

# Jargonbuster

## Access control/filter

A bar that is put in place by e.g. an internet or mobile provider to prevent access to certain content

## Application (app)

A piece of software, often designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices

## BBM (BlackBerry Messenger)

A free instant messaging app available on BlackBerry devices



## Bluetooth

A way of exchanging data over short distances between mobile devices



## Browser

Allows access to the Web (e.g. Google Chrome or Internet Explorer)

## Cloud computing

Software services and applications that are provided via the internet rather than installed on your computer (e.g. iCloud)



## Coding

Another word for computer programming

## Cookie

A piece of text stored on your computer by a Web browser that remembers information about you, such as websites you've visited

## Crowdsourcing

A way of outsourcing tasks to a group of people online

## Cyberlocker

A third party service for storing and sharing files, such as documents or music

## Digital footprint

The trail you leave from digital activities and interactions, such as Web searches and uploaded photos

## Drag and drop

Where a virtual object is selected and moved to a different location

## Geo-tagging

Where geographical identification data is added to things like photos or online messages via a GPS device, such as a smartphone

## GPS (Global Positioning System)

A global navigation satellite system used for things like in-car navigation



## Hackathon

A 'hacking marathon' during which computer programmers work together intensively (e.g. non-stop for 24 hours) on the development of new software



## IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity)

A unique number on your mobile, usually printed inside the battery compartment





### In-app purchase

Additional content and features available for purchase once you're using an app

### IP address (Internet Protocol address)

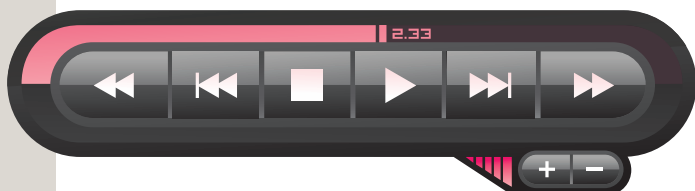
A unique number that identifies where you're accessing the internet from

### Malware

Malicious software, such as viruses and worms, that infiltrates computers

### MP3

MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3 – a common format for digital music files



### Peer-to-peer (P2P)

A network on which users can share files, such as music

### Phishing

Unsolicited emails or texts sent in an attempt to get personal information (e.g. passwords and credit card details) from you

### PIN (Personal Identification Number)

A way of locking your mobile and other devices

### Plug-in

A set of software components that add capabilities to a larger software application (e.g. a video plug-in in a Web browser)



### Premium rate (or phone-paid service)

A paid mobile service (e.g. ringtone downloads or competition entries)

### Rogue app

A piece of malicious software disguised as a mobile Web application

### Spam

Unsolicited email or text messages

### Spyware

A type of malicious software that collects information about you without your knowledge

### Stream ripping app

A way of saving MP3 files from streamed music on the internet on to a computer

### Tablet

A mobile computer, such as the iPad or Samsung Galaxy Tab



### Tag

A way of assigning a piece of information or an image to a particular person



### Wi-Fi

Broadband without wires



Various sources, including: [www.wikipedia.org.uk](http://www.wikipedia.org.uk)

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