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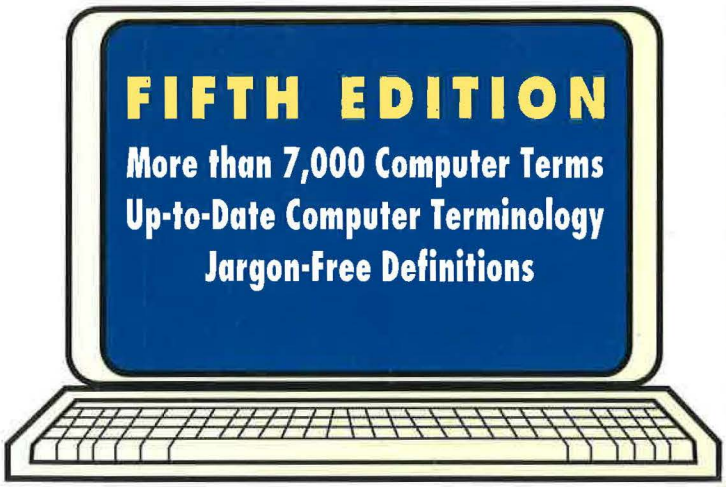

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vector-based image from an entire bit-mapped black/white/gray scale, or color clip art, paint program, or scanned image file.

core storage A form of storage device that uses magnetic cores usually strung through wires in the form of an ARRAY; used in older computers.

corrective maintenance The activity of detecting, isolating, and correcting failures after they occur.

corrupted file A FILE with distorted data.

cost analysis A technique used to determine the overall costs of a given system and to compare them to cost factors estimated for a new design.

cost/benefit analysis A quantitative form of evaluation in which benefits are assessed and costs associated with achieving the benefits are determined.

cost-effectiveness The effectiveness of a system or an operation in terms of the relationship of the benefits received to the resources expended to attain them. A system in which the received benefits exceed the associated costs is considered to be cost-effective.

costing A method of assigning costs to a project, job, or function.

cottage key people People who work at home and transmit work to the company by telecommunications, diskettes, or other means.

count The successive increase or decrease of a cumulative total of the number of times an event occurs.

counter A device, such as a register or computer storage location, used to represent the number of occurrences of an event.

counting loop A program loop used to perform an action a fixed number of times.

coupling The interaction between systems or between properties of a system.

courier A monospaced typeface that resembles typewriter text. Commonly a built-in font on laser printers.

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