

Bit

"The smallest unit of storage in a computer system, represented by either a binary 1 or 0."





Nibble

"Half a byte / 4 bits."





Byte

"A collection of eight bits."





Kilobyte

"1 kilobyte is 1000 bytes. This is a powers of 10 decimal prefix."





Megabyte

"1 megabyte is 1000 kilobytes. This is a powers of 10 decimal prefix."





Gigabyte

"1 gigabyte or 1000 megabytes. This is a powers of 10 decimal prefix."





Terabyte

"1 terabyte is 1000 gigabytes. This is a powers of 10 decimal prefix."





Petabyte

"1 petabyte is 1000 terabytes. This is a powers of 10 decimal prefix."





Denary

"A numerical system of notation which uses 10 as its base. The 10 Decimal base digits are 0-9."





Binary

"Binary describes a numbering scheme in which there are only two possible values for each digit: 0 and 1. The term in computing refers to any digital encoding system in which there are exactly two possible states. E.g. in memory, storage, processing and communications, the 0 and 1 values are sometimes called "low" and "high", respectively."





Hexadecimal

"A numerical system of notation which uses 16 rather than 10 as its base. The 16 Hex base digits are 0-9 and the letters A-F."





Binary Addition Overflow

"The generation of a number that is too large to be represented in the device meant to store it."





Binary Shift

"Allows you to easily multiple and divide base-2 binary numbers. A left shift multiplies by 2 and a right shift divides by 2.





Check Digit

"A calculation on data to create a number included with the data for error checking. e.g. check digit = sum of digits DIV 3: 12345 (data) 15/3 = 5 (check digit) = 123455.

When the number is input the check digit is recalculated to check it matches. Therefore valid data entry can be assumed."





Character-Set

"The set of symbols that may be represented in a computer at a particular time. These symbols, called characters, can be letters, digits, spaces or punctuations marks, the set includes control characters."





ASCII

"America Standard Code for Information Interchange: "A character set devised for early telecommunication systems but proved to be ideal for computer systems. ASCII codes use 7-bits giving 32 control codes and 96 displayable characters (the 8th bit is often used for error checking).""





Unicode

"Standard character set that replaces the need for all the different character sets. It incorporates characters from almost all the world's languages. It is a 16-bit extension of ASCII."





Pixel

"A pixel is the smallest unit of a digital image or graphic that can be displayed and represented on a digital display device. A pixel is represented by a dot or square on a computer monitor display screen."





Metadata

"A set of data that describes and gives information about other data."





Colour Depth

"Also known as bit depth, is either the number of bits used to indicate the colour of a single pixel, in a bitmapped image or video frame buffer, or the number of bits used for each colour component of a single pixel."





Resolution

"The number of pixels (individual points of colour) contained on a display monitor, expressed in terms of the number of pixels on the horizontal axis and the number on the vertical axis."





Bit Rate

"The number of bits per second that can be transmitted along a digital network."





Sampling Frequency

"Number of samples stored per second. Sample rate multiplied by bit depth. The higher the number the better the quality. The higher the number the larger the file size. CD quality is 44,100 samples per second."





Compression

"The process of reducing the size of a file in terms of its storage size."





Lossy Compression

"A compression scheme where their generally involves a loss of resolution in parts of the image where experiences shows that it will be least noticed."





Lossless Compression

"A compression scheme that allows the original images to be recreated."

