

Glossary of Terms

Antivirus	A program used to defend against malicious software (malware).
App	Commonly referred to as an app, an application is a type of software that is downloaded onto a portable device such as a tablet or smartphone.
App Store	The location on devices that allow apps to be purchased, downloaded, or both using real currency.
Cloud	A term used to describe a remote service that can store your information such as photos, videos, and documents.
External Hard Drive	A portable device that can store documents, pictures, and videos; oftentimes used as a back-up in the event something happens to the originating device.
Geotagging	The hidden geographical coordinates embedded into a photograph typically taken with a smartphone.
Hardware	The physical components of a computer or device.
Internet Browser	A platform to access the Internet such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox.
Malware	Malicious software designed to cause harm.
Operating System	The system software that is necessary to use a computer or device such as Microsoft Windows, Android, or Apple.
Phishing	A malicious attempt, typically via email, to gain information like passwords or financial information (credit card, bank numbers) by pretending to be a trustworthy company/person.
Software	There are several types: One is the base system that makes the computer work (operating system software). The other are programs that do specific functions like creating a letter or spreadsheet, playing a game, or doing taxes.
Virus, Worm, Trojan	Harmful computer programs designed to spread themselves from one computer to another through the Internet; commonly used to create access to the infected device and steal personal information.
Wi-Fi	Technology that allows connection to the Internet wirelessly.