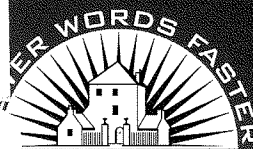




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Play (PnP) devices in the BIOS. Windows area each time you re-boot your

nP.

Free Distribution, a system for selling systems provide secure communications and pay for software. These systems can direct modem-to-modem connection. to use software for a trial period before *dynamic discharge*, the rapid discharge vector to another of a different potential. image integrated circuits found in comment.

UPGRADE.

Small Device Interface, an interface sum of the leading personal-computer k drives to PCs. ESDI is two to three 6 standard. To use an ESDI drive, your ntroller. ESDI is already obsolete. Instead, mod- or EIDE interface.

INTERFACE; SCSI; ST-506 INTERFACE.

AN) protocol developed by Xerox Corporation and Intel in 1976. Ethernet uses a bus or transfer rates of 10 Mbps. The Ethernet for the IEEE 802.3 standard, which specifies layers. Ethernet uses the CSMA/CD aneous demands. It is one of the most ards. called *100Base-T* (or *Fast Ethernet*), sup-Mbps. And the newest version, *Gigabit Ethernet* (1,000 megabits) per second.

2; 10BASE5; 10BASET; ATM; AUI; BUS NETWORK; IEEE; IEEE 802 STANDARDS; LOCAL-AREA NARED ETHERNET; SWITCHED ETHERNET; TOPOL-

developed by QUALCOMM, Inc.

License Agreement, the type of license

⇒ See also END USER; SOFTWARE LICENSING.

even header In word processing, a header that appears only on even-numbered pages.

⇒ See also HEADER.

even parity Refers to the parity-checking mode in which each set of transmitted bits must have an even number of set bits. The parity-checking system on the sending side ensures even parity by setting the extra *parity bit* if necessary.

⇒ See also PARITY CHECKING.

event An action or occurrence detected by a program. Events can be user actions, such as clicking a mouse button or pressing a key, or system occurrences, such as running out of memory. Most modern applications, particularly those that run in Macintosh and Windows environments, are said to be *event-driven*, because they are designed to respond to events.

⇒ See also INTERRUPT.

exabyte **1.** 2⁶⁰ (1,152,921,504,606,846,976) bytes. An exabyte is equal to 1,024 petabytes. **2.** When capitalized, the name of a manufacturer of mass storage devices.

⇒ See also PETABYTE; TERABYTE; YOTTABYTE; ZETTABYTE.

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⇒ See also ALTA VISTA; HOTBOT; INFOSEEK; LYCOS; MAGELLAN; OPEN TEXT; SEARCH ENGINE; WEBCRAWLER; YAHOO!

exclusive OR A Boolean operator that returns a value of TRUE only if both its operands have different values. Contrast with the *inclusive OR operator*, which returns a value of TRUE if *either* of its operands is TRUE. Whereas an inclusive OR can be translated "this, that, or both," an exclusive OR means "this or that, but not both."

An exclusive OR is often called an *XOR* or *EOR*.

⇒ See also BOOLEAN OPERATOR.

executable file A file in a format that the computer can directly execute. Unlike source files, executable files cannot be read by humans. To transform a source file into an executable file, you need to pass it through a compiler or assembler.

In DOS systems, executable files have either a .COM or .EXE extension