

Browser	A software program that allows internet users to interact with, navigate, or “browse” parts of the internet (ex: Netscape, Fire Fox, and Internet Explorer)
Bulletin Boards	Message Boards: public area on the internet where messages or comments can be posted for other board members to read and reply to
Chat Room	A virtual room or gathering place for internet users who have shared interests to congregate and converse
Cyber Grooming	The process that online predators use to trick their victims by building false trust and relationships
Cyberspace	The virtual community on the internet in which real people interact through digital means to download information such as text, images, movies, and email via the internet
Flame	A mean or hurtful e-mail message
Hacker	A person who uses the internet to break into a computer or network
IM	Instant messaging: a real-time internet communication application –one on one
Intellectual Property	Materials protected by copyright laws, including songs, movies, books, etc.
ISP	Internet Service Provider: a vendor that provides internet access to its customers

Malicious Code	A computer program that is meant to hurt you and your computer (ex: viruses, worms, and Trojan horses)
Pharming	Deceitful method used by identity thieves to redirect users to bogus sites with the intent of acquiring personal info
Phishing	Method used to fraudulently acquire sensitive info, such as passwords and credit card details, by masquerading as a trust worthy person or business in an apparently official electronic communication, such as an e-mail
Piracy	Robbery from internet sites to produce counterfeit copyrighted software and other material
Search Engine	A software program that allows one to perform searches on the internet
Social-networking site	Web sites designed to encourage communication between persons of similar interests or geographic regions
URL	Universal/Uniform Resource Locator: another name for a web address (the URL is located at the top of a web page and generally begins with http//www.)

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