

# Computer Science Vocabulary

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**Spam:** Junk e-mail sent to many people at once, usually involving advertising or offering services.

**Hardware:** Pieces of equipment, such as the computer, keyboard, webcam etc.

**Crash:** When your computer suddenly stops working.

**Hacker:** A computer expert who can break through security to damage computers with viruses or steal data.

**Firewall:** A program which protects your computer from damage by other users.

**Bookmark:** A way of marking an internet website so that you can find it easily.

**Virus:** A piece of software that is on your computer without your permission and runs against your wishes.

**Broadband:** A permanent high-speed internet connection.

**Cursor:** This thing on your screen can indicate two things: 1) where your mouse pointer is, or 2) where the next character typed will be entered in a line of text.

**Upload:** To move a file from your computer onto the internet.

**Upgrade:** To replace something with a newer version.

**Hyperlink:** A word, phrase, or image that you can click on to move to a new document or a new section within the current document.

**Click:** To push one of the buttons on the mouse.

**Address bar:** The area where you type the address of the web site you want to view.

**Download:** To move a file from the internet to your computer.

**Blog:** An online personal diary with thoughts and opinions as well as links to other websites.

**Browser:** A program you use to view websites.

**Icon:** A small picture on the screen that shows the type of file or programme.

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