

# Glossary of Internet Terms

## Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

A written agreement that a user must agree to in order to gain access to the school's network. It may also cover how other communications devices, such as mobile phones and digital cameras and devices can be used on the school premises. Generally an AUP is signed by students, their parents and their teachers and it outlines the terms and conditions of acceptable use of ICTs.

## Adware

Software with advertising functions integrated into or bundled with a program.

## Anti virus software

A software program that can be installed to scan and protect files from computer viruses.

## Bebo

Bebo is an online community where friends can post pictures, write blogs and send messages to one another. Each member has their own personal page, on which they can tell the world about their likes and dislikes, their favourite films and music and post up photos of their lives. In Ireland Bebo links people together through schools and colleges.

## Blog

A blog, short for web log, is an online diary or journal. Readers can often subscribe using RSS (see below) and receive new content as it is posted and published by the blogger. Blogs are primarily text based although many use photographs, videos or audio.

## Bluetooth

This is an ICT industry standard which allows mobile phones, computers and digital devices to connect using a short-range wireless connection

## Broadband

A fast 'always-on' Internet connection

## Chatroom

An area on the Internet where one or more persons can communicate in real time, that is when you type in a line of conversation the other person can see it immediately and can reply straight away.

## Comments

The Comments section of Bebo users' sites is the most popular section where one's friends can leave messages and chat in real time.

## Cookie

A piece of information or message sent by a web server/website to a web browser in order to gather data on how a user uses a website. Depending on the type of cookie used, and the browser's settings, the browser may accept or reject the cookie. Cookies may contain information such as user preferences, registration or login details relevant to a particular website.

## Creative Commons (CC)

A copyright licensing system developed at Stanford University which allows a content creator to decide how published work may be used, copied, modified and distributed. It is one of the new licensing systems now growing in popularity allowing for easy sharing and adapting of work on the Internet.

## Cyberbullying

This is bullying which is carried out through an Internet service such as email, chat room, instant messaging. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as short messaging service (SMS).

## Filtering software

A program developed to sort and block access to undesirable material on the Internet. Normally operates using a list of banned sites and approved sites which has been compiled by the software company.

## Firewalls

Hardware or software systems that prevent unauthorised access to or from a private network.

## Flame

(verb) To pass a derogatory comment in an online conversation.

## Flash Box

An area on a Bebo site where one can display a video for others to watch. The video may be made by oneself or uploaded from another site such as YouTube

## Happy Slapping

This misnamed term is used to describe when an unsuspecting victim is attacked while an accomplice records the attack, usually by mobile phone. Video clips of such attacks are sometimes posted to the Internet

## Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when somebody steals your name and other personal information for fraudulent purposes.

## Instant Messaging (IM)

A communication tool that enables you to create a private chat room with another person. Typically, the instant messaging method notifies you whenever somebody on your private list is online. A chat session with that particular individual can then be initiated through text, voice or video chat.

## Internet Protocol (IP) Address

A unique identifier for a computer or other device on a TCP/IP network.

## LAN

A local area network (LAN) is a computer network in a limited area such as a school.

## Link

A link, weblink or hyperlink is a navigation element on a webpage or file that allows the user navigate around the world wide web.

## Malware

Malware is software designed to infiltrate or damage a computer system without the owner's informed consent. The term is derived from the words malicious and software. The expression is a general term used by computer professionals to mean a variety of forms of hostile, intrusive, or annoying software or program code.

## MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service)

This service facilitates the sending and receiving of messages comprised of text, image, video and sound to and from mobile phone handsets or computers.

## MoBlog

A blog posted to the Internet from a mobile device.

## Netiquette

Netiquette is derived from the two words Internet and etiquette. Netiquette describes how one should act online especially in email and chat rooms.



## Other half

One can add one special friend as an 'other half' of you on your social networking homepage

## Phishing

Phishing is the practice whereby a fraudster, pretending to be from a legitimate organisation, sends misleading emails to request personal and financial details from unsuspecting people.

## Photo Galleries

The area on a social networking site where the user can upload or post their digital photos.

## Podcasts

A digital media file distributed over the Internet.

## Pop-ups

Pop-ups are small windows that appear in the foreground of an Internet browser. Pop-ups are often used to display advertising or unwanted content on the screen. Some pop-ups however may have a practical purpose.

## Profile

This is the information about yourself which you write and place up on your social networking homepage, it contains your likes and dislikes and your personal interests. Some users refer to their Bebo space as their Bebo profile.

## RIP

To rip is to copy digital work, e.g. CD audio or DVD video to a computer hard disk.

## RSS Feed

Really Simple Syndication feeds are free content feeds from web sites that contain news articles or blog postings. Users who subscribe by RSS feed can have any new content automatically 'pushed' to them.

## Share the luv

On Bebo you can send and receive 'love' in comment form. The amount of love one receives is shown on one's Homepage

## Skin

This is the style of background of your homepage, made by you or selected from readymade templates.

## Skype

This is a computer program that can be used to make free voice calls over the Internet to anyone else who is also using Skype. It's free and considered easy to download and use, and works with most computers.

## Social Networking

Online communities where one can connect, communicate and collaborate with others on the Internet. Social networking sites can provide an outlet for creativity and expression, they develop from an initial set of members who send out messages inviting their friends to join the site. Networks tend to be organised around shared common interests, the Bebo network is organised around schools and colleges. Care should be taken by students when disclosing personal information on social networking websites.

## Social TV

TV-style content is widely available on social network sites such as MySpace, Bebo and YouTube and it generally falls into one of three types: user-generated content, existing broadcast TV content, or brand content created for advertisers. Bebo is developing a portfolio of video-based, original TV – style content with advertising embedded within it. Each "programme" is viewed via its own profile page on Bebo - and sometimes on MySpace and YouTube. Events unfold in real time via daily video episodes; characters' own Bebo profile page postings; and direct interaction with the audience via comments posted to the site.

## Spam

Junk mail that shows up in email boxes or on newsgroups, generally advertising a product, some may contain malicious material.

## Spyware

Spyware is computer software that collects personal information about users without their informed consent.

## Thumbnails

Thumbnails are reduced images or pictures which when clicked open multiple pages or a social networking homepage or profile.

## Top 16

On Bebo one can post a list of one's top 16 friends. Their information (names and profiles) will be seen on your profile.

## URL

A Universal Resource Locator (URL) is a unique reference to identify the location of Internet resources on the world wide web, sometimes called a web address.

## Virus

This is a malicious piece of software that can do great damage to a personal computer. One should always have up to date anti virus software and virus check attachments before opening.

## Web cams

These are small digital cameras that can be connected to a PC

## Whiteboard

An area on a social networking site where people can send and receive drawings and comments.

## Widget

An easy to use application which may be free or may occur a fee. e.g. on Bebo a Flash Box Widget allows users to make a slide show of his/her own photos on their site for free while the Mobile Widget is a premium subscription paid-for service where friends can send you video or voice mail messages to your webpage or a text message to your mobile.

## Wi-Fi

Short for **wireless fidelity** and is meant to be used generically when referring to any type of wireless network

## Wikipedia

A collaboratively edited free online encyclopedia which can be added to and edited by any user.

## YouTube

YouTube is a popular free video sharing web site to which users upload, view and share video clips.

