

A - Z Glossary of IT Terms

- **Antivirus:** A program that helps protect your computer from viruses and other harmful software
- **App:** A small program you can use on a tablet or smartphone to do different things, like play games, read news, or talk to people
- **Attachment:** A file you send along with an email message, like a photo or a document.
- **Backup:** Making a copy of your important files to keep them safe in case something happens to your computer

- **Browser:** A tool you use to explore the internet and visit websites, like Chrome, Safari, or Edge
- **Browser Tab:** A separate section within your web browser where you can have multiple websites open at the same time
- **Click:** To press a button on the mouse or touchpad to make something happen on the screen
- **Cloud:** Storing files and data on the internet so you can access them from different devices
- **Cursor:** The blinking line or arrow on the screen that shows where you're typing or clicking

- **Download:** To get something from the internet and save it on your device, like a picture or a game
- **Email:** Messages you send and receive using the internet. It's like digital mail
- **Emoji:** Small pictures used in messages to express emotions or ideas, like smiley faces or thumbs up
- **File:** A digital document or picture that's saved on your computer or device
- **Firewall:** A protective barrier that helps keep your computer safe from online threats
- **Folder:** A digital container where you can store files and other folders

- **Gigabyte (GB):** A unit of measurement for storage space on a computer. It's larger than a megabyte
- **Google:** A search engine you can use to find information on the internet
- **Hardware:** The physical parts of a computer or device that you can touch, like the screen, keyboard, and mouse
- **Homepage:** The first website you see when you open your web browser or unlock your device
- **Icon:** A small picture that represents a program, folder, or file on your computer

- **Internet Browser:** A software application that lets you explore the internet and visit websites.
- **JPEG:** A type of picture file format that's commonly used to share images
- **Keyboard Shortcut:** A combination of keys you press together to quickly perform a task, like copying text or saving a file.
- **Link:** A clickable word or picture on a webpage that takes you to another page or website
- **Login:** To enter your username and password to access your computer, tablet, or online account

- **Megabyte (MB):** A unit of measurement smaller than a gigabyte for storage space on a computer
- **Notification:** A message or alert that appears on your screen to let you know about something new or important
- **Online/Offline:** When your device is/is not connected to the internet
- **Operating System:** The main software that runs your computer or device, like Windows, macOS, or Android
- **Password:** A secret code you create to keep your computer, tablet, or accounts safe from others

- **QR Code:** A special kind of code that you can scan with your smartphone to quickly get information or visit a website
- **Quiet Mode:** A setting that makes your device produce fewer sounds, like notifications or alerts
- **Restart:** To turn your computer or device off and then back on again
- **Router:** A device that connects multiple devices to the internet within a local network
- **Search Bar:** A place where you can type in keywords to find information on the internet or within your device.
- **Software:** Programs and apps that make your computer or device do different things.

- **Username:** A name you create to identify yourself when signing up for online services or accounts
- **Virus:** A type of harmful software that can damage your computer or steal your information
- **Website:** A collection of web pages connected together that you can visit on the internet
- **Wi-Fi:** A wireless technology that connects your device to the internet without using any cables
- **YouTube:** A platform where users can upload, watch, and share videos
- **Zoom:** A video conferencing software that allows people to have virtual meetings and discussions