

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

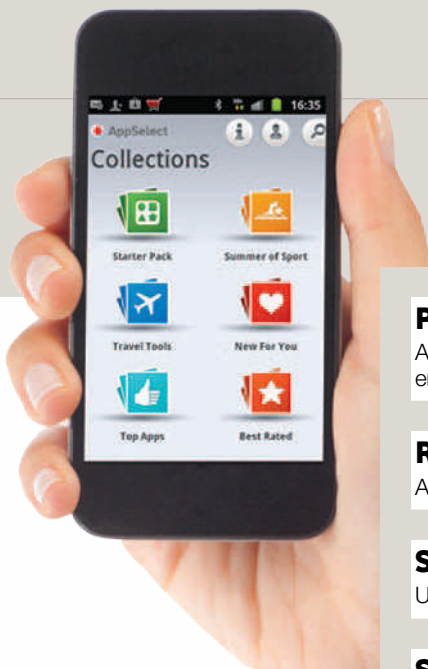
A 'hacking marathon' during which computer programmers work together intensively (e.g. non-stop for 24 hours) on the development of new software



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)

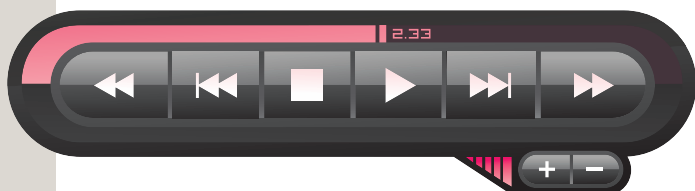
A unique number that identifies where you're accessing the internet from

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

For a more detailed jargonbuster, go to: www.vodafone.com/parents/jargonbuster