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Spanish-English Glossary of Computer and Internet Terms

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If you travel to a country where Spanish is spoken, chances are that sooner or later you'll be using a computer, probably to use the Internet, or possibly for study or business. For English speakers, the Spanish of computers and the Internet can be surprisingly easy in Spanish — in areas of technology, many English words have been adopted into Spanish, and many English words in the sciences come to us via Latin or Greek, also sources of Spanish words.

Even so, Spanish vocabulary related to computers and the Internet remains in a state of flux: Some purists have objected to the direct import of English words, so while sometimes a computer mouse will be referred to simply as a *mouse* (pronounced as *maus*), sometimes the word *ratón* is used. And some words are used in different ways by different people and publications; for example, you'll see references both to *la Internet* (because the word for network, *red*, is feminine) and *el Internet* (because new words in the language typically are masculine by default). And frequently *internet* is left uncapitalized.

These qualifications should be kept in mind if using the following list of computer and Internet terms. Although the terms given here are all used by Spanish speakers somewhere, the word choice may depend on the region and the preference of the individual speaker. In some cases, there also may be alternatives or spellings that aren't listed here.

address (in email or of website) — *la dirección*"at" symbol — *la arroba*backup — *la copia de seguridad* (verb, *hacer una copia/archivo de seguridad*)battery — *la pila*bandwidth — *la amplitud de banda*bookmark — *el favorito, el marcador, el marcapáginas*browser — *el navegador (web), el browser*bug — *el fallo, el error, el bug*button (as on a mouse) — *el botón*byte, kilobyte, megabyte — *byte, kilobyte, megabyte*cable — *el cable*card — *la tarjeta*CD-ROM — *CD-ROM*click (noun) — *el clic*click (verb) — *hacer clic, cliquear, presionar, pulsar*computer — *la computadora* (sometimes *el computador*), *el ordenador*cursor — *el cursor*cut and paste — *cortar y pegar*data — *los datos*desktop (of a computer screen) — *el escritorio, la pantalla*digital — *digital*domain — *el dominio*dot (in Internet addresses) — *el punto*download — *descargar*driver — *el controlador de dispositivo, el driver*email — *el correo electrónico, el email*erase, delete — *borrar*file — *el archivo*flash memory — *la memoria flash*folder — *la carpeta*frequently asked questions, FAQ — *las preguntas más frecuentes, las preguntas de uso frecuente, las preguntas (más) comunes, las FAQ, las PUF*

hard drive — *el disco duro*
hertz, megahertz, gigahertz — *hertz, megahertz, gigahertz*
high resolution — *resolución alta, definición alta*
home page — *la página inicial, la página principal, la portada*
icon — *el icono*
install — *instalar*
Internet — *la internet, el internet, la Red*
key (of a keyboard) — *la tecla*
keyboard — *el teclado*
keyword — *la palabra clave*
laptop (computer) — *el plegable, la computadora portátil, el ordenador portátil*
LCD — *LCD*
link — *el enlace, la conexión, el vínculo*
memory — *la memoria*
menu — *el menú*
message — *el mensaje*
modem — *el módem*
mouse — *el ratón, el mouse*
multitasking — *la multitarea*
network — *la red*
operating system — *el sistema operativo, el código operacional*
password — *la contraseña*
print (verb) — *imprimir*
printer — *la impresora*
processor — *el procesador*
program — *el programa (verb, programar)*
RAM — *la RAM*
save (a file or document) — *guardar*
screen — *la pantalla*
screensaver — *el salvapantallas*
search engine — *el buscador, el servidor de búsqueda, el motor de búsqueda*
server — *el servidor*
software — *el software*
spam — *el correo basura, el spam*
streaming — *streaming*
toolbar — *la barra de herramientas*
USB, USB port — *USB, puerto USB*
video — *el video*
virus — *el virus*
web page — *la página web (plural las páginas web)*
website — *el web (plural los webs), el sitio web (plural los sitios web)*
window — *la ventana*
wireless — *inalámbrico*

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