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.3	IEEE 802.3 or Ethernet (read as “dot three”)
.3 to .5	802.3 to 802.5 bridge (read as three-to-five)
.5	IEEE 802.5 or Token Ring (read as “dot five”)
100BaseVG	Proposed LAN specification for 100Mbps hub-and-spoke network over voice grade UTP
10Base2	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Baseband, 75 ohm coaxial cable, 200 meters maximum length (“Thin-Cable” Ethernet / “Cheapernet”) (IEEE 802.3)
10Base5	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Baseband, 50 ohm coaxial cable, 500 meters maximum length (Ethernet cabling specification) (IEEE 802.3)
10BaseF	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Baseband, fiber optic cabling (generic)
10BaseFL	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Baseband, fiber optic cabling, using IEEE 802.1C Fiber Optic Inter-Repeater Link (FOIRL) signalling
10BaseFT	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Baseband, fiber optic cabling, using IEEE 802.3x signalling
10BaseT	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Baseband, shielded or unshielded twisted pair, 100 meters typical distance (IEEE 802.3)
10Broad36	LAN media interface specification for 10Mbps, Broadband, 75 ohm coaxial cable, 3600 meters maximum length (AUI compatible) (IEEE 802.3)
1Base5	LAN media interface specification for 1Mbps, Baseband, twisted pair cabling, 500 meters maximum length (IEEE 802.3, AT&T StarLAN)
4GL	Fourth Generation Language
5Broad36	LAN media interface specification for 5Mbps, Broadband, 75 ohm single or dual coaxial cable, 3600 meters maximum length (IEEE 802.3, UB Broadband Ethernet)
802	IEEE standard for Local Area Network (LAN) Overview and Architecture (IEEE)
802.1	IEEE recommended practices for LAN - MAN management and internetworking (IEEE)
802.1B	IEEE draft standard for LAN - MAN Management (IEEE)
802.1C	IEEE standard for local and remote repeaters in CSMA/CD LANs (IEEE)
802.1D	IEEE standard for MAC-level local bridging and Spanning Tree Protocol (IEEE)
802.1E	IEEE standard for LAN - MAN: System Load Protocol (IEEE)
802.1F	IEEE recommended practice for LAN - MAN: Guidelines for development of Layer Management standards (IEEE)
802.1G	IEEE draft standard for MAC-level remote bridging (IEEE)
802.2	IEEE standard for LAN Logical Link Control (IEEE)
802.3	IEEE standard for CSMA/CD Bus LAN (IEEE)
802.4	IEEE standard for Token-Passing Bus LAN (IEEE)
802.5	IEEE standard for Token-Passing Ring Using Twisted Pair (IEEE)
802.5J	IEEE draft addendum to IEEE 802.5 for Fiber Optic Station Attachment (IEEE)

A

A/D	Analog to Digital
A/P	Accounts Payable (finance)
A/R	Accounts Receivable (finance)
AAP	Affirmative Action Program (HR)
AARP	AppleTalk Address Resolution Protocol (Apple)
ACC	Advanced Computer Communications
ACD	Automatic Call Distributor
ACE	Argue, Consent, Execute (Ralph Ungermann)

ACF	Advanced Communications Function (IBM)
ACF/VTAM	Advanced Communications Functions/VTAM
ACH	Attachmate (i.e. PC3270, a.k.a. "Model 2")
ACK	Acknowledge (ASCII, IBM BSC)
ACL	Access Control List (read as "ackle")
ACM	Association for Computing Machinery
ACR	Atalla Challenge/Response [unit] (Tandem)
ACSE	Association Control Service Element - application services layer (OSI)
ACU	Automatic Calling Unit
AD&D	Accidental Death and Dismemberment (HR / Benefits)
ADC	Analog to Digital Converter
ADPCM	Adaptive Quantization Pulse Code Modulation (Telephony)
AEC	Architecture, Engineering, Construction [markets]
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission (U.S. Govt)
AFI	Address Format Identifier (OSI)
AFNOR	Association Francaise de NORmalisation; French equivalent of ANSI
AFP	AppleTalk Filing Protocol (Apple)
AGC	Automatic Gain Control
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AICPA	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
AID	Attention IDentifier (IBM)
AIM	Adaptive Internetwork Management
AKA	Also Known As; alias
ALAP	AppleTalk Link Access Protocol (Apple)
ALB	Canada Alberta UB LTD offices
ALS	Active Line State
ALS	Advanced Low-power Schottky [logic circuits]
AM	Amplitude Modulation
AMD	Advanced Micro Devices Inc.
AMI	Alternate Mark Inversion [encoding]
AMLCD	Active Matrix Liquid Crystal Display
ANE	ANdover Engineering
ANI	Automatic [calling] Number Identification (ISDN)
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AP	Attached Processor (IBM)
APA	All Points Addressable [graphics mode] (IBM)
APAR	Authorized Problem Analysis Report (IBM)
API	Application Program Interface
APL	A Programming Language (IBM)
APPC	Advanced Program-to-Program Communication (IBM SNA)
APPN	Advanced Peer-to-Peer Networking (IBM SNA)
ARB	All Routes Broadcast
ARCnet	proprietary 2.5M bps broadband LAN (Datapoint)
ARI	Scottsdale, Arizona field office
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol - network layer (IETF)
ARPA	Advanced Research Projects Agency
ARPANET	Advanced Research Projects Agency Network
AS	Advanced Schottky [logic circuit]
ASAP	As Soon As Possible'
ASAP	Advanced Scripting and Applications Platform - scripting language for UWS, Contact
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ASE	Application Service Element (OSI)
ASI	Adapter Support Interface
ASIC	Application Specific Integrated Circuit

ASN	Abstract Syntax Notation (ISO, CCITT)
ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One; ISO 8824/8825, CCITT X.409
ASP	AppleTalk Session Protocol (Apple)
ASP	Average Selling Price
AT	Advanced Technology (IBM PC)
AT&T	American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Inc.
ATD	Asynchronous Time Division (ATM)
ATE	automatic test equipment
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
ATP	AppleTalk Transaction Protocol (Apple)
ATPG	Automatic Test Pattern Generator
ATTN	Attention (IBM)
AUI	Attachment Unit Interface (IEEE)
AVI	Audio, Video Interleave (Microsoft)
AWG	American Wire Gauge, for measuring copper wire

B

B	Byte or octet; 8 bits
b	bit, binary unit
B&P	Bid and Proposal [costs]
B3ZS	Bipolar [encoding] with 3-Zero Substitution (SONET, DS3)
BAS	Basic Activity Subset (OSI)
BASIC	Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
bb	bulletin board
BBN	Bolt, Beranek and Newman
BBS	[electronic] Bulletin Board System; see also RBBS
BCC	Block Check Character (See also CRC, FCS, LRC, VRC) (IBM)
BCS	Basic Combined Subset (OSI)
BellCORE	Bell Communications Research
BeNeLux	Belgium-Netherlands-Luxembourg
BER	Basic Encoding Rules (SNMP)
BERT	Bit-Error-Rate Test[er]
BFOQ	Bona Fide Occupational Qualification (HR/legal)
biCMOS	Bipolar Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor [logic]
BIOS	Basic Input/Output System (IBM/Microsoft)
BISDN	Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network
BIST	Built-In Self Test
BLERT	Block-Level Error-Rate Test[er]
BLNIU	Board Level Network Interface Unit
BMW	Bayerische Motorenwerke AG; German automobile manufacturer
BNA	Boeing Network Architecture (BCS)
BNA	Burroughs Network Architecture (Burroughs)
BNF	Backus-Naur Form - notation for describing a grammar
BOC	Bell Operating Company
BOM	Bill of Materials
BORSHT	Battery, Overvoltage, Ringing, Signalling, Hybrid, Test [functions] (Telephony)
BPO	Blanket Purchase Order
bps	bits per second
BRI	Basic Rate Interface (ISDN)

BSC	Binary Synchronous Communications; aka bisync (IBM)
BSD	Berkeley Software Distribution, as in UNIX 4.3bsd
BSI	British Standards Institute
BSS	Basic Synchronized Subset (OSI)
BT	British Telecommunications, Ltd
BTAM	Basic Telecommunications Access Method (IBM)
BTU	British Thermal Unit
BTW	by the way
BU	Business Unit
BUL	Business Unit Leader

C

C&T	Chips and Technologies Inc.
CAA	Corporate Agency Approval
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CAD/CAM	Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacturing
CADAM	Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing
CAE	Computer Aided Engineering
CAE	Computer Assisted Education
CASE	Common Application Service Elements protocol (OSI)
CASE	Computer Aided Software Engineering
CATV	Community Antenna Television; Cable Television
CAU	Controlled Access Unit [for Token Ring] (IBM)
CBEMA	Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association
CBOE	Chicago Board of Trade Options Exchange
CBOT	Chicago Board Of Trade
CBR	Constant Bit Rate (ATM)
CBT	computer-based training
CCB	Communications Control Block (IBM)
CCD	Charge-Coupled Device
CCHR	Cylinder, Cylinder, Head, Record [disk address] (IBM)
CCIA	Computer and Communications Industry Association
CCIR	International Consultative Committee on Radio
CCITT	Consultative Committee for International Telephony and Telegraphy
CCPD	Cylinder, Cylinder, Page, Device [disk address] (IBM)
CCR	Commitment, Concurrency and Recovery (OSI)
CCU	Cluster Control Unit (IBM)
CCW	Channel Command Word (IBM)
CCW	Counter ClockWise
CD	Carrier Detect; also DCD, Data Carrier Detect (EIA, CCITT)
CD	Compact Disc
CD-I	Compact Disc Interactive (Sony)
CD-ROM	Compact Disc Read-Only Memory
CDO	Chief Development Officer
CE	Component Engineering
CE	Customer Engineer (IBM)
CECP	Country Extended Code Page (IBM 3270)
CEN	Comite Europeen de Normalisation
CENELEC	Comite Europeen de Normalisation Electrotechnique
CEO	Chief Executive Officer

CEPT	Conference Europeen des Administrations de Postes et Telecommunications
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CGA	Color Graphics Adapter; 80x25 text, 320x200 pixel graphics (IBM PC)
CGM	Computer Graphics Metafile (ISO, ANSI)
cgs	Centimeter, Gram, Second [system of physical units]
CI	Call Indication (CCITT)
CI-1	Control In 1; usually DSR or CD (AT&T PDS, USOC)
CI-2	Control In 2; usually CTS (AT&T PDS, USOC)
CICS	Customer Information Control System (IBM)
CICS/VS	Customer Information Control System/Virtual Storage (IBM)
CIM	Computer Integrated Manufacturing
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CISC	Complex Instruction Set Computer
CISPR	International Special Committee on Radio Interference
CLIP	Connectionless Mode Internetwork Protocol; ISO 8473 (OSI)
CLNS	Connectionless Mode Network Service; ISO 8348/AD1 (OSI)
CLTP	Connectionless Mode Transport Protocol; ISO 8602 (OSI)
CLTS	Connectionless Mode Transport Service; ISO 8072/AD1 (OSI)
CM	Connection Manager
CMA	Cost and Management Accountant
CMIP	Common Management Information Protocol (OSI)
CMIS	Common Management Information Services (OSI)
CMOS	complimentary metal-oxide semiconductor
CMOT	Common Management Information Protocol over TCP/IP (see also CMIP)
CMS	Code Management System (DEC)
CMS	Conversational Monitor System (IBM)
CMT	Connection Management
CO	Central Office (Telephony)
CO-1	Control Out 1; usually DTR (AT&T PDS, USOC)
CO-2	Control Out 2; usually RTS (AT&T PDS, USOC)
COB	Close Of Business
Cocom	Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls
COGS	cost of goods and services
CONS	Connection Oriented Network Service; ISO 8348 (OSI)
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COQ	Cost of Quality
COS	Corporation for Open Systems
COTP	Connection Oriented Transport Protocol; ISO 8073 (OSI)
COTS	Connection Oriented Transport Service; ISO 8072 (OSI)
CP/M	Control Program for Microcomputers (Digital Research)
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
CPA	Corporate Purchasing Agreement;
CPE	Customer Premise Equipment
CPI/C	Common Programming Interface/Communications (IBM SAA)
cps	characters per second
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CQ	Corporate Quality
CQA	Corporate Quality Assurance
CR	Call Request (CCITT)
CR	Carriage Return (ASCII)
CRC	Cyclical Redundancy Check
CRC-16	16-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check algorithm (IBM, CCITT)
CRC-32	32-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check algorithm (IEEE, ANSI)
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube [display screen]

CS	Convergence Sublayer (ATM)
CSA	Canadian Standards Agency
CSDN	Circuit-Switched Data Network (CCITT)
CSMA/CA	Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (IEEE)
CSMA/CD	Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (IEEE)
CSO	Customer Service Organization
CSU	Channel Service Unit (AT&T)
CSV	Comma Separated Variables; spread-sheet compatible data format
CTC	Clock, Timer, Counter [unit] (Zilog)
CTCA	Channel-To-Channel Adapter (IBM)
CTS	Clear To Send (EIA, CCITT)
CUA	Common User Access (IBM SAA)
CUA	Control Unit Address (IBM)
CUT	Control Unit Terminal (IBM)
CVT	Component Verification Test
CW	ClockWise
CW	Continuous Wave
CY	Calendar Year (January through December) e.g. CY90 is 1990 A.D.
CYA	“Cover Your Ass”; i.e., protect yourself (vulgar)

D

DA	Destination Address field (XNS)
DAC	Digital to Analog Converter
DADSM	Direct Access Device Space Management (IBM)
DAP	DECnet Data Access Protocol (DEC)
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DAS	Dual Attached Station (ANSI FDDI)
DASD	Direct Access Storage Device (IBM)
DAT	Digital Audio Tape
DB	Database
DB15	15-pin "D"-shape connector
DB25	25-pin "D"-shape connector
DB25P	25-pin "D"-shape connector plug, male
DB25S	25-pin "D"-shape connector socket, female
DB37	37-pin "D"-shape connector
DB9	9-pin "D"-shape connector
DBA	Doing Business As; also d/b/a
dBA	deciBel Acoustic; a measure of sound intensity
DBMS	DataBase Management System
DCA	Defense Communications Agency (DoD)
DCA	Digital Communications Associates
DCA	Document Content Architecture (IBM)
DCC	Data [network] Country Code (CCITT)
DCC	Digital Compact Cassette (Phillips)
DCD	Data Carrier Detect; aka CD (EIA)
DCE	Data Circuit Terminating Equipment (EIA, CCITT)
DCL	Digital Command Language (DEC)
DCT	Discrete Cosine Transform
DD	Double Density
DDE	Dynamic Data Exchange (Microsoft)

DDN	Defense Data Network - also called the "Internet"
DDP	AppleTalk Datagram Delivery Protocol (Apple)
DDS	Dataphone Digital Service; Digital Data Service (AT&T)
DEB	Data Exchange Board
DEC	Digital Equipment Corporation
DECnet	Digital Equipment Corporation networking system
DECUS	Digital Equipment Computer Users Society (DEC)
DES	Data Encryption Standard (ANSI)
DET	Design Evaluation Test
DFC	Data Flow Control (IBM SNA)
DFT	Design For Test
DFT	Distributed Function Terminal (IBM)
DG	Data General
DIA	Document Interchange Architecture (IBM)
DIB	Directory Information Base (OSI)
DID	Direct Inward Dial; aka Centrex (AT&T)
DIN	Deutsches Institut fur Normung e.V.; German equivalent of ANSI
DIP	Dual Inline Package (integrated circuit)
DISOSS	Distributed Office Support System (IBM)
DL	Data Link (layer)
DLC	Data Link Control (IBM SNA)
DLE	Data Link Escape [character] (ASCII, IBM BSC)
DLL	Dynamic Link Library (Microsoft)
DLM	Data Link Monitor
DLS	DownLoad Server
DM	Data Management
DM	Deutsches Mark
DM	Disconnect Mode (HDLC)
DMA	Direct Memory Access (channel)
DME	Distributed Management Environment (X/Open, UNIX)
DMI	Digital Multiplexed Interface (AT&T)
DNA	DeoxyriboNucleic Acid
DNA	Digital Network Architecture (DEC)
DNIC	Data Network Identification Code (CCITT)
DNM	Desktop Network Management
DNS	Domain Name Service (IETF)
DOA	dead on arrival
DoD	Department of Defense [U.S. Government]
DOS	Disk Operating System (generic); see also MS-DOS, PC-DOS, DR-DOS
DOS/360	Disk Operating System/360 (IBM)
DOS/VS	Disk Operating System/Virtual Storage (IBM)
DOS/VSE	Disk Operating System/Virtual Storage Extended (IBM)
DPI	dots per inch
DPLL	Digital Phase-Locked Loop
DRAM	Dynamic Random-Access Memory
DS	Data Stream (IBM)
DS	Design Services
DS	Double Sided
DS-0	Digital voice or data channel, 56 or 64 Kbps effective rate (Telephony)
DS-1	Digital multiplex channel operating at 1.544 Mbps (Telephony)
DS-2	Digital multiplex channel operating at 6.312 Mbps (Telephony)
DS-3	Digital multiplex channel operating at 44.376 Mbps (Telephony)
DS-DD	Double Sided, Double Density; 5.25" 360KB floppy disk format (IBM PC)
DS-HD	Double Sided, High Density; 5.25" 1.2MB floppy disk format (IBM PC)

DSA	Directory Service Agent (CCITT)
DSC	Data Stream Compatible [3270] (IBM)
DSL	Down Stream Load (IBM)
DSM	Design Standards Manual
DSP	Digital Signal Processing
DSP	3270 Display System Protocol (Telenet/Tymnet/Datapac)
DSR	Data Set Ready (EIA, CCITT)
DSU	Digital Service Unit (AT&T)
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment (EIA, CCITT)
DTP	DeskTop Publishing
DTR	Data Terminal Ready (EIA, CCITT)
DUA	Directory User Agent (CCITT)
DUT	Device Under Test
DVI	Digital Video Interactive (Intel)
DVT	Design Verification Test
DWB	Documenter's WorkBench (AT&T UNIX)
DWC	Distributed Wiring Concentrator (Token Ring)

E

E/R	Employee Relations
E1	Digital data circuit operating at 2.048 Mbps; CEPT alternative to T1, DS-1
E2	Digital data circuit operating at 8.448 Mbps; CEPT alternative to T2, DS-2
E3	Digital data circuit operating at 34.368 Mbps; CEPT alternative to T3, DS-3
EAB	Extended Attribute Byte (IBM)
EAN	European Article Numbering; (see UPC)
EAR	Employee Advisory Resource (HR / Benefits)
EAROM	Electrically Alterable Read-Only Memory
EAU	Erase All Unprotected (IBM)
EBCDIC	Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (IBM)
EC	European Commission; European Community
ECAD	Computer Aided Electrical / Electronic Design
ECB	Event Control Block
ECC	Error Correction Code
ECF	Enhanced Communications Facility (IBM)
ECL	Emitter Coupled Logic
ECM	Electronic Counter-Measures (DoD)
ECM	Ethernet Concentrator Module
ECMA	European Computer Manufacturers Association
ECO	Engineering Change Order
ECU	European Currency Unit
ED	End Delimiter
ED	Engineering Documentation
EDA	Electronic Design Automation
EDC	Error Detection and Correction; see also ECC
EDC	European Distribution Center
EDG	Engineering Documentation Group
EDI	Electronic Business Data Interchange; ANSI X12 (ANSI)
EDIF	Electronic Design Data Interchange Format
EDP	Electronic Data Processing
EDP	Engineering Documentation Project

EDS	Electronic Data Systems Inc. [General Motors]
EEC	European Economic Community
EEHLLAPI	Enhanced Extended High-Level-Language API (IBM)
EEMS	Enhanced Expanded Memory Specification; also known as LIM EMS 4.0 (Lotus/Intel/Microsoft)
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity (HR)
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EEPROM	Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory; aka E ² PROM
EFA	External Fiber Adapter
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EFT/POS	Electronic Funds Transfer at the Point of Sale (Atalla)
EGA	Enhanced Graphics Adaptor (IBM PC)
EGP	Exterior Gateway Protocol
EHLLAPI	Extended High Level Language Application Program Interface (IBM)
EHQ	European Headquarters UB, Ltd.
EIA	Electronic Industries Association
EIR	Engineering Initial Release (to Manufacturing)
EISA	Extended Industry Standard Architecture
EL	ElectroLuminescent [display]
EL/M	Event Logger and Monitor (Netdirector)
ELAP	EtherTalk Link Access Protocol (AppleTalk)
ELF	Extremely Low Frequency, below 30 KHz
ELS	Event Logging Service
EMAIL	Electronic Mail (generic)
EMC	Electro-Magnetic interference Compliance
EMI	ElectroMagnetic Interference
EMP	ElectroMagnetic Pulse
EMS	Expanded Memory Specification for PC (Lotus/Intel/Microsoft)
ENDEC	Encoder/Decoder
ENG	Engineering
ENNE	Excellence in Enterprise Networking
ENQ	Enquire (ASCII, IBM BSC)
ENQAK	Enquire Acknowledge (ASCII)
EOL	End of Life
EOL	End of Line
EOM	End of Message
EOT	End of Text
EOT	End of Transmission (ASCII, IBM BSC)
EOTP	Ethernet On Twisted Pair; also ETP (UB, generic)
EP	AppleTalk Echo Protocol (Apple)
EP	Emulation Program (IBM)
EPO	Emergency Power Off (IBM)
EPRAT	Extended Product Reliability Audit Testing
EPROM	Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
ER	Enhancement Request
EREP	Environmental Recording, Edit, and Print (IBM)
ERN	Engineering Release Notice
ES	End System (OSI)
ES-IS	End System to Intermediate System Routing Exchange protocol (OSI)
ESC	ESCape key (IBM PC, Terminals)
ESC	ESCape [character] (ASCII, IBM BSC)
ESC	European Support Center
ESCON	Enterprise System Common Optical Network (IBM)
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge

ESDI	Enhanced Small Device Interface
ESF	Extended Superframe Format (AT&T)
ESOP	Employee Stock Ownership Plan (HR / Benefits)
ESP	Enhanced Service Provider
ESPP	Employee Stock Purchase Plan (HR / Benefits)
ET	Exchange Termination equipment (ISDN)
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETB	End Transmission Block (IBM BSC)
ETP	Ethernet on Twisted Pair; also EOTP
ETX	End of Text (IBM BSC)
EUT	Equipment Under Test

F

F&A, F/A	Finance and Administration
F/W	Firmware
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAD	Fiber Adapter Device
FADU	File Access Data Unit (OSI)
FAR	FARmington (Connecticut) office
FAR	Federal Acquisitions Regulation
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board (pronounce "Fazz-Bee")
FAT	File Allocation Table (MS-DOS, PC-DOS)
FBA	Fixed Block Architecture (IBM)
FBO	For Benefit Of (HR / Legal)
FC	Frame Control (IEEE 802.5)
FC	FibreChannel; ANSI X3T9.3 (ANSI)
FC-0	FibreChannel Physical Layer Specification; ANSI X3T9.3
FC-1	FibreChannel Transmission Coding Specification; ANSI X3T9.3
FC-2	FibreChannel Signalling Protocol Specification; ANSI X3T9.3
FC-3	FibreChannel Upper Layer Common Services; ANSI X3T9.3
FC-4	FibreChannel Upper Layer Protocol Mapping; ANSI X3T9.3
FCB	File Control Block (Digital Research/Microsoft)
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCO	Field Change Order
FCPA	Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
FCS	First Customer Shipment
FCS	Frame Check Sequence
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interface; ANSI X3T9.5 (ANSI)
FDM	Frequency Division Multiplexing
FDX	Full Duplex
FEC	Fiber Optic Ethernet Concentrator
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FEP	Front-End-Processor (IBM)
FET	Field-Effect Transistor
FF	Form Feed (ASCII)
FG	Frame Ground (EIA, CCITT)
FIFO	First In, First Out
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard
FLOPS	FLoating-point Operations Per Second
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act of 1939 (HR)

FM	Fault Monitor
FM	Frequency Modulation
FMA	Flex-Mount Adapter (Access/1)
FMRJ	Frame Reject (SDLC)
FOE	Fiber-Optic Ethernet
FOIRL	Fiber-Optic Inter-Repeater Link; aka 10BaseFL (IEEE)
FOT	Fiber Optic Transceiver
FPDU	FTAM Protocol Data Unit (OSI)
FPGA	Field-Programmable Gate Array
FPLA	Field-Programmable Logic Array
FPO	Foreign Post Office
FPU	Floating-Point [arithmetic] Unit
FRA	Montigny Le Bretonneux, France office
FRK	Frankfort, Germany sales office
FRMR	Frame Reject (HDLC)
FRS	First Revenue Shipment
FS	Finite State
FS	Frame Status
FS	Functional Specification
FSM	Finite State Machine
FSp	Functional Specification document
FT	Fault Tolerant
FT	File Transfer
FT-1	Fractional T1; see also T1, DS-0 (Telephony)
FTAM	File Transfer, Access, and Management (OSI)
FTP	File Transfer Protocol (IETF)
FTPS	Fault Tolerant Power Supply
FUBAR	Fowled Up Beyond All Recovery; (see also SNAFU)
FWM	Fixed Wall Mount (Access/1)
FY	Fiscal Year (e.g. FY91, Q3FY91, etc.)
FYI	for your information

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G	Giga- or billion - 1,000,000,000 or 1,073,741,824 depending on units
G&A	General and Administrative [costs]
G/L	general ledger (finance)
GA, G/A	General Availability
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles / Practices
GAO	General Accounting Office [U.S. Government]
GB	GigaByte - 1024 Megabytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes
Gb	Gigabit - 1,000,000,000 bits [per second]
GCR	Group-Coded Recording (IBM)
GCS	VM/SP Group Control System (IBM)
GDDM	Graphical Data Display Manager (IBM)
GE	General Electric
GEM	Government, Education, Medical [markets]
GEM	Graphical Element Manager [NetDirector]
GKS	Graphics Kernel System (ANSI, ISO)
GmbH	Gesellschaft mit beruhmter Haftung; German "Inc."
GML	Generalized Markup Language (ANSI)

GMT	Greenwich Mean Time; see also UMT, UT
GOSIP	Government Open Systems Interconnection Profile
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRN	GReeNville, South Carolina office
GTE	General Telephone and Electronics Corporation
Gtty	Glass teletype (i.e., terminal with CRT which scrolls output like a teletype)
GUI	Graphical User Interface (pronounce "gooey")
GW	GateWay

H

H	Hn is nth half of calendar year (n = 1 to 2); e.g. 2H91 is second half of fiscal year 1991
H0	Digital data channel or subchannel operating at 384 Kbps (ISDN PRI)
H1	Digital data channel operating at 1.536 Mbps (ISDN PRI)
HASP	Houston Automatic Spooling Program (IBM)
HC	High-speed CMOS [logic circuit]
HCO	Hardware Change Order
HCT	High-speed CMOS, TTL compatible [logic circuit]
HD	High Density
HDB3	High Density Bipolar 3 [encoding]; used in CEPT E1, E2, E3
HDE	Hardware Development Engineering
HDLC	High level Data Link Control (ISO)
HDTV	High Definition Television
HDX	Half Duplex
HEC	Header Error Check (ATM)
HER	Head End Remodulator
HF	High Frequency, approx. 3 MHz to 30 MHz
HFS	Hierarchical File System (Apple)
HGC	Hercules Graphics Controller; 80x25 text, 720x350 pixel graphics, monochrome (IBM PC)
HiPPI	High Performance Parallel Interface
HLLAPI	High Level Language Application Program Interface (IBM)
HLM	Heterogenous LAN Management (IBM)
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization (HR / Benefits)
HOL	Head Of Line (ATM)
HOU	Houston, Texas sales office
HP	Hewlett-Packard, Inc.
HPFS	High Performance File System (replacement for FAT system) (IBM, Microsoft)
HQ	Headquarters (i.e. Santa Clara campus) (HQ1-HQ6)
HR	Human Resources
HRG	Human Resources Generalist
HRN	Hardware Release Notice
HS	High Speed
HS&S	Headquarters Service & Support
HSRB	High Speed Remote Bridge
HSSI	High Speed Serial Interface; EIA 631 (EIA)
HW, H/W	Hardware
HWM	Hinged Wall Mount (Access/1)

I

I/F	InterFace
IA5	International Alphabet #5 - equiv. to ASCII (CCITT)
IBJ	Industrial Bank of Japan
IBM	International Business Machines Inc.
IBMTR	IBM or fully compatible Token Ring adapter card
IBR	Initial Boot Record
IC	Insert Cursor (IBM)
IC	Integrated Circuit
ICD	Interface Control Document
ICE	in-circuit emulator / emulation
ICEA	Insulated Cable Engineers' Association
ICL	International Computers, Ltd (Major computer vendor in UK, now owned by Fujitsu)
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol (IETF)
ICON	InterCONtInental - marketing organization for 3rd world and Canada
ICP	Internet Control Protocol
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IDE	Integrated [disk] Drive Electronics; typically for PC AT or ISA bus
IDP	Internet Datagram Protocol (XNS)
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (pronounce "I-triple-E")
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force; creator/overseer for TCP/IP protocols
IF	Intermediate Frequency
IFD	Infinite Driver program
IFF	Identification, Friend or Foe
IFF	If and Only If
IFIP	International Federation of Information Processing
IFIPS	International Federation of Information Processing Societies
IGP	Interior Gateway Protocol (cisco)
IIS	Integrated Intermediate System Routing Exchange Protocol (IETF, OSI)
ILP	Integrated LAN Platform (i.e. Access/One)
IMHO	In My Humble Opinion
IMI	Initial Memory Image
IMP	Interface Message Protocol
IMPL	Initial Micro-Program Load (IBM)
INI	Industrial Networking Inc
IO	Input/Output (generic)
IOCS	Input/Output Control System
IOCTL	Input/Output Control
IP	Internet Protocol - network layer (TCP)
IPC	InterProcess Communication
IPCS	Interactive Problem Control System (IBM)
IPDU	Internet Protocol Data Unit (OSI)
IPI	Intelligent Peripheral Interface; IPI-2, IPI-3
IPL	Initial Program Load (IBM)
IPM	InterPersonal Messaging (see also X.400) (CCITT)
IPO	Initial Public Offering
IPS	Instructions Per Second; inches per second
IPX	Internet Packet Exchange (Novell)
IR	Information Rerieval

IR	InfraRed
IRLED	InfraRed Light Emitting Diode
IRM	Intelligent Repeater Module
IRMA	IBM 3270 emulator card for IBM PC (DCA)
IRQ	IntRrupt Request
IRS	Infernal (sic) Revenue Service (US govt)
IS	Information Services
IS	Intermediate System (OSI)
IS-IS	Intermediate System to Intermediate System Routing Exchange Protocol (OSI)
ISA	Industry Standard Architecture / Adapter; also, PC-AT bus
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network (CCITT)
ISG	Informations Services Group
ISO	International Standards Organization
ISPF	Interactive Systems Programming Facility (IBM)
ISPF/PDF	ISPF / Program Development Facility (IBM)
ISQL	Interactive Structured Query Language
ISV	Independent Software Vendor; Independent System Vendor
ITI	Integrated Technology, Inc. (obs: now TTSI)
ITRC	Information Technology Requirements Council
ITU	International Telegraph Union (parent of CCITT)
IUCV	VM/SP Inter-User Communication Vehicle (IBM)
IUP	Installed User Program (IBM)
IUT	Implementation Under Test (OSI)
IXC	IntereXchange Carrier (FCC)

J

JEDEC	Joint Electronic Device Engineering Council
JEIDA	Japan Electronic Industry Development Association
JES	Job Entry Subsystem; JES2, JES3 (IBM)
JHQ	Japan Headquarters UB-KK
JISC	Japanese Industrial Standards Commission
JIT	Just In Time [manufacturing]
JMG	Japan MG building, UB-KK
JMN	Japan Matsushita Net-One Co. Ltd
JNS	Japan Nagoya sales UB-KK
JOS	Japan Osaka sales UB-KK
JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group
JPL	Jet Propulsion Labs
JTAM	Job Transfer And Manipulation; aka JTM (OSI)
JTS	Japan Tokyo Sales, UB-KK
JVC	Japan Victor Company

K

K	Kilo - 1000 or 1024 depending on units
K&R	Kernigan and Ritchie [authors of original 'C' programming language]
KB	KiloByte - 1024 bytes

Kb	Kilobit - 1024 bits
Kbps	Kilobits per second - 1000 bits per second
Kermit	public domain file transfer protocol
Kilobits	1000 bits per second
km	kilometer, 1000 meters
kp	kilopascals, a measure of pressure

L

LAN	Local Area Network
LANMAN	LAN Manager (Microsoft)
LAPB	Link Access Protocol, Balanced (ISO, CCITT)
LAPD	Link Access Protocol for the D-Channel (CCITT)
LAT	Local Area Transport (DEC)
LATA	Local Access and Transport Area (FCC)
LAX	Los Angeles, California sales office
LC	Liquid Crystal
LC	Load Characteristics [file]
LCA	Logic Cell Array
LCA	Low Cost Adapter
LCC	Leadless Chip Carrier
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LCM	Low Cost Modules
LCN	Logical Channel Number (CCITT)
LCQ	Life Cycle Quality Group
LDLB	Local Data Link Bridge
LEC	Local Exchange Carrier (FCC)
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LEM	Link Error Monitor
LEM	Lunar Excursion Module (NASA)
LF	LineFeed (ASCII)
LF	Low Frequency, approx. 300 KHz to 3 MHz
LIF	Load Information File; Low Insertion Force
LIFO	Last In, First Out
LIM EMS 4.0	Lotus / Intel / Microsoft Expanded Memory Specification version 4.0; see also EEMS
LIM	Lotus/Intel/Microsoft; see also EMS
LIN	LAN InterNet
LLAPI	Low-Level API (IBM)
LLC	Logical Link Control (IEEE)
LMX	Lan Manager on uniX (Microsoft)
LNLLC	Local Network Logical Link Control (IEEE)
LOA	Leave of Absence (HR / Benefits)
LPC	Linear Predictive Coding
LPDU	Link Layer Protocol Data Unit (OSI)
LRC	Longitudinal Redundancy Check (see also CRC, VRC, FCS)
LS	Load Specification file (UB Net Mgmt)
LS	Low-power Schottky [logic circuits]
LSAP	Link Service Access Point (OSI)
LSI	Large Scale Integration
LSN	Local Session Number
LT	Line Termination equipment (ISDN)

LU	Logical Unit (IBM SNA) (see also PLU, SLU)
LU-1	Logical Unit Type 1 (keyboard/printer terminal) (IBM SNA)
LU-2	Logical Unit Type 2 (3270 display or printer, 3270 data stream) (IBM SNA)
LU-3	Logical Unit Type 3 (3270 printer, SCS mode) (IBM SNA)
LU-6.2	Logical Unit Type 6.2 (APPC) (IBM SNA)
LUT	Logical Unit Type (IBM SNA)

M

M	Mega- or Million - 1,000,000 or 1,048,576 [1024K] depending on units
m	meter - approx. 39.37 inches
M-1, M-2	Milpitas Manufacturing and operations, buildings 1 & 2
M/S	Microsoft (Also MS)
MAC	Apple Macintosh computer
MAC	Media Access Control (IEEE)
MAC-PHY	Media Access Control to PHYsical Layer interface (IEEE)
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network [IEEE 802.6]
MAP	Manufacturing Automation Protocol (GM) (ITRC)
MAP/TOP	Manufacturing Automation Protocols / Technical and Office Protocols (ITRC)
MAPBE	Topology Map back-end; also MAP BE (NetDirector)
MAPFE	Topology Map front-end; also MAP FE (NetDirector)
MARCOM	Marketing Communications
MAU	Media Access Unit (IBM TR) (IEEE)
MB	Megabyte - 1024 kilobytes, or 1,048,576 bytes
MB	MultiBus (Intel)
Mb	Megabit - 1024 kilobits or 1,048,576 bits
MB-II	MultiBus II (Intel)
MBNIU	MultiBus Network Interface Unit
MBO	Management By Objective
Mbps	Megabits per second - 1,000,000 bits per second
MCA	MicroChannel Architecture (IBM PC)
MCAD	Computer-Aided Mechanical Design
MCD	Medical Center of Delaware
MDA	Monochrome Display Adapter; 80x25 text only (IBM PC)
MDF	Main Distribution Frame
MDI	Multi Document Interface
MDT	Modified Data Tag (IBM)
ME	Mechanical Engineering; Mechanical Engineer
MEL	Melbourne, Australia field office
MF	MAC Frame; MicroFarad
MF-DD	Micro Format, Double Density; single-sided 3.5" floppy disk, 400KB (Apple)
MF2-DD	Micro Format, Double Sided, Double Density; 3.5" floppy disk format, 720KB (IBM) or 800KB (Apple)
MF2-ED	Micro Format, Double Sided, Extended Density; 3.5" floppy disk format, 2.88MB (IBM)
MF2-HD	Micro Format, Double Sided, High Density; 3.5" floppy disk format, 1.44MB
MFD	MicroFaraD
MFD	Multi-Frequency Display
MFG	Manufacturing
MFGTE	Manufacturing Test Engineering
MFLOPS	MegaFLOPS; Million Floating-Point Operations Per Second
MFS	Monolithic File System (Apple)

MFSA	MAC Frame Source Address
MHS	Message Handling System (see also X.400) (CCITT)
MHz	Megahertz - 1,000,000 cycles per second
MIB	Management Information Base
MIB-I	Basic MIB for TCP/IP systems (IETF)
MIB-II	Extended MIB for remote TCP/IP management (IETF)
MIC	Media Interface Connector
MILnet	MILitary communications NETwork (DoD)
MILSPEC	MILitary SPECification (DoD)
MILSTD	MILitary Standard (DoD)
MIN	Minneapolis, Minnesota office
MIPS	Million Instructions Per Second; MIPS Inc. [RISC vendor]
MIS	Manager/Management of Information Services
MITI	Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry
MKC	Kansas City, Missouri office
MKS	Mortice Kern Systems Inc (see RCS)
mks	Meter, Kilogram, Second [system of physical units]
MLAD	Multi-LAN Attachment Device (Tandem)
MLAD	Multiple Line Access Device
MLT	Multiple Logical Terminal feature (IBM 3174)
MMAC	Multi-Media Access Center (Cabletron)
MMFS	Manufacturing Messaging Format Standard (OSI MAP)
MMU	Memory Management Unit
MNO	Matsushita Net One, Ltd
MNP	MicroCom Network Protocol (MicroCom); MNP-1 through MNP-5
MODEM	Modulator / Demodulator
MOM	Manager of Managers
MOP	Management Operations Protocol (DEC)
MOS	Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor
MOSFET	Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor
MOTIS	Message Oriented Text Interchange System (ISO)
MP	Member of Parliament
MP	Multi-Processor
MPE	Multi Port Ethernet
MPEG	Motion Pictures Experts Group
MPM	Multi Protocol Manager
MPR	Manufacturing Problem Report
MPT	MultiPort Transceiver
MPU	MicroProcessor Unit (variant of CPU)
MPW	Macintosh Programmers Workshop (Apple)
MRD	Marketing Requirements Document
MRO	Maintenance, Repair or Operating Supplies
MRP	Materials Requirement Plan
MS	Microsoft (Also M/S)
MS-DOS	Microsoft Disk Operating System
MSA	Master Sales Agreement
MSAU	Multi-Station Access Unit (IBM)
MSI	Medium Scale Integration
MTA	Message Transfer Agent (CCITT)
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failures
MTE	Manufacturing Test Engineering
MTS	Member of Technical Staff (HR)
MTTR	Mean Time To Repair
MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit

MTV	Music TeleVision
MUN	Munich, Germany sales office
MVS	Multiple Virtual Storage [operating system] (IBM)

N

N/1	Net/One
N/A	Not Applicable
N/C	not connected
N/OVA	Net/One Venders Association
NA, N/A	not applicable; not available
NARF	Naval Air Rework Facilities (US govt)
NAS	National Advanced Semiconductor
NAS	Network Adapter Status (UB utility program)
NAS	Network Application Support
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NAU	Network Addressable Unit (IBM SNA)
NAUN	Nearest Active Upstream Neighbor (FDDI)
NB	California Newport Beach sales office
N.B.	<i>Note Bene</i> - look carefully
NBP	NetBIOS Protocol (IBM, Microsoft)
NBP	AppleTalk Name Binding Protocol (Apple)
NBS	National Bureau of Standards - obs., see also NIST
NCAL	Northern California
NCB	Network Control Block (IBM)
NCC	Network Command Console
NCC	Network Control Center
NCCF	Network Console Communications Facility (IBM)
NCP	Network Control Program ; NCP/VS, ACF/NCP (program which runs in IBM FEP; also, FEP [IBM])
NCS	Network Computing System (Apollo/HP)
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
NDB	Network Debugger
NDIS	Network Driver Interface Specification (Microsoft)
NDSE	NetBIOS Directory Service Entity (OSI)
NDUA	Name Directory User Agent
NDUA	NetBIOS Directory User Agent (MAP/TOP)
NEC	National Electrical Code
NEC	Nippon Electric Corp.
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturing Association [U.S.]
NEMP	Nuclear ElectroMagnetic Pulse
NetBEUI	NetBIOS Extended User Interface (IBM)
NetBIOS	Network Basic Input Output System (IBM/Microsoft)
NETCI	Net/One Command Interpreter; CI
NetView	IBM network management system (IBM)
NetWare	Novell Network Operating System for personal computers
NFS	Network File System (Sun)
NG	No Good
NGA	Next Generation Adapter
NIC	Network Information Center (IETF)
NIC	Network Interface Controller (includes NICpc, NICps, pcNIC)

NIDL	Network Interface Definition Language (HP/Apollo)
NIF	Neighborhood Information Frame (FDDI)
NISL	Network Interface Sub-Layer (OSI)
NIST	National Institute for Standards and Technology (see also NBS)
NIU	Network Interface Unit (includes NIU2A, NIU74, NIU74PS, NIU78, NIU130, NIU140, NIU180, NIU184, NIU190, NIUpc, NIUpc/EOTP, NIUpc/ex, NIUps, NIUps/EOTP, NIUps/ex, pcNIU)
NJY	Belford, New Jersey office
NLDM	Network Logical Data Manager (IBM)
NLM	NetWare Loadable Modules (Novell)
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NM	Network Management
NM	Not Meaningful
NMA	Network Management Agents
NMA	Network Map Application
NMC	Network Management & Control (generic)
NMC	Network Management Console
NMC/2	Network Management Console for OS/2 (Early name for NetDirector See also OS/2 NMC)
NMI	Non-Maskable Interrupt
NMO	New Manager's Orientation
NMVT	Network Management Vector Transport (IBM SNA)
NOR	Norway office
NOS	Network Operating System
NOVA	Net/One Venders Association; also N/OVA
NPAI	Network Protocol Address Information (OSI)
NPDA	Network Problem Determination Application (IBM)
NPI	Network Peripherals, Inc.
NPSI	Network Packet Switching Interface (IBM)
NR	non-receivable; not ready
NRC	National Replacement Character
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRM	Network Resource Monitor (UB)
NRU	Network Repeater Unit
NRZ	Non-Return to Zero [encoding]
NRZI	Non-Return to Zero, Inverted [encoding]
NSAP	Network Service Access Point (OSI)
NSDU	Network Service Data Unit (OSI)
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSP	Name Service Protocol - utilities layer (TCP)
NSP	Network Services Protocol - network layer (DECnet)
NSP	Non-Standard Product
NT	Network Termination (ISDN)
NT	[Windows] New Technology (Microsoft)
NTT	Nippon Telephone and Telegraph
NVP	Network Voice Protocol (IETF)
NVT	Network Virtual Terminal (IETF)
NWNL	Northwestern National Life (HR / Benefits)
NYA	Albany, New York office
NYS	New York Sales office
NYSE	New York Stock Exchange

O

O/H	OverHead (finance)
OBR	Optical Bypass Relay
obs	obsolete
OCn	Optical Carrier 'n', where n = 1 to 12 or more; digital data rate hierarchy defined for operation over optical fiber cable at data rates of 45 Mbps to over 10 Gbps
OCF	Owens Corning Fiberglass
ODA	Office Document Architecture (ISO)
ODI	Open Data-Link Interface (also ODLI, OLI) (Novell)
ODIF	Office Document Interchange Format (ISO)
ODLI	Open Data Link Interface (also ODI, OLI) (Novell)
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
OEMI	Original Equipment Manufacturers Information [manual] (IBM)
OIA	Operator Information Area ("25th line") (IBM)
OID	Object IDentifier (OSI, IETF)
OLTP	On-Line Transaction Processing
OMS	Object Management System
ONA	Open Network Architecture
ONC	Open Network Computing (Sun Microsystems)
ONT	Ontario, Canada UB LTD
OO	Object Oriented
OOA	Object-Oriented Analysis
OOD	Object Oriented Design / Development
OODB	Object-Oriented Database
OOM	Object Oriented Module
OOP	Object-Oriented Programming
OOPS	Object-Oriented Programming System
OPS	Portland, Oregon support
ORL	Orlando, Florida sales office
OS	Operating System
OS/2 EE	OS/2 Extended Edition (IBM)
OS/2	Multi-tasking Operating System for IBM PC, PS/2 (Microsoft, IBM)
OS/2 NMC	Network Management Console for OS/2; (obs) early name for NetDirector; see also NMC/2
OSCA	Open Systems Cabling Access [wiring system] (BT)
OSF	Open Software Foundation
OSF	Optical Storage Facility (Tandem)
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration (HR / US Govt)
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection (developed by ISO)
OSI/NetBIOS	Mapping of OSI protocols on NetBIOS interface (TOP User's Group: NetBIOS SIG)
OSI/NMF	Open Systems Interconnection Network Management Forum
OSPF	Open Shortest Path First (IETF)
OUI	Organization Unique Identifier (IEEE)

P

P&G	Proctor and Gamble
P&L	profit and loss

P/N	part number
PA	Preamble
PA/ED	Performance Appraisal/Employee Development form (HR)
PABX	Private Automatic Branch Exchange
PacBell	Pacific Bell Telephone Company
PAD	Packet Assembler/Disassembler (CCITT)
PAI	Product Attachment Information (IBM)
PAL	Programmable Array Logic
PAM	Pulse Amplitude Modulation
PAN	Personnel Action Notice (HR)
PAP	AppleTalk Printer Access Protocol (Apple)
PAW	Pawtucket, RI Sales office
PBX	Private Branch Exchange
PC	Path Control (IBM SNA)
PC	Personal Computer (IBM)
PC	Personal Connection
PC	Politically Correct
PC AT	Personal Computer Advanced Technology (IBM)
PC-DOS	Personal Computer - Disk Operating System (IBM)
PC/RT	Personal Computer / RISC Technology (IBM)
PC/XT	Personal Computer / Extended Technology (IBM)
PCAD	Personal Computer-Aided Design
PCB	Poly-Chlorinated Biphenyl
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
PCBA	PCB Assembly
PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect
PCM	Physical Connection Management
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card Industry Association
pcNIC	Personal Computer Network Interface Controller; see also NIC
pcNIU	Personal Computer Network Interface Unit; see also NIU
PCP	Printer Connection Port (Remote SNA Gateway)
PCSA	Personal Computing Systems Architecture (DEC)
PCT	6530 terminal emulator (Tandem)
PDC	Product Management Committee (forerunner of PDT)
PDN	Public Data Network (CCITT)
PDQ	Pretty Damn Quick
PDS	Premises Distribution System (structured wiring system) (AT&T)
PDT	Program Direction Team
PDU	Protocol Data Unit
PE	Phase Encoding
PE	Product Engineering
PEG	Product Engineering Group
PEP	Packet Exchange Protocol (XNS)
PEP	Partitioned Emulation Program (IBM)
PERT	Program Evaluation and Review Technique; usually, "PERT chart" (project management)
PF	Programmed Function [key] (IBM)
PFD	Product Feature Description
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric
PGA	Pin-Grid Array
PGI	Parameter Group Identifier (OSI)
PHI	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Sales office
PHIGS	Programmer's Hierarchical Interface to Graphics Standards (ANSI)
PHY	PHYSical Layer Protocol (FDDI)

PI	Priority Indicator (ATM)
PI	Parameter Identifier (OSI)
PICMG	PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturers Group
PIO	Parallel Input/Output [unit] (Zilog)
PIXEL	Picture Element; the smallest individually addressable unit of a graphic image
PLA	Programmable Logic Array
PLCC	Plastic Leadless Chip Carrier
PLD	Programmable Logic Device
PLL	Phase-Locked Loop
PLM	Program Logic Manual (IBM)
PLU	Primary Logical Unit (IBM SNA)
PLX	Private LAN Exchange (early name for Access/One) (obs.)
PM	Performance Manager
PM	Presentation Manager (IBM OS/2)
PM	Preventive Maintenance
PM	Program Manager
PMC	PCI Mezzanine Card
PMD	Physical Layer, Medium Dependent (IEEE)
PMF	Parameter Management Frame (FDDI)
PMT	Product Maturity Test
PO	Post Office
PO	Purchase Order (also P.O.)
POP	Point of Presence (Telephony)
POR	Power-On Reset
POS	Point-Of-Sale
POSI	Promoting forum for Open Systems Interconnection (Japan)
POST	Point Of Sale Terminal
POST	Power-On Self Test
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service
PP	Program Product (IBM)
PPP	Point-to-Point Protocol [RFC-1134] (IETF)
PPR	Pre-release Problem Report
PPS	Packets Per Second
PQG	Product Qualification Group
PQFP	Plastic Quad Flat Pack
PR	Problem Report
PR	Public Relations
PRCG	Process Control Block
PRI	Primary Rate Interface (ISDN)
PROFS	Professional Office System (IBM)
PROM	Programmable Read-Only Memory
PS	Presentation Services (OSI, SNA)
PS	Presentation Space (IBM OS/2)
PS	Programmed Symbols; also, (IBM SNA) Presentation Services (IBM)
PS/2	Personal System/2 (IBM)
PSAPI	Presentation Space Application Program Interface (IBM)
PSAPI	Programmed Symbols Application Program Interface (IBM)
PSDN	Packet Switched Data Network; also, PSN, X.25 (CCITT)
psel	Presentation [services] Selector (OSI)
PSN	Packet Switching Network (CCITT); see also PSDN
PSP	Program Segment Prefix (MS-DOS, PC-DOS)
PSPDN	Packet-Switched Public Data Network (CCITT)
PSW	Program Status Word (IBM)
PT	Payload Type (ATM)

PTF	Program Temporary Fix (IBM)
PTT	national Postal, Telephone and Telegraph company / companies
PU	Physical Unit (IBM SNA)
PUBS	PUBlicationS Group
PVC	Permanent Virtual Circuit (CCITT)
PVC	Poly-Vinyl Chloride
PVCS	Polytron Version Control System (Polytron)
PVT	Product Verification Test
PWB	Printed Wiring Board
PWB	Programmer's WorkBench (AT&T) UNIX
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation

Q

Q	Qn is nth quarter of fiscal or calendar year (n = 1 to 4); e.g. Q1FY92 is first quarter of fiscal year 1992, 4Q91 is 4th quarter of calendar year 1991
Q-T-D	Quarter to Date
QA	Quality Assurance
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
QAT	Quality Action Team
QC	Quality Control
QCS	Queue Control Structure
QE	Quasi-Ethernet (Access/One backplane)
QFP	Quad Flat Pack [device]
QIC	Quarter-Inch Cartridge; e.g. QIC-02, QIC-40, etc.
QIP	Quality Improvement Project / Plan
QLLC	Qualified Logical Link Control (i.e., SDLC over X.25) (IBM SNA)
QLS	Quiet Line State
QPL	Qualified Parts List
QPSK	Quadrature Phase-Shift Keying
QUE	Quebec, Canada office, UB LTD.

R

R&D	Research and Development
RA	Repeat to Address (IBM)
RA	Return Authorization [number]
RAF	Resource Allocation Frame (FDDI)
RAM	Random Access Memory
RARP	Reverse Address Resolution Protocol; RFC-903 (IETF)
RAS	Reliability, Availability, Serviceability
RASUI	Reliability, Availability, Serviceability, Usability, Installability
RB	"Rosebowl" project
RB15	PC card used in SNA Gateway (Rabbit)
RBD	Receive Buffer Descriptor
RBOC	Regional Bell Operating Company
RC	Receive Clock; also RxC (EIA)
RCF	Remote Console Facility (IBM)

RCS	Revision Control System (MKS)
RD	Receive Data; also RxD (EIA)
RD	Routing Descriptor
RDB	Relational Database
RDB	Routing Data Base (UB)
RDBMS	Relational Data Base Management System
RDF	Request Denied Frame (FDDI)
RE	Release Engineering
REDIR	Redirector (Microsoft)
REM	Ring Error Monitor
REMOD	Head End Remodulator (Broadband)
RF	Radio Frequency
RFC	Request For Comment (IETF)
RFD	Receive Frame Descriptor
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
RFI	Request For Information
RFP	Request For Price; Request For Proposal
RFQ	Request For Quote
RFS	Remote File System [for UNIX] (AT&T)
RGB	Red, Green, Blue [color separation]
RI	Ring Indicate (EIA, CCITT)
RI	Routing Information field (XNS)
RII	Routing Information Indicator
RIP	Routing Information Packet (IETF)
RIPL	Remote Initial Program Load
RISC	Reduced Instruction Set Computer
RJE	Remote Job Entry (IBM)
RLL	Run-Length Limited [encoding]
RLSD	Receive Line Signal Detect; aka Carrier Detect, CD, DCD (EIA)
RMDF	Reverse Main Distribution Frame (Telephony)
RMS	Record Management System (DEC)
RMS	Root Mean Squared
RMT	Ring Management
RNR	Receiver Not Ready (HDLC)
ROM	Read-Only Memory
RPC	Remote Procedure Call
RPQ	Request for Price Quotation
RR	Receiver Ready (HDLC)
RS	Recommended Standard (EIA)
RSCS	VM/SP Remote Spooling & Communications Subsystem (IBM)
RT	Ring Task
RTF	Rich Text Format
RTM	Response Time Monitor (IBM NetView)
RTMP	AppleTalk Routing Table Maintenance Protocol (Apple)
RTP	Routing Table Update Protocol
RTS	Request To Send (EIA, CCITT)
RTV	Real-Time Video (Intel)
RU	Request or Response Unit (IBM SNA)
RxC	Receive Clock (EIA, CCITT)
RxD	Receive Data (EIA, CCITT)

S

SA	Source Address (XNS)
SAA	System Applications Architecture (IBM)
SAA/CUA	Systems Applications Architecture Common User Access (IBM)
SABM	Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode (HDLC)
SABME	Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode, Extended Sequencing (HDLC)
SADL	Synchronous Auto-Dial Language (EIA)
SANE	Standard Apple Numeric Environment (Apple)
SAP	Service Access Point (OSI)
SAP	Service Advertising Protocol (Novell)
SAR	Segmentation and Reassembly Sublayer (ATM)
SARM	Set Asynchronous Response Mode (HDLC)
SAS	Single Attached Station (FDDI)
SASE	Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope
SASE	Specific Application Service Point (OSI)
SBA	Set Buffer Address (IBM)
SBA	Small Business Administration
SC	Santa Clara [California]
SCB	String Control Byte (IBM)
SCB	System Command Block (IEEE 802.5)
SCC	Serial Communications Controller (Zilog)
SCCS	UNIX Source Code Control System (AT&T)
SCO	Santa Cruz Operation, Inc.
SCO	Software Change Order
SCP	service control point
SCP	System Control Programming (IBM)
SCS	SNA Character String (IBM SNA)
SCS	Synchronous Communication Service
SCSI	Small Computer System Interface (pronounce "skuzzy")
SCTS	Secondary Clear To Send (EIA)
SD	Single Density
SD	Software Development
SD	Start Delimiter
SDD	Software Design Document
SDCD	Secondary Data Carrier Detect; also SRLSD (EIA)
SDE	Software Development Environment
SDLC	Synchronous Data Link Control (IBM)
SDM	Sub-Rate Data Multiplexer
SE	Systems Engineer (IBM)
SEA	Seattle, Washington sales office
SEAP	Service Element Access Point (OSI)
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission (US govt)
SERDES	Serializer / Deserializer
SFD	Start Frame Delimiter
SFI	Slave Functional Interface
SFT	Server Fault Tolerance; SFT-1,2,3 (Novell)
SG	Secretary General
SG	Signal Ground (EIA, CCITT)
SGML	Standard Generalized Markup Language (ISO)
SGMP	Simple Gateway Management Protocol (IETF)

SIAC	Securities Industry Automation Corp.
SIC	Special Interest Committee
SIF	Status Information Frame (FDDI)
SIG	Special Interest Group
SIMM	Single Inline Memory Module
SIO	Serial Input/Output [unit] (Zilog)
SIO	Start I/O [instruction] (IBM)
SIP	Single Inline Package (Integrated circuit)
SIT	System Integration Test
SJS	San Jose sales office
SLD	Solid Logic Device, System Logic Diagram (IBM)
SLD	Subscriber Line Data
SLIP	Serial Line IP (IETF)
SLU	Secondary Logical Unit (IBM SNA)
SMB	Server Message Block protocol; aka Core File Sharing protocol (Microsoft, IBM)
SMBE	Small Minority Business Enterprise
SMD	Surface Mount Device
SMDR	Station Message Detail Recording (Telephony)
SMDS	Switched Multimegabit Data Service
SME	Society for Manufacturing Engineering (parent of ITRC)
SMI	Structure Management Information (SNMP)
SMP	Symmetric Multiprocessor architecture (DEC)
SMP	System Modification Program (IBM)
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area [U.S.]
SMT	Station Management [ring] (ANSI, IEEE)
SMT	Surface Mount Technology
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (IETF)
SN	Serial Number
SN	Signal to Noise Ratio; also SNR
SNA	Systems Network Architecture (IBM)
SNAFU	Situation Normal - All Fowled / F___ed Up (vulgar)
SNAP	SubNetwork Access Protocol; precursor to X.25 (Bell Canada)
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol (IETF)
SNPA	Subnetwork Point of Attachment (OSI)
SNPDU	Subnetwork Protocol Data Unit (OSI)
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio; also SN
SNRM	Set Normal Response Mode (HDLC)
SO	Small Outline device
SONET	Synchronous Optical Network
SP	System Product (IBM)
SPAG	Standards Promotion and Application Group
SPC	Statistical Process Control
SPDU	Session Protocol Data Unit (OSI)
SPOOL	Simultaneous Printer/Peripheral Output On-Line
SPP	Sequenced Packet Protocol - transport layer (XNS)
SPR	Software Problem Report
SPX	Sequenced Packet Exchange - transport layer (Novell)
SQA	Software Quality Assurance
SQE	Signal Quality Extension [MAU "heartbeat"] (IEEE)
SQL	Structured Query Language (IBM)
SR	Source Routing (IEEE, IBM)
SR	Status Register
SRAM	Static Random Access Memory
SRD	System Requirements Description

SRF	Source Route Frame (IEEE, IBM)
SRF	Status Report Frame (FDDI)
SRI	Systems Research Institute (IETF)
SRLSD	Secondary Receive Line Signal Detect (EIA)
SRN	Software Release Notice
SRPI	Server/Requestor Program Interface
SRT	Source Routing Transparent (IEEE)
SRTS	Secondary Request To Send (EIA)
SRxD	Secondary Receive Data (EIA)
SS	Single Sided
SS-DD	Single Sided, Double Density; 5.25" floppy disk format, 160KB (IBM PC)
SSAP	Session Services Access Point (OSI)
SSB	System Status Block (IEEE)
SSCP	System Services Control Point (IBM SNA)
SSOP	Shrink Small-Outline Package
SSP	Scientific Subroutine Package (IBM)
SSP	System Support Package (IBM)
ST	Software Test
ST	a particular type of fiber optic connector
STD	Synchronous Time Division (ATM)
STE	Spanning Tree Explorer (IEEE)
STL	St. Louis, Missouri sales office
STP	Shielded Twisted Pair
STRE	Software Test and Release Engineering
STS-n	SONET Transfer Signalling rate 'n', where n = 1 to 12 or so; see also OCn
STxD	Secondary Transmit Data (EIA)
SURAnet	Southeastern Universities Research Association network
SVC	Switched Virtual Circuit (CCITT)
SVGA	Super Video Graphics Array; 800x600 pixels, color (IBM PC)
SW, S/W	Software
SWD	Solna, Sweden UB office
SWIFT	Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications
SYD	Sydney, Australia field office
SYR	Syracuse, New York office

T

T/A	Terminal Adapter (ISDN)
T/R	Traveling Requisition
T1	T-carrier level one; 1.544 MHz in US, 2.048 MHz elsewhere; see also DS-0, DS-1
T2	T-carrier level two; 6.312 MHz in North America, 8.192 MHz elsewhere (Telephony)
T3	T-carrier level three; 44.376 MHz in North America (Telephony)
TA	Terminal Adapter (ISDN)
TA	Travel Authorization
TACL	Tandem Advanced Command Language (Tandem)
TAG	Tandem Applications Group
TAP	a printer protocol (Tandem)
TB	Technical Bulletin
TB	TeraByte -- 1024 GigaBytes, or 1,099,511,627,776 bytes
TBA	Tires, Batteries, Accessories
TBA	To Be Announced

TBD	To Be Determined
TBD	Transmit Buffer Descriptor
TBH	To Be Hired (HR)
TC	Transmission Control (IBM SNA)
TCAM	Telecommunications Access Method (IBM)
TCAU	Thin ethernet Coax Access Unit
TCC	Test Competency Center
TCE	Transmit Clock, External; also TxCE (EIA)
TCM	Time Compression Multiplexing
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TCP	Transmission Control Protocol - transport layer (IETF)
TCP/IP ¹	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (also called, simply, TCP) (IETF)
TCT	Terminal Control Table (IBM CICS)
TCTS	TransCanada Telephone System
TD	Transmit Data; also TxD (EIA, CCITT)
TDM	Tandem's trading symbol (NYSE)
TDM	Time Division Multiplexing
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access
TE	Terminal Endpoint; Terminal Equipment (ISDN)
TEC	Thin Ethernet Concentrator
TEI	Terminal Endpoint Identifier (ISDN)
TelCo	Telephone Company
TELNET	network virtual terminal protocol (IETF)
TFT	Thin Film Transistor
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol (IETF)
TI	Texas Instruments
TIC	Token Ring Interface Coupler (IBM)
TIME	Tandem Integrated Manufacturing Environment
TKS	Knoxville, Tennessee support office
TL	Total Length
TLA	Three Letter Acronym
TLA	Top Level Assembly
TLAM	Tandem LAN Access Method (Tandem)
TOC	Table of Contents
TOF	top of form
TOI	Transfer of Information
TOP	Technical and Office Protocols (Boeing)
TOPdb	TOPology Database, a network topology relational database (Net Mgmt)
TOPS	Macintosh / IBM PC / UNIX LAN interconnect software (Sun Microsystems)
TOPS	Tandem Outstanding Performer
TP	Technical Publications
TP	Test Plan
TP	Transaction Processing
TP	Twisted Pair
TPAU	Twisted Pair Access Unit
TPDU	Transport Protocol Data Unit (OSI)
TPNS	Teleprocessing Network Simulator (IBM)
TPS	Transactions Per Second
TQI	Total Quality Improvement
TR	Technical Report (OSI)

¹TCP/IP is a "family" or "suite" of protocols, deriving its name from two central protocols in the suite, the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and the Internet Protocol (IP).

TR	Token Ring (IBM)
TRH	Token Ring Handler; UB-designed ASIC
TRMAC	Token Ring Media Access Control (IBM)
TRMM	Token Ring Media Module
TRNIU	Token Ring Network Interface Unit
TSAP	Transport Service Access Point (OSI)
TSDU	Transport Service Data Unit (OSI)
tsel	transport selector (OSI)
TSF	Transparent Spanning Frame
TSG	Tandem Systems Group
TSM	Terminal Server Monitor (DEC)
TSN	Trusted Systems and Networks [Architecture] (Tandem)
TSO	Technical Support Organization
TSO	Time Sharing Option (IBM)
TSOP	Thin-Small-Outline Package / Packaging
TSR	Terminate and Stay Resident (IBM PC)
TT	TeleTypewriter, see also TTY
TTAP	a printer protocol (Tandem)
TTCN	Tree and Tabular Combined Notation (ISO)
TTL	Transistor-Transistor Logic
TTN	Tandem Television Network
TTSI	Tandem Telecommunications Systems, Inc.
TTY	TeleTYpewriter; see also TT
Tx	Transmit, transmitter
TxC	Transmit Clock (EIA, CCITT)
TxCE	Transmit Clock, External (EIA, CCITT)
TxD	Transmit Data (EIA, CCITT)
TXP	computer system series designation (Tandem)

U

UA	Unnumbered Acknowledgement (HDLC)
UA	User Agent (CCITT)
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
UCS	Universal Character Set (IBM)
UCS	User Configurable Strings
UDP	User Datagram Protocol; Unreliable Datagram Protocol (IETF)
UFM	Universal File Manager (UB Linkware)
UHF	Ultra High Frequency, above 300 MHz
UI	Unnumbered Information (HDLC)
UK GOSIP	United Kingdom Government OSI Profile
UK	United Kingdom
UKN	United Kingdom (North)
UL	Underwriter's Laboratory
UMT	Universal Meridien Time; aka GMT, Greenwich Mean Time
UNI	User Network Interface (ATM, ISDN)
UNMA	Unified Network Management Architecture (AT&T)
UPC	Universal Product Code
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply
UPS	United Parcel Service, Inc.
US GOSIP	US Government OSI Profile

USART	Universal Synchronous/Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
USD	United States Dollars
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USG	United States Government
USGS	United States Geological Survey
USIC	User-Specific Integrated Circuit
USOC	Universal Service Ordering Code
USP	United States Pharmacopoeia
USPS	United States Postal Service
UT	Universal Time; see also UMT, GMT
UTP	Unshielded Twisted Pair
UUCP	UNIX to UNIX copy
UUT	Unit Under Test
UWS	Universal Work Station

V

VAD	Value Added Distributor
VAR	Value Added Reseller
VAX	Virtual Address Extension (DEC)
VBR	Variable Bit Rate (ATM)
VC	Venture Capital
VC	Virtual Channel (ATM)
VC	Virtual Circuit (CCITT)
VCI	Virtual Channel Identifier (ATM)
VCN	Virtual Circuit Number (CCITT)
VCO	Voltage Controlled Oscillator
VCXO	Voltage Controlled Crystal Oscillator
VDAI	Voice/Data Applications Interface (ISDN)
VDT	Video Display Terminal (generic)
VESA	Video Electronics Standards Association
VF	Voice Frequency; generally 100Hz - 8KHz
VGA	Video Graphics Array; 640x480 pixels, color (IBM PC)
VHF	Very High Frequency, approx. 30 MHz to 300 MHz
VL-bus	VESA Local Bus (IBM PC)
VLF	Very Low Frequency, approx. 30 KHz to 300 KHz
VLSI	Very Large Scale Integration
VLX	computer system series designation (Tandem)
VM	Virtual Machine (IBM)
VMF	Virtual Machine Facility/370 (IBM)
VMI	virtual machine interface
VMS	Virtual Memory System (DEC)
VNA	Virtual Network Architecture
VNIU	Voice Network Interface Unit
VP	Vice President
VP	Virtual Path (ATM)
VPI	Virtual Path Identifier (ATM)
VRAM	Video Random Access Memory
VRC	Vertical Redundancy Check (e.g. parity)
VS	Validation Server
VS	Virtual Storage (IBM, others)

VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal [satellite dish]
VSP	Vision Service Plan (HR / Benefits)
VT	Video Terminal (e.g. VT100, VT220, etc.) (DEC)
VT	Virtual Terminal
VTAM	Virtual Telecommunications Access Method; ACF./VTAM -Advanced Communications Functions/VTAM (IBM)
VTP	Virtual Terminal Protocol (OSI)
VTS	Virtual Terminal Service (OSI)

W

WAN	Wide Area Network
WATS	Wide-Area Telephone Service (AT&T)
WBS	Work Breakdown Schedule (project management)
WDC	Washington, D.C. sales office
WIP	Work In Process (manufacturing)
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WORM	write once, read many
WRT	with respect to
WYSIWYG	What You See Is What You Get (pronounce “whizzy-wig”)

X

X.21	DTE/DCE Interface for Synchronous Access to a PDN (CCITT)
X.25	DTE/DCE Interface for Packet-Mode Access to a PDN (CCITT)
X.28	Start/Stop Mode DTE Interface to a PDN PAD Facility (CCITT)
X.29	PAD Parameter Exchange Between a PDN PAD and an X.25 DTE (CCITT)
X.3	PDN Packet Assembly Disassembly (PAD) Parameters (CCITT)
X.400	Message Handling System / Interpersonal Messaging (CCITT)
X.409	Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) (CCITT)
X.500	Directory System (CCITT)
XA	Extended Architecture (IBM)
XCVR	Transceiver
XFM	Extended Function Module
XGA	Extended Graphics Array [adapter]; up to 1280x1024 pixels, color (IBM PC)
XID	Exchange ID (HDLC)
XMP	X/Open Management Protocol; see also SNMP, CMIP
XMS	Extended Memory [access] Specification (Intel, Microsoft)
XMT	Transmit
XNS	Xerox Network System
XOFF	Transmitter Off (ASCII)
XON	Transmitter On (ASCII)
XONOFF	flow control procedure based on XON, XOFF control characters (ASCII)
XT	Extended Technology (IBM PC)

Y

Y-T-D	Year to Date
Y2K	Year 2000
YP	Yellow Pages (Sun Microsystems)
YUV	Hue, Intensity, Saturation [color separation]

Z

Z80	an 8-bit microprocessor based on Intel 8080 (Zilog)
ZBI	Zero-Bit Insertion (HDLC)
ZIF	Zero Insertion Force [socket or connector]
ZIP	Zig-zag Inline Package
ZIP	[postal] Zone Improvement Plan [code]; 5-digit U.S. postal code
ZIP	Zone Information Protocol
ZIP+4	Zone Improvement Plan plus Four; 9-digit U.S. postal code