

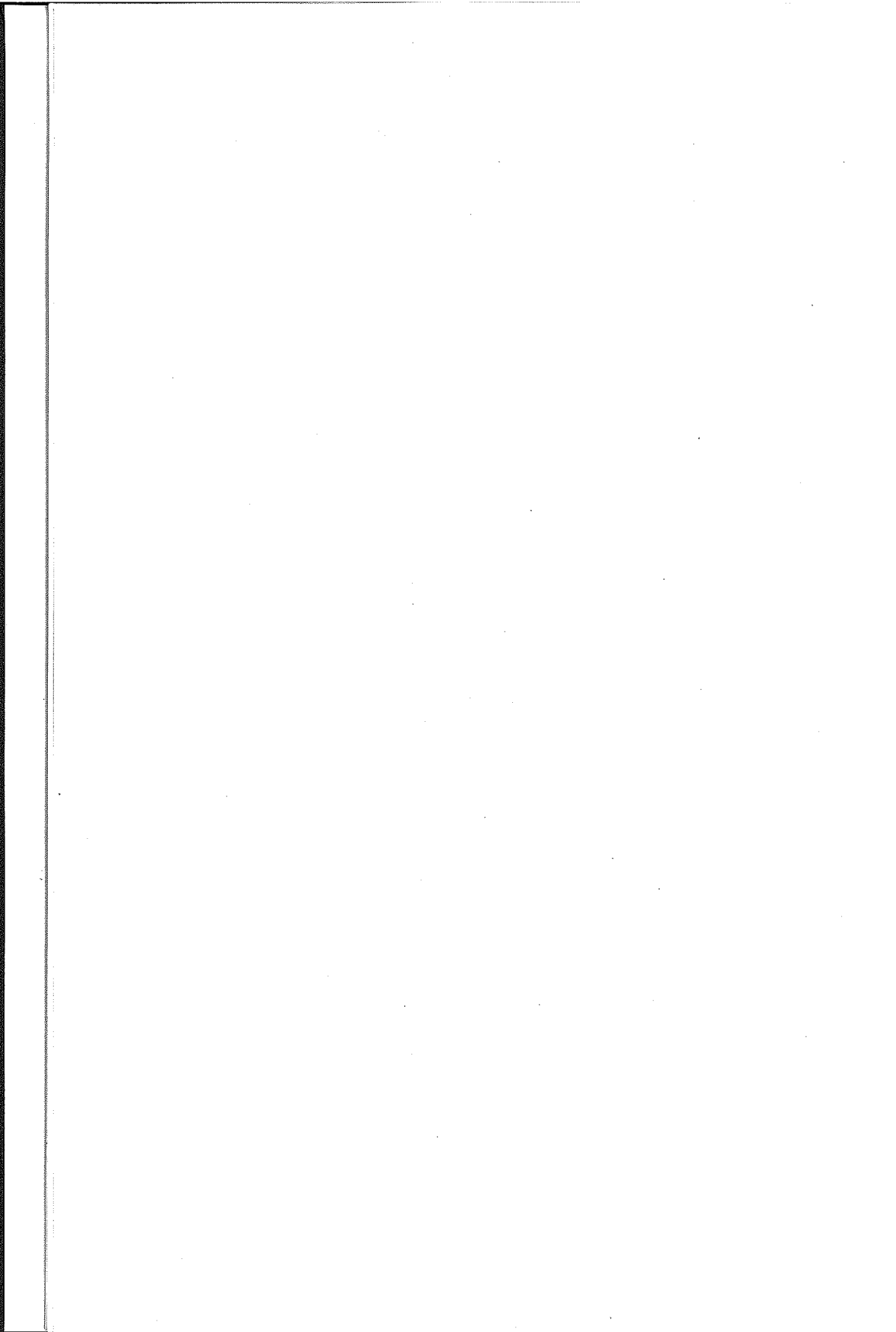
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# Computer Dictionary

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for temporary data storage. *Also called* scratchpad, scratchpad memory. *See also* central processing unit, register.

**screen angle** \skrēn' ang'l\ *n.* The angle at which the dots in a halftone screen are printed. A correct angle will minimize blur and other undesirable effects, such as moiré patterns. *See also* color separation (definition 1), halftone, moiré.

**screen buffer** \skrēn' buf'ər\ *n.* *See* video buffer.

**screen dump** \skrēn' dump\ *n.* A duplicate of a screen image; essentially, a "snapshot" of the screen that is either sent to a printer or saved as a file.

**screen flicker** \skrēn' flik'ər\ *n.* *See* flicker.

**screen font** \skrēn' font\ *n.* A typeface designed for display on a computer monitor screen. Screen fonts often have accompanying PostScript fonts for printing to PostScript-compatible printers. *See also* derived font, intrinsic font. *Compare* PostScript font, printer font.

**screen frequency** \skrēn' frē'kwən-sē\ *n.* *See* halftone.

**screen grabber** \skrēn' grab'ər\ *n.* *See* grabber (definition 3).

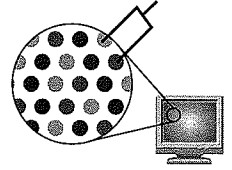
**screen name** \skrēn' nām\ *n.* A name under which an America Online user is known. The screen name may be the same as the user's real name. *See also* America Online.

**screen phone** \skrēn' fōn\ *n.* A type of Internet appliance combining a telephone with an LCD display screen, a digital fax modem, and a computer keyboard, with ports for a mouse, printer, and other peripheral devices. Screen phones can be used as regular telephones for voice communications and can also be used as terminals to gain access to the Internet and other online services.

**screen pitch** \skrēn' pich\ *n.* A measurement of a computer monitor's screen density, representing the distance between phosphors on the display. The lower the number, the more detail can be displayed clearly. For example, a .28-dot-pitch screen has better resolution than one with .32. *See the illustration. See also* phosphor.

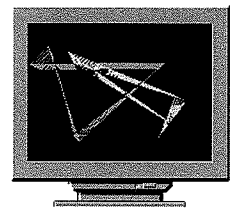
**screen saver** \skrēn' sāv'ər\ *n.* A utility that causes a monitor to blank out or display a certain image after a specified amount of time passes without the keyboard being touched or the mouse being moved. Touching a key or moving the

.28 mm screen pitch



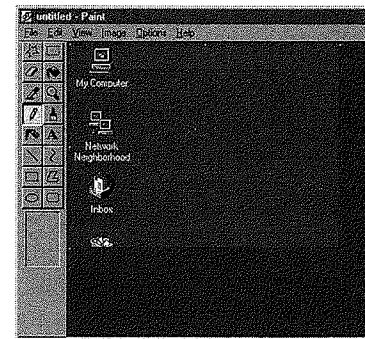
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mouse deactivates the screen saver. Screen savers were originally used to prevent information from becoming permanently etched on a computer screen. Although modern monitors are immune to this problem, screen savers remain popular for their decorative and entertainment value. *See the illustration.*



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**screen shot** \skrēn' shot\ *n.* An image of all or part of a computer display. The image shown here as well as the illustrations in the dictionary for the entries *alert box*, *cell*, *bar*, for example, are screen shots.



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**script** \skript\ *n.* A program consisting of a series of instructions to an application or utility.