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triple-pass scanner \trip´l-pas skan´ər\ *n.* A color scanner that performs one scanning pass on an image for each of the three primary colors of light (red, green, and blue). *See also* color scanner.

tristimulus values \trī-sti´myə-lus val´yōōz\ *n.* In color graphics, the varying amounts of three colors, such as red, blue, and green, that are combined to produce another color. *See also* color, color model.

troff \trof\ *n.* Short for typesetting **runoff**. A UNIX text formatter often used to format man pages. *See also* man pages. *Compare* TeX.

Trojan horse \trō´jən hŏrs´\ *n.* A destructive program disguised as a game, utility, or application. When run, a Trojan horse does something harmful to the computer system while appearing to do something useful. *See also* virus, worm.

troll \trōl\ *vb.* To post a message in a newsgroup or other online conference in the hopes that somebody else will consider the original message so outrageous that it demands a heated reply. A classic example of trolling is an article in favor of torturing cats posted in a pet lovers' newsgroup. *See also* YHBT.

troubleshoot \trub´l-shōōt´\ *vb.* To isolate the source of a problem in a program, computer system, or network and remedy it.

trouble ticket \trəb´l tik´ət\ *n.* A report of a problem with a particular device or system that is tracked through the workflow process. Originally written on paper, electronic trouble tickets are featured by many workflow and help-desk applications. *See also* help desk (definition 2), workflow application.

True BASIC \trōō´ bā´sik\ *n.* A version of Basic created in 1983 by John Kemeny and Thomas Kurtz, the creators of the original Basic, to standardize and modernize the language. True BASIC is a compiled, structured version of Basic that does not require line numbers. True BASIC includes advanced control structures that make structured programming possible. *See also* Basic, structured programming.

true color \trōō´ kə´lər\ *n. See* 24-bit color.

true complement \trōō´ kom´plə-mənt\ *n. See* complement.

TrueType \trōō´tīp\ *n.* An outline font technology introduced by Apple Computer, Inc., in 1991 and by Microsoft Corporation in 1992 as a means of including high-grade fonts within the Apple Macintosh and Microsoft Windows operating systems. TrueType is a WYSIWYG font technology, which means that the printed output of TrueType fonts is identical to what appears on the screen. *See also* bitmapped font, outline font, PostScript.

truncate \trun´kāt\ *vb.* To cut off the beginning or end of a series of characters or numbers; specifically, to eliminate one or more of the least significant (typically rightmost) digits. In truncation, numbers are simply eliminated, unlike rounding, in which the rightmost digit might be incremented to preserve accuracy. *Compare* round.

trunk \trunk\ *n.* In communications, a channel connecting two switching stations. A trunk usually carries a large number of calls at the same time.

truth table \trōōth´ tā´bl\ *n.* A table showing the value of a Boolean expression for each of the possible combinations of variable values in the expression. *See also* AND, Boolean operator, exclusive OR, NOT, OR.

TSAPI \T´S-A-P-I´\ *n.* Acronym for Telephony Services Application Programming Interface. The set of standards for the interface between a large telephone system and a computer network server, developed by Novell and AT&T and supported by many telephone equipment manufacturers and software developers. *Compare* TAPI.

TSR \T´S-R´\ *n.* Acronym for terminate-and-stay-resident. A program that remains loaded in memory even when it is not running, so that it can be quickly invoked for a specific task performed while another program is operating. Typically, these programs are used with operating systems that are not multitasking, such as MS-DOS. *See also* hot key.

.tt \dot´T-T´\ *n.* On the Internet, the major geographic domain specifying that an address is located in Trinidad and Tobago.

TTFN \T´T-F-N´\ *n.* Acronym for "Ta ta for now." An expression sometimes used in Internet discussion groups, such as Internet Relay Chat (IRC), to signal a participant's temporary departure from the group. *See also* IRC.

TTL \T´T-L´\ *n. See* Time to Live, transistor-transistor logic.

TTY \T´T-Y´\ *n.* Acronym for teletypewriter. A device for low-speed communications over a