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Million Instructions Per Second

(MIPS). A rate of speed by which data is processed or by which a computer performs.

See Also: *Access Time; Baud Rate; Bits Per Second; BPS; Characters Per Second; Clock Speed; Computer Power; CPS; Gbps; Kbps; Mbps; MIPS; Power; Transfer Rate;*

Millisecond

(Ms). A rate of processing speed which is one thousandth of a second.

See Also: *Access Time; Baud Rate; Bits Per Second; BPS; Characters Per Second; Clock Speed; CPS; Gbps; Kbps; Mbps; Microsecond; Ms; Nanosecond; Ns; Pico Second; Seek Time;*

MIME

Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions. A protocol which allows e-mail messages to contain a combination of text, video and audio formats.

See Also: *Attachment; BitMaP; BMP; Client Server Protocol; CODEC; COmpressor DECompressor; Electronic Mail; E-mail; GIF; Graphical Interchange Format; Handshake; IMAP; Internet Message Access Protocol; Internet Protocol; IP; Joint Photographic Experts Group; JPEG; JPG; Motion Picture Experts Group; MP3; MPEG; MPG; Multimedia; Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions; Outlook Express; PDF; POP; Portable Document Format; Post Office Protocol; Protocol; Rich Text Format; RTF; Simple Mail Transfer Protocol; SMTP; Streaming; Tag Image File Format; TIFF; WAV; Waveform Audio; Webcast; Webmail;*

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Mirror Site

An FTP site retaining the same data as the site it is mirroring and can be set up in different countries to relieve the access load on one particular site. This enables faster access and downloading of files.

See Also: *Anonymous FTP; BBS; Bulletin Board System; Cyberspace; File; File Transfer Protocol; FTP; FTP Site; FTPmail; Network Information Centre; NIC; Site; The Web; Webring; Webserver; Website; World Wide Web; WWW;*

Mix

(1) The main memory of a computer. (2) The programs that are in the memory at the current time.

See Also: *Applet; Bubble Memory; Buffer; Cache Memory; Central Processing Unit; Conventional Memory; CPU; DDR SDRAM; DIMM; Direct Random Access Memory; Disk Cache; Double Data Rate SDRAM; DRAM; Dual Inline Memory Module; Dynamic Memory; EEROM; Electrically Erasable Read Only Memory; Electronically Programmed Read Only Memory; EMS; EPROM; Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory; Expanded Memory; Expanded Memory Specification; Extended Memory; Flash Memory; High Memory; Load; Maths Co-processor; Memory; Memory Caching; Memory Resident; Multitasking; Processor; Program; Programmable Read Only Memory; PROM; RAM; RAM Disk; Rambus Dynamic Random Access Memory; Random Access Memory; RDRAM; Read Only Memory; ROM; SDRAM; Shadow RAM Memory; SIMM; Single Inline Memory Modules; Single Inline Package; SIP; Small Outline Dual Inline Memory Module; SODIMM; Store; Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory; Terminate and Stay Resident; Time Share; Time Slice; TSR; Upper Memory;*

Modem

MODulator/DEModulator. A device which connects to a communication line and allows data to be transferred between computers. It can be external or internal to a computer.

See Also: *Access; AMR; Asymmetrical Modem; Automatic Message Routing; Communications; Data Communications; Data Transmission; Datacoms; Device; Dial In; Dial Up; Duplex Transmission; Equipment;*