

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Primary Applicability</b>
<a href="#"><u>ACK</u></a>	Acknowledgement	Transport and other layers
<a href="#"><u>ACL</u></a>	Access Control List	Security, Application layer
<a href="#"><u>ADSL</u></a>	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line	Telecom
<a href="#"><u>AES</u></a>	Advanced Encryption Standard	Security
<a href="#"><u>ANSI</u></a>	American National Standards Institute	Organization
<a href="#"><u>ARP</u></a>	Address Resolution Protocol	Link layer
<a href="#"><u>ATM</u></a>	Asynchronous Transfer Mode	Telecom
<a href="#"><u>BGP</u></a>	Border Gateway Protocol (routing protocol)	Application layer, Routers
<a href="#"><u>BSS</u></a>	Basic Service Set (Wi-Fi)	Wireless
<a href="#"><u>CHAP</u></a>	Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (PPP)	Security, Telecom
<a href="#"><u>CIDR</u></a>	Classless Inter-Domain Routing	Architecture
<a href="#"><u>CLI</u></a>	Command Line Interpreter	Hardware
<a href="#"><u>COAX</u></a>	CO-Axial	Physical layer
<a href="#"><u>CRC</u></a>	Cyclical Redundancy Check	Link and other layers
<a href="#"><u>CSMA/CA</u></a>	Carrier Sense Multiple Access / Collision Avoidance	Wireless
<a href="#"><u>CSMA/CD</u></a>	Carrier Sense Multiple Access / Collision Detection	Physical layer
<a href="#"><u>DES</u></a>	Data Encryption Standard (obs. See AES)	Security
<a href="#"><u>DBMS</u></a>	DataBase Management System	Database
<a href="#"><u>DBA</u></a>	DataBase Administrator	Database
<a href="#"><u>DDBMS</u></a>	Distributed DataBase Management System	Database
<a href="#"><u>DHCP</u></a>	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol	Application layer, Internet Layer
<a href="#"><u>DNS</u></a>	Domain Name Server	Architecture
<a href="#"><u>DNS</u></a>	Domain Name System	Application layer
<a href="#"><u>DP</u></a>	Data Processing	
<a href="#"><u>DRAM</u></a>	Dynamic Random Access Memory	Hardware
<a href="#"><u>DSL</u></a>	Digital Subscriber Line	Telecom
<a href="#"><u>DVD</u></a>	Digital Video Disk	hardware
<a href="#"><u>EOF</u></a>	End Of Frame (HDLC, etc.)	Link layer
<a href="#"><u>FTP</u></a>	File Transfer Protocol	Application layer
<a href="#"><u>FIFO</u></a>	First-In First-Out	Data structure
<a href="#"><u>Gbps</u></a>	Gigabit per second	Physical layer

<a href="#">http</a>	HyperText Transport Protocol	Application layer
<a href="#">https</a>	HyperText Transport Protocol Secure	Transport and other layers
<a href="#">ICMP</a>	Internet Control Message Protocol	Internet Layer
<a href="#">IDS</a>	Intrusion Detection System	Security
<a href="#">IE</a>	Internet Explorer	
<a href="#">IETF</a>	Internet Engineering Task Force	Organization
<a href="#">IMAP</a>	Internet Message Access Protocol	Application layer
<a href="#">IP</a>	Internet Protocol	Internet Layer
<a href="#">ISP</a>	Internet Service Provider	Telecom
<a href="#">Kbps</a>	Kilobit per second	Physical layer
<a href="#">LAN</a>	Local Area Network	Link and other layers
<a href="#">MAC</a>	Media Access Control	Link layer
<a href="#">MAN</a>	Metropolitan Area Network	Telecom
<a href="#">Mbps</a>	Megabits per second	Physical layer
<a href="#">MPLS</a>	Multiprotocol Label Switching	network technology
<a href="#">NAT</a>	Network Address Translation	Internet Layer
<a href="#">NIC</a>	Network Interface Card	Physical layer
<a href="#">OSI</a>	Open System Interconnect (joint ISO and ITU standard)	Organization
<a href="#">OSPF</a>	Open Shortest Path First (routing protocol)	Internet Layer
<a href="#">PAP</a>	Password Authentication Protocol (PPP)	Security
<a href="#">PC</a>	Personal Computer (host)	Hardware
<a href="#">PDF</a>	Portable Document Format	
<a href="#">POP3</a>	Post Office Protocol, version 3	Application layer
<a href="#">POP</a>	Point-Of-Presence	Telecom
<a href="#">PPP</a>	Point-to-Point Protocol	Telecom
<a href="#">PPTP</a>	Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol	Telecom
<a href="#">QL</a>	Query Language	Database
<a href="#">QBE</a>	Query By Example	Database
<a href="#">RADIUS</a>	Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service	Security
<a href="#">RAM</a>	Random Access Memory	Physical layer
<a href="#">RFC</a>	Request for Comments	Multiple layers
<a href="#">ROM</a>	Read-Only Memory	Hardware
<a href="#">RTP</a>	Real-time Transport Protocol	Application layer
<a href="#">SDLC</a>	Synchronous Data Link Control	Link layer
<a href="#">SDM</a>	Security Device Manager (CISCO software)	Security

<a href="#">S-HTTP</a>	Secure HTTP (rarely used)	Transport and other layers
<a href="#">SMTP</a>	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	Application layer
<a href="#">SNMP</a>	Simple Network Management Protocol	Application layer
<a href="#">SRAM</a>	Static Random Access Memory	Hardware
<a href="#">SSID</a>	Service Set Identifier (Wi-Fi)	Wireless
<a href="#">SYN (TCP)</a>	Synchronization	Link and other layers
<a href="#">TCP/IP</a>	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol	Transport layer
<a href="#">TDM</a>	Time Division Multiplexing	Physical layer
<a href="#">TELCO</a>	TELEphone COmpany	Telecom
<a href="#">TIA</a>	Telecommunications Industry Alliance	Organization
<a href="#">UDP</a>	User Datagram Protocol	Transport layer
<a href="#">USB</a>	Universal Serial Bus	Physical and other layers
<a href="#">UTP</a>	Unshielded Twisted Pair	Physical
<a href="#">VC</a>	Virtual Circuit	Transport and other layers
<a href="#">VLAN</a>	Virtual Local Area Network	Link layer
<a href="#">VPN</a>	Virtual Private Network	Application layer
<a href="#">VTY</a>	Virtual Terminal (Telnet)	Application layer
<a href="#">W3C</a>	World Wide Web Consortium	Organization
<a href="#">WAN</a>	Wide-Area Network	Telecom
<a href="#">WEP</a>	Wired Equivalent Privacy	Wireless
<a href="#">Wi-Fi</a>	IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi Alliance)	Wireless
<a href="#">WPA</a>	Wi-Fi Protected Access	Security
<a href="#">www</a>	World Wide Web	Architecture