
Unit 7: Communicating Using Computers – Glossary

Term	Definition
Communication Software	Computer programs installed onto a computer that allow it to communication with other computers. Examples include FTP, IRC, Telnet, Browser, email.
Configuration Setting	Settings within the software that specify how it starts up, is displayed and operates. In a browser configuration, settings include the home page, number of days to keep history, helper apps, size of cache, colours and fonts used for display and languages the browser can display.
Connection Method	This is the physical method of how the computer is connected to the network or Internet. Methods include: satellite, ISDN, ADSL, SDSL and phone line.
Internet Technology	These are technologies that web pages can use to enhance the user experience. They are in addition to HTML. Internet technologies include: Java, Javascript, PHP, CGI, Flash and VBScript.
Service provided by the web site	A service is a function that the web site provides to the user. Examples of services include web mail, shopping baskets and discussion boards.