User-friendly (Adj) - Something that is easy to use.

Example: The updated operating system is very user-friendly. It has tutorials on how to use the new functions.

Patch /pætʃ/ (N) **-** A computer program added to an existing program to upgrade it or repair a problem.

Example: You can download the patch for the game from the company website.

Cyber /ˈsaɪbə/ (Prefix) - Relating to the internet or computers.

Example: Companies are constantly updating their systems to prevent cybercrime.

Cyberbullying /ˈsaɪbə ˈbʊliɪŋ/ (N) **-** Using the internet and social media to scare or persecute other people.

Example: High schools give teenagers advice and tips on how to combat cyberbullying.

Accessible /əkˈsɛsəbl/ (Adj) - Easy to reach and use.

Example: The news site is accessible to everyone and doesn't require a subscription.

Application/App /æp/ (N) **-** A piece of software or program designed for a special use.

Example: You can order home delivery by using the company app.

Wireless hotspot /ˈwaɪəlɪs hɒt spɒt/ (N) **-** A public area that allows internet connection.

Example: There are several wireless hotspots in the city center.

High-tech /haɪ tɛk/ (Adj) - Using the most developed or advanced technology.

Example: My new laptop has all the latest high-tech functions.

Operating system /ˈɒpəreɪtɪŋ ˈsɪstɪm/ (N) **-** Programs that control how a computer operates.

Example: The most popular computer operating system is used by 75% of owners.

Malware /ˈmælweə/ (N) - Software that damages how a computer system operates.

Example: You should install and run a reliable anti-virus program to protect against malware.

Information Technology: Idioms

Surf the net - To search the internet.

Example: Some days, I spend hours surfing the net for interesting topics.

Silver surfer - An elderly person who regularly uses the internet.

Example: My grandfather is an enthusiastic silver surfer. He spends most of his day online.

Go viral - Popular content that is seen and shared by many.

Example: The hilarious video on how to train your cat went viral with over 1 million viewers in 1 day.
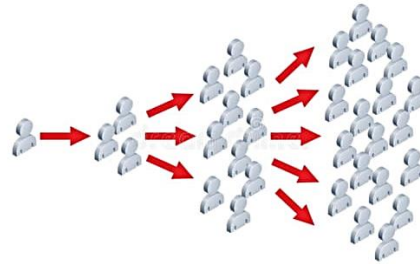

Geek - Someone who is very interested and knowledgeable about a subject.

Example: At school, they called him a computer geek, but today he owns a multi-million dollar tech company.

Bells and whistles - Special, modern features and functions of a product.

Example: The new laptop has all the bells and whistles.

Log in - To connect to a computer system using a set of numbers and/or letters.

Example: When he logged in to his account, he discovered the important email had been sent to the spam folder.