol

P **P**rodigy
 <bg> **b**ig **g**rin <g> **g**rin

<vbg> very big grin