

# Internet Security for Home Users – Glossary

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Active X	Set of Microsoft tools to share information between programs.
Admin	Default password set by manufacturer for hardware like a router.
Anti-virus software	Software designed to look for, isolate, and destroy viruses on your computer.
Browser	Software used to access the internet.
Browser Hijacker	Act of forcing an Internet session to go to or through particular websites.
Cat-5 Cable	Type of wire or cable used to connect computers.
Crack	To break into a computer system.
Dialer	Software used to misdirect an Internet connection (for example, from a local dial-up to a premium dial-up number).
Firmware	Software that is embedded in a hardware device.
Hacker	Individual who tries to sneak or break into a computer system.
Hardware Firewall	Physical piece of equipment that “hides” your computer from being recognized by other computers.
IE	Abbreviation for Microsoft’s Internet Explorer, a popular browser.
IP Address	Identifier for a computer or device on a network.
Java	Programming language used widely on internet pages.
MAC Address	Unique address or identification assigned to a piece of hardware by the manufacturer.
Malicious Software	Software designed to damage a computer system.
Malware	Abbreviation used for malicious software.

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Phishing	Act of sending an email that looks like it comes for a valid business (like bank, payment service, etc.) to try and get private information (like bank accounts, passwords, social security number) for identity theft.
Remote	Files, information, devices not located at your computer.
Router	Hardware to direct communication between computers and other devices in a network.
Social Engineering	Act of getting people to surrender personal information.
Software Firewall	Software program that runs on your computer to protect it from break-ins.
Spyware	Software that gathers information through your Internet connection without your knowledge.
SSID	Wireless network name.
Trojan	Software that appears benign but is destructive.
Unsolicited Request	Attempt by someone on the Internet or a network to connect to your computer.
Virus	Software program that is loaded onto your computer without your knowledge and runs against your wishes.
Warez	Illegal copy of a commercially available software put out on the Internet.
WEP	Ability to encrypt data between wireless devices.
Windows XP (SP2)	Operating system originated by Microsoft.
Wireless Network	Computer network connected by radio waves or microwaves instead of actual wires.
Worm	Malicious program that replicates itself over a network.