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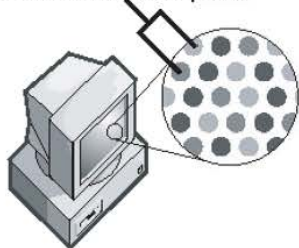
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screen name *n.* A name under which an America Online user is known. The screen name may be the same as the user's real name. *See also* America Online.

screen phone *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.

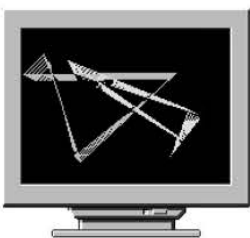
screen pitch *n.* A measurement of a computer monitor's screen density, representing the distance between phosphors on the display. The lower the number, the more detail can be displayed clearly. For example, a .28-dot-pitch screen has better resolution than one with .32. *See the illustration. See also*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

.28-mm screen pitch



Screen pitch.

screen saver *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 mouse deactivates the screen saver. Screen savers were originally used to prevent images from becoming permanently etched on a monitor's screen. Although modern monitors are not susceptible to this problem, screen savers remain popular for their decorative and entertainment value. *See the illustration.*



Screen saver.

screen shot *n.* An image that shows all or part of a computer display.

ScreenTips *n.* Notes that appear on the screen to provide information about a toolbar button, tracked change, or comment or to display a footnote or an endnote. Screen-Tips also display the text that will appear if you choose to insert a date or AutoText entry.

script *n.* A program consisting of a set of instructions to an application or a utility program. The instructions usually use the rules and syntax of the application or utility. On the World Wide Web, scripts are commonly used to customize or add interactivity to Web pages. *See also* macro.

scripting language *n.* A simple programming language designed to perform special or limited tasks, sometimes associated with a particular application or function. An example of a scripting language is Perl. *See also* Perl, script.

script kiddie *n.* A would-be hacker who does not have the technical skills or knowledge needed for traditional hacking methods; one who relies on easy-to-use kiddie scripts. *See also* hacker, kiddie script.

scriptlet *n.* A reusable Web page based on the features of Dynamic HTML (DHTML) that can be created with HTML text and a scripting language and then inserted as a control in another Web page or in an application. Developed by Microsoft and introduced in Internet Explorer version 4, scriptlets are implemented as .htm files that give developers a relatively easy, object-based means of creating components that reflect the Web metaphor and that can be used to add interactivity and functionality—for example, animation, color changes, pop-up menus, or drag-and-drop capability—to Web pages without requiring repeated trips to the server. *Also called:* Microsoft Scripting Component. *See also* dynamic HTML. *Compare* applet.

scroll *vb.* To move a document or other data in a window in order to view a particular portion of the document. Scrolling may be controlled by the mouse, arrow keys, or other keys on the keyboard. *See also* scroll bar.

scroll arrow *n.* *See* scroll bar.

scroll bar *n.* In some graphical user interfaces, a vertical or horizontal bar at the side or bottom of a display area that can be used with a mouse for moving around in that area. Scroll bars often have four active areas: two scroll arrows for moving line by line, a sliding scroll box for moving to an arbitrary location in the display area, and gray areas for moving in increments of one window at a time.

scroll box *n.* *See* elevator.