

i-SAFE Glossary

antivirus	software that helps protect a computer from malicious code
attachment	a data file sent from one computer to another along with an e-mail or instant message
browser	a software program that allows Internet users to interact with, navigate, or “browse” parts of the Internet (examples of popular browsers include Netscape and Internet Explorer)
Buddy List	instant-message addresses of favorite users (list enables designated users to know when their “buddy” is online so both can easily communicate)
bulletin boards	message boards: public areas on the Internet where messages or comments can be posted for other board members to read and reply to
chat room	a virtual room or gathering place for Internet users who have shared interests to congregate and converse
chat software	a type of Internet-based application that enables groups of people to get together in a chat room and converse in real time through typewritten messages
code	written instructions in a computing language
CAT	Community Action Team: a group of community leaders who work together to raise awareness of Internet safety
CLM	Community Leaders Meeting: a meeting where Internet safety information is provided to community leaders with the goal to create a CAT
copyright	the exclusive legal rights to reproduce, publish, and sell things produced by the person who owns the copyright
cracker	a criminal or malicious hacker or intruder who breaks into computer systems to disable systems, delete files, or steal data, or simply for the challenge
crash	the act of a computer’s operating system becoming inoperative
cyber grooming	the process that online predators use to trick their victims by building false trust and relationships
Cyberspace	the virtual community on the Internet in which real people interact through electronic means download to copy information (data) from the Internet
file	the specific location of data within a computer record
file extensions	the three or more letters at the end of a file name (i.e. .exe, .jpg, or .doc) defining the file “type,” such as a text file, executable file, database file, or graphic file
flame	a mean or hurtful e-mail message
freeze	a computer screen that cannot be changed with an inoperable cursor (mouse action)

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FW	forward: an indicator in the subject line of an e-mail that lets the recipient know a message has been redirected to them from another user
hacker	a person who uses the Internet to break into a computer or computer network
hacking	gaining illegal or unauthorized access to a computer file or network
hardware	the physical machinery of the computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse, printer, etc.
hate mail	harassing and/or threatening electronic mail
hate site	a Web site dedicated to promoting intense hostility toward an individual or group
identifying information	personal information that can be used by online predators to distinguish one person from another and possibly find a person in real life (i.e. name, gender, age, etc.)
identity theft	when someone uses your personal info (social security number, credit card number, PIN number, etc.) to steal your identity for illegal purposes (the fastest growing crime in the United States)
i-PARENT Board	a group dedicated to raising public awareness about Internet safety issues, particularly among parents
i- PARENT Campaign	the events and activities by i-PARENT Boards and volunteers around the country to raise public awareness about Internet safety issues, particularly among parents
i- PARENT Program	a one-hour informational event about Internet safety tailored to parents (The goal is to raise awareness among parents about Internet safety issues and motive them to form and/or support an i-PARENT Board.)
IP	Implementation Plan: a form that must be completed and submitted to i-SAFE to notify us of an event, generate an ID number, and facilitate a store order for materials necessary for an event
IM	Instant Messaging: a real-time Internet communication application (While chat involves many users simultaneously, IM is one on one.)
intellectual property	materials protected by copyright laws, including songs, movies, books, etc.
Internet	a worldwide network of interconnected computer networks (No government agency or other central authority controls its use.)
Internet safety	being educated and empowered to take control of online experiences by recognizing and making responsible decisions in potentially dangerous situations
ISP	Internet Service Provider: a vendor that provides Internet access to its customers
looping	the term used to describe a Web site that will not allow exit
malicious code	a computer program that is meant to hurt you and your computer (i.e. viruses, worms, and Trojan horses)

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mentor 'link'	an adult in a school who helps student i-MENTORs organize events and activities
i-MENTORs club	an area on the i-SAFE Web site where i-MENTORs exchange ideas, chat with other i-MENTORs, and learn Internet safety information to provide to their schools and communities
netiquette	a blend of "network" and "etiquette" describing the informal code of Internet conduct
parental controls	special features or software packages that enable restrictions on access to Internet sites
password	a secret word or series of letters and numbers that one uses to gain access to an online service or the Internet, or to modify certain software like parental controls
pharming	deceitful method used by identity thieves to redirect users to bogus sites with the intent of acquiring personal information
phishing	method used to fraudulently acquire sensitive information, such as passwords and credit card details, by masquerading as a trustworthy person or business in an apparently official electronic communication, such as an e-mail or an instant message
piracy	robbery on the high seas; robbery from Internet sites to produce counterfeit copyrighted software and other material
plagiarism	stealing someone else's work and pretending it's yours
posting	sending a message to an online message board to be viewed by the members of that board
PPT	PowerPoint presentation software: an electronic slideshow
PSAs	public-service announcements: a type of advertisement or announcement that educates people on specific issues like the need to be safe online
predator	one who stalks or uses lies, secrecy, or stealth to get close enough to another person in order to easily hurt or harm them
PDP	Professional Development Program: the national program required for educators and law enforcement to be certified by i-SAFE to teach students and train others to teach
program	an instruction set written in a computer language that makes a computer perform
programmer	a person who develops computer-software programs
screen name	name/nickname used to identify oneself in communications on the Internet
search engine	a software program that allows one to perform searches on the Internet
software	a computer program
spam	mass mailing (or mass posting) of messages, also known as Internet junk mail (It is considered a serious breach of netiquette.)
stalk	to obsessively pursue a person from place to place on the Internet, attempting to find out personal information

Steganography	a technology that makes it possible to embed hidden information in documents, pictures, and music files, and send them undetected over the Internet social-networking site Web sites designed to encourage communication between persons of similar interests or geographic regions
Trojan horse	malicious code that appears harmless but, when executed, can launch a virus or worm
URL	Universal/Uniform Resource Locator: another name for a Web address (The URL is located at the top of a web page and generally begins with http//www.)
virus	executable code (computer program) that infects or attaches itself to other executable code (computer programs) to perform a malicious or mischievous act, such as erasing or editing files, or locking up systems
Web site	a collection of pages or files on the World Wide Web that are linked together and managed by a company, institution, or individual
worm	a self-propagating computer virus embedded in a file
YE	Youth Empowerment: i-SAFE campaign in which students take ownership of what they have learned by reaching out to others through peer-to-peer communication