

# Game Related Terms

There are many game related abbreviations and terms, that have a special meaning for gamers or are used often in context of computer games. Here is a selection of some of them:

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## Abbreviations

Here is a list of abbreviations, that have a special meaning in the gaming context. Some may have other meanings in relation to other topics, but here the meaning is to be considered explicitly for computer games related meanings.

| Abbreviation | Meaning                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1on1         | One player against one other player, usually used in context of games which allow for more than one participant in a match.                         |
| AoE          | <a href="#">Age of Empires 1</a> or later titles from that series or also Area of Effect                                                            |
| BA           | <a href="#">Balanced Annihilation</a>                                                                                                               |
| BAR          | <a href="#">Beyond All Reason</a>                                                                                                                   |
| BOTF         | <a href="#">Birth of the Federation</a>                                                                                                             |
| CS           | <a href="#">Counter-Strike</a> and also one of it's map/game types, the hostage scenario                                                            |
| CS:GO        | <a href="#">Counter-Strike Global Offensive</a>                                                                                                     |
| CSS          | <a href="#">Counter-Strike Source</a> , sometimes also the Cascaded Style Sheet                                                                     |
| CTF          | <a href="#">Capture the Flag</a>                                                                                                                    |
| CVAR         | <a href="#">Console Variable</a>                                                                                                                    |
| CoH          | <a href="#">Company of Heroes</a>                                                                                                                   |
| Coop         | Also known as Cooperative, Co-Op or CoOp, meaning <a href="#">cooperative play of sorts</a> .                                                       |
| DE           | Demolition, a Counter-Strike map/game type                                                                                                          |
| Devs         | Developers, usually referring to entire <a href="#">Development Studios</a> and their employees.                                                    |
| DK           | <a href="#">Dungeon Keeper</a>                                                                                                                      |
| DLC          | <a href="#">Downloadable Content</a>                                                                                                                |
| DOM          | Domination, a mode offered by <a href="#">Nexuiz</a> , <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 2004</a> and <a href="#">Toxikk</a>                            |
| EF           | Elite Force, usually used for <a href="#">Star Trek: Voyager Elite Force</a> but may also reference <a href="#">Star Trek: Elite Force II</a>       |
| EF1          | <a href="#">Star Trek: Voyager Elite Force</a>                                                                                                      |
| EF2          | <a href="#">Star Trek: Elite Force II</a>                                                                                                           |
| F2P          | <a href="#">Free to Play</a> , at least the base game is not charged any money for.                                                                 |
| FA           | <a href="#">Forged Alliance</a> , a stand-alone expansion for <a href="#">Supreme Commander</a>                                                     |
| FAF          | Forged Alliance Forever, a replacement lobby system for <a href="#">Forged Alliance</a> , incl. a modded version with new units and game interface. |
| FFA          | Free for All, <a href="#">Deathmatch</a>                                                                                                            |
| FO           | <a href="#">Fleet Ops</a>                                                                                                                           |
| FoW          | <a href="#">Fog of War</a>                                                                                                                          |
| FPS          | <a href="#">First Person Shooter</a> , <a href="#">Frames Per Second</a>                                                                            |
| FW           | Firewall                                                                                                                                            |

| Abbreviation | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GC           | <a href="#">Ground Control</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| HotS         | <a href="#">Heart of the Swarm</a> or <a href="#">Heroes of the Storm</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| IP           | Shortform for Internet Protocol, but usually refers to the IP <a href="#">address</a> of a <a href="#">server</a> or <a href="#">client</a> .                                                                                                                                     |
| IPX          | <a href="#">Internetwork Packet Exchange</a> , one of the predecessors of TCP/IP, which was used mostly during the 1990 years.                                                                                                                                                    |
| KA           | <a href="#">Klingon Academy</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| LAN          | Local Area Network, usually the network at home or work. In the gaming community it may also refer to a LAN party.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mod          | Short for <a href="#">modification</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MOHAA        | <a href="#">Medal of Honor - Allied Assault</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| MOTD         | <a href="#">Message of the Day</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| NAT          | <a href="#">Network Address Translation</a> , a technique that allows multiple computers with different IPv4 addresses to share on IPv4 address on the internet while working behind a router. This also makes <a href="#">port forwarding</a> a necessity in certain situations. |
| LMS          | <a href="#">Last Man Standing</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| NFS          | Need for Speed (game series)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| NPC          | <a href="#">Non-playable Character</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ONS          | Onslaught, a game mode offered by <a href="#">Nexuiz</a> and <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 2004</a>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| P2P          | <a href="#">Peer to Peer</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PA           | <a href="#">Planetary Annihilation</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| PvP          | Player vs. Player, in <a href="#">Starcraft</a> context it may also mean Protoss vs. Protoss                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PvT          | Protoss vs. Terran                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PvZ          | Protoss vs. Zerg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| RTS          | <a href="#">Real Time Strategy</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| RoN          | <a href="#">Rise of Nations</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| SC           | <a href="#">Starcraft</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SC2          | <a href="#">Starcraft 2</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SHC          | <a href="#">Stronghold Crusader</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SOF2         | <a href="#">Soldier of Fortune II: Double Helix</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SuCom        | <a href="#">Supreme Commander</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| SupCom       | <a href="#">Supreme Commander</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| TA           | <a href="#">Total Annihilation</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| TBS          | <a href="#">Turn Based Strategy</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| TCP          | <a href="#">Transmission Control Protocol</a> , the most common protocol used on the internet. Reliable, but not as fast as <a href="#">UDP</a> .                                                                                                                                 |
| TDM          | <a href="#">Team Deathmatch</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| TPS          | <a href="#">Third Person Shooter</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| TvP          | Terran vs. Protoss                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| TvT          | Terran vs. Terran                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| TvZ          | Terran vs. Zerg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| UDP          | <a href="#">User Datagram Protocol</a> , a very commonly used network protocol which does not use the concept of a connection, which makes it very fast but not reliable.                                                                                                         |
| UT           | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| UT2003       | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 2003</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| UT2K3        | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 2003</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Abbreviation | Meaning                                                                                              |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UT2004       | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 2004</a>                                                               |
| UT2K4        | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 2004</a>                                                               |
| UT3          | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 3</a>                                                                  |
| UT99         | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament</a>                                                                    |
| UT4          | <a href="#">Unreal Tournament 4</a>                                                                  |
| WAN          | Wide Area Network, in difference to LAN sometimes used for Internet play.                            |
| XCOM         | Also used as X-COM, refers to <a href="#">X-Com UFO Defense</a> and <a href="#">its predecessors</a> |
| ZvP          | Zerg vs. Protoss                                                                                     |
| ZvT          | Zerg vs. Terran                                                                                      |
| ZvZ          | Zerg vs. Zerg                                                                                        |

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