Common IT Terminology



USE THIS TERM	DON'T USE
antivirus (use only as an adjective)	anti-virus
арр	application
backup (when used as a noun or adjective) Schedule automatic backups.	back up
back up (when used as verb) Back up your files regularly.	backup
cloud computing	cloud computing (do not capitalize)
cybersecurity	not Cybersecurity, CyberSecurity, or cyber-security
email	e-mail, E-mail, or Email
FAQ	do not spell out with first use
Help Desk	help desk
go-live (use hyphen when used as a noun) The go-live is scheduled for next week.)	go live
go live (no hyphen when used as a verb) The app will go live next week.	go-live
номі	do not spell out with first use
homepage	home page
hotspot	hot spot
internet	Internet
Internet of Things (IoT) (Spell out with first use)	IOT

iOS, iPhone, iPad	IOS, IPhone, IPad
link, click a link	hyperlink, follow a link
login, logon, logoff (one word when used as a noun or adjective) This is a secure login page. Use your logon credentials.	log in, log on, log off
log in, log on, log off (two words when used as a verb) You need a password to log in. Log off before closing the page. log in to	login, logon, logoff; log into
malware	Malware
mobile phone	cell phone or cellular phone
multi-factor authentication (MFA) (spell out with first use; do not capitalize when spelling out unless it is in a title.)	multifactor
PDF	do not spell out with first use
setup (one word when used as a noun or adjective) The workstation setup will be configured by your IT professional.	set up
set up (two words when used as a verb) Your IT professional will set up your workstation.	setup
sign-in, sign-on (use hyphen when used as a noun or adjective) Use your sign-in credentials.	sign in, sign on
sign in, sign on (no hyphen when used as a verb), sign in to Sign in to the app using your JHED ID.	sign-in, sign-on, sign into
single sign-on (SSO) (spell out with first use; do not capitalize when spelling out unless it is in a title)	single sign on, single signon

smartphone	smart phone, Smartphone
tap	tap on
terabyte (TB) (spell out with first use) The hard drive has 3 terabytes (TB) of storage space.	TeraByte
telemedicine (only capitalize if referring to a team/department)	Telemedicine, TeleMedicine, telehealth
URL	do not spell out with first use
USB	do not spell out with first use
user group	user's group, users group
virtual private network (VPN) (spell out with first use)	vpn
voicemail	Voicemail or voice mail
web	Web, worldwide web
webpage	web page or Webpage
website	web site or Website
WiFi	wi-fi, Wi-Fi, or wifi