**Common Computer Abbreviations**

Following are some of the numerous computer abbreviations in use today.

**Operating Systems and Data Storage**

* BIOS - This is the Basic Input Output System which controls the computer, telling it what operations to perform. These instructions are on a chip that connects to the motherboard.
* BYTE - A byte is a storage unit for data.
* "K" is a Kilobyte which is 1024 bytes.
* "MB" is a Megabyte which is a million bytes.
* "GB" is a Gigabyte, which equals 1000 megabytes.
* CPU - This stands for the Central Processing Unit of the computer. This is like the computer’s brain.
* MAC - This is an abbreviation for Macintosh, which is a type of personal computer made by the Apple Computer company.
* OS - This is the Operating System of the computer. It is the main program that runs on a computer and begins automatically when the computer is turned on.
* PC - This is the abbreviation for personal computer. It refers to computers that are IBM compatible.
* PDF - This represents the Portable Document Format which displays files in a format that is ready for the web.
* RAM - This stands for Random Access Memory which is the space inside the computer that can be accessed at one time.  If you increase the amount of RAM, then you will increase the computer’s speed. This is because more of a particular program is able to be loaded at one time.
* ROM - This is Read Only Memory which is the instruction for the computer and can not be altered.
* VGA - The Video Graphics Array is a system for displaying graphics. It was developed by IBM.
* WYSIWYG - This initialism stands for What You See Is What You Get.  It is pronounced "wizziwig" and basically means that the printer will print what you see on your monitor.

**Connecting to the Internet**

* FTP - This is a service called File Transport Protocol which moves a file between computers using the Internet.
* HTML - HyperText Markup Language formats information so it can be transported on the Internet.
* HTTP - Hypertext Transfer Protocol is a set of instructions for the software that controls the movement of files on the Internet.
* IP - This stands for Internet Protocol which is the set of rules that govern the systems connected to the Internet. IP Address is a digital code specific to each computer that is hooked up to the Internet.
* ISP - The Internet Service Provider is the company which provides Internet service so you can connect your computer to the Internet.
* LAN - This stands for Local Area Network which is the servers that your computer connects to in your geographic area.
* PPP - Point-to-Point Protocol is the set of rules that allow your computer to use the Internet protocols using a phone line and modem.
* URL - This is the Universal Resource Locator which is a path to a certain file on the World Wide Web.
* USB - The Universal Serial Bus is used for communications between certain devices. It can connect keyboards, cameras, printers, mice, flash drives, and other devices. Its use has expanded from personal computers to PDAs, smartphones, and video games, and is used as a power cord to connect devices to a wall outlet to charge them.
* VR - Virtual Reality simulates a three-dimensional scene on the computer and has the capability of interaction. This is widely used in gaming.
* VRML - Virtual Reality Mark-up Language allows the display of 3D images.

**Common Email Abbreviations**

Here is a list of [email abbreviations](http://abbreviations.yourdictionary.com/articles/email-abbreviations.html) that are commonly used to get your point across in less time and fewer keystrokes:

* 2G4U - Too Good For You
* AWHFY - Are We Having Fun Yet?
* AYPI - And Your Point Is?
* GAL - Get A Life
* GMTA - Great Minds Think Alike
* J4F - Just For Fun
* KISS - Keep it Simple, Stupid
* QL - Quit Laughing!
* RUOK - Are you Okay?
* SITD - Still In The Dark
* TIC - Tongue In Cheek
* WYSIWYG - What You See Is What You Get
* YYSSW - Yeah Yeah Sure Sure Whatever
* ZZZ - Sleeping, Bored, Tired

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