

EBU Technical Review

Abbreviations

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720i	720 lines, interlaced scan	ACTS	Advanced Communications Technologies and Services
720p/50	High-definition progressively-scanned TV format of 1280 x 720 pixels at 50 frames per second	AD	Analogue-to-Digital
1080i/25	High-definition interlaced TV format of 1920 x 1080 pixels at 25 frames per second, i.e. 50 fields (half frames) every second	AD	<i>Anno Domini</i> (after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth)
1080p/25	High-definition progressively-scanned TV format of 1920 x 1080 pixels at 25 frames per second	AD	Approved Document
1080p/50	High-definition progressively-scanned TV format of 1920 x 1080 pixels at 50 frames per second	AD	Audio Description
1080p/60	High-definition progressively-scanned TV format of 1920 x 1080 pixels at 60 frames per second	ADC	Analogue-to-Digital Converter
		ADIP	ADress In Pre-groove
		ADM	(ATM) Add/Drop Multiplexer
		ADPCM	Adaptive Differential Pulse Code Modulation
		ADR	Automatic Dialogue Replacement
		ADR	Astra Digital Radio
		ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
		AES	Audio Engineering Society http://www.aes.org/
21CN	BT's 21st Century Network	AF	Application Framing
2k	COFDM transmission mode with around 2000 carriers	AF	Automatic Fader
3G	3rd Generation mobile communications	AFC	Automatic Frequency Control
3GPP	3rd Generation Partnership Project	AFD	(DVB) Active Format Descriptor
3GPP2	3rd Generation Partnership Project 2	AFS	Alternative Frequency Switching
4-PSK	4-state Phase Shift Keying	AGC	Automatic Gain Control
422P@ML	(MPEG-2) 4:2:2 Profile at Main Level	agl	Above ground level
8-PSK	Eight-Phase-Shift Keying	AHG	Ad hoc Group
8-VSB	8-state Vestigial SideBand	AIFF	(Apple) Audio Interchange File Format
8k	COFDM transmission mode with around 8000 carriers	AIT	Application Information Table
16-APSK	16-state Amplitude Phase Shift Keying	AKE	Authentication and Key Exchange
16-QAM	16-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation	AL	Alignment Level
64-QAM	64-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation	AL	Application Layer
		ALM	Algorithmic Module
		AM	Amplitude Modulation
		AMDS	AM Data System
		AMS	Asset Management System
		AMSS	AM Signalling System
		ANSI	American National Standards Institute
		ANTS	(RAI) Automatic Newscast Transcription System
		AOB	(DVD) Audio OBject
		AoIP	Audio over IP: broadband audio
		AP	Application Processor
		API	Application Programming Interface
		APSK	Amplitude Phase Shift Keying
		ARD	<i>Arbeitsgemeinschaft der öffentlich-rechtlichen Rundfunkanstalten der Bundesrepublik Deutschland</i> (German grouping of regional public broadcasters)
A/D	Analogue-to-Digital		
A/V	Audio / Video (Visual)		
AAC	Advanced Audio Coding		
AAF	Advanced Authoring Format		
AAL	ATM Adaptation Layer		
ABA	African Broadcasting Area		
ABS	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (thermoplastic)		
ABU	Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union		
AC	Alternating Current		
AC3	Audio Coding 3, known as Dolby Digital		
ACATS	Advisory Committee on Advanced Television Systems (USA)		
ACELP	(MPEG-4) A Code-Excited Linear Prediction		
ACM	Adaptive Coding and Modulation		

ARI	<i>Autofahrer Rundfunk Information</i>	BL	Base Layer
ARIB	Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (Japan)	BLV	Between Listener Variability
ARPU	Average Return Per User / Unit	BMC	(EBU) Broadcast-technology Management Committee
ARQ	Automatic Repeat reQuest	BMC	Broadcast Management Centre
AS	Administrating Station	BMCO	Broadcast Mobile Convergence Forum http://www.bmcforum.org/
ASBU	Arab States Broadcasting Union	BMP	(Windows) bitmap image
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange	BoD	Bandwidth on Demand
ASF	(Microsoft) Advanced Streaming Format	BoM	Bill of Materials
ASI	Asynchronous Serial Interface	BPSK	Binary Phase-Shift Keying
ASIC	Application-Specific Integrated Circuit	BRR	Bit-Rate Reduced
asl	Above sea level	BRS	Binaural Room Scanning
ASM	Associated Module	BS	Broadcast Server
ASP	(MPEG-4) Advanced Simple Profile	BS	Burst Spacing
ASR	Automatic Speech Recognition	BSAC	Bit Sliced Arithmetic Coding
ASRC	Asynchronous Sample-Rate Converter	BSM	Broadcast Schedule Manager
AST	Auto-Store Tuning	BSS	Broadcast Satellite Service
ATA	Advanced Technology Attachment	BSS	Business Support Service
ATIP	Absolute Time In Pre-groove	BSS(S)	Broadcast Satellite Service (Sound)
ATIS	Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (USA) http://www.atis.org/	BTF	Broadcast Technology Futures group
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode	BTH	Broadcasting To Handhelds
ATM	Automatic Teller Machine	BTv	Broadband TeleVision
ATS	Advanced Television System	BUP	(DVD) Back-UP of IFO files
ATSC	Advanced Television Systems Committee (USA) http://www.atsc.org/	BWF	(EBU) Broadcast Wave Format
ATV	Advanced Television	BWS	(DAB) Broadcast Web Site
AU	(MPEG) Access Units		
AV	Audio-Visual	C/I	Carrier-to-Interference ratio
AVC	(MPEG-4) Advanced Video Coding, part 10 (aka H.264)	C/N	Carrier-to-Noise ratio
AVI	(Microsoft) Audio-Video Interleaved	C/N+I	Carrier-to-Noise-plus-Interference ratio
AWG	Arbitrary Waveform Generator	CA	Conditional Access
AWGN	Additive White Gaussian Noise	CABAC	Context-Adaptive Binary Arithmetic Coding
		CAD	Computer-Aided Design
		CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
		CAR	Computer-Aided Radio
		CAS	Conditional Access System
		CATV	Community Antenna Television
B2B	Business-to-Business	CAVLC	Context-Adaptive Variable Length Coding
B2C	Business-to-Consumer	CBC	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
BACOM	<i>Bundesamt für Kommunikation</i> (Swiss broadcasting / telecom regulator)	CBMS	(DVB) Convergence of Broadcast and Mobile Services
BAS	Broadband Access Server	CBPS	Coded Bit Per Symbol
BAT	(DVB) Bouquet Association Table	CBR	Constant Bit-Rate
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation	CCD	Charge-Coupled Device
BCG	(DVB) Broadband Content Guide	CCETT	(France Telecom's) <i>Centre Commun d'Etudes de Télédiffusion et de Télécommunications</i>
BCH	Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquenghem (code)	CCFL	Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamp
BD	Burst Duration	CCI	Co-Channel Interference
BDB	British Digital Broadcasting	CCI	Common Client Interface
BER	Bit-Error Ratio	CCIR	(ITU) International Radio Consultative Committee
BGA	Ball Grid Array	CCITT	(ITU) International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee
BGD	Broadband Gateway Device	CCM	Constant Coding and Modulation
BIFS	Binary Format for Scene description	CCU	Camera Control Unit
BIOS	Basic Input / Output System		
BISS	(EBU) Basic Interoperable Scrambling System		

CCVS	Composite Colour Video Signal	CNG	(ITU) Coordination and Negotiation Group
CD	Compact Disc	CNR	Carrier-to-Noise Ratio
CD-i	(Philips) Interactive Compact Disc	COFDM	Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex
CDM	Code Division Multiplex	COM	(Microsoft) Component Object Model
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access	CoP4	(Pro-MPEG) Code of Practice 4
CDN	Content Delivery Network	CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture
CDS	Content Directory Service	COST	European Cooperation in the field Of Scientific and Technical research
CE	<i>Commission Européenne</i> (European Commission)	CPCM	(DVB) Content Protection and Copy Management
CE	Consumer Electronics	CPE	Common Phase Error
CEK	(OMA) Content Encryption Key	CPU	Central Processing Unit
CELP	Code-Excited Linear Prediction	CQS	Continuous Quality Scale
CEM	<i>Centre d'Ecoutes et de Mesures</i> (Jurbise, Belgium)	CR	(convolutional) Code Rate
CEMA	Consumer and Electronics Manufacturers Association (USA)	CR	Cognitive Radio
CEN	<i>Comité Européen de Normalisation</i>	CR	Commercial Requirements
CENELEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization	CRC	(Canadian) Communications Research Centre
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CEPT	<i>Conférence Européenne des Postes et Télécommunications</i> (European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations)	CRI	(TV-Anytime) Content Referencing Information
CERN	European Laboratory for Particle Physics (Geneva)	CRID	(TV-Anytime) Content Referencing Identifier
CERT	(US) Computer Emergency Response Team	CRIT	(RAI) <i>Centro Ricerche e Innovazione Tecnologica</i> (Italian broadcast technology research centre) http://www.crit.rai.it/
CFI	Confidence Interval	CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
CFR	Crest Factor Reduction	CSA	(DVB) Common Scrambling Algorithm
CFS	Call For Systems	CSA	<i>Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel</i> (French broadcasting regulator)
CFSM	Co-design Finite State Machines	CSC	Common Signalling Channel
CGC	Complementary Ground Component	CSI	Channel-State Information
CGS	Coarse Grain Scalability	CSMA/CD	Carrier Sense Multiple Access / Collision Detect
CGTI	<i>Conseil général des technologies de l'information</i> (French Council for Information Technology)	CSRC	Contributing SouRce
CH97	Chester Frequency Agreement of 1997	CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
CI	Common Interface	CSS	(DVD) Content Scrambling System
CIE	<i>Commission Internationale d'Eclairage</i> http://www.cie.co.at/index_ie.html	CSV	Comma-Separated Values
CIF	Common Interchange Format (352x288 pixels)	CTA	Clear-To-Air
CIR	Channel Impulse Response	CTL	Control Track, Longitudinal
CISPR	<i>Comité International Spécial des Perturbations Radioélectrique</i>	CT-aacPlus	(Coding Technologies) advanced audio coding Plus
CLM	Consistency Loudness Measure	CTO	Chief Technology Officer
CLUT	(DVB) Colour Look Up Table	CTS	(MPEG) Composition Time Stamp
CM	(DVB) Commercial Module	CU	Capacity Unit
CMMB	China Multimedia Mobile Broadcasting	CVF	Common Virtual Frame
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor	CVS	Concurrent Versions System
CMS	Content Management System	CW	Carrier Wave
CMTT	(ITU) Joint Study Group for Television and Sound Transmissions (CCIR/CCITT)	CWA	Common Watermarking Algorithm
CMYK	Cyan-Magenta-Yellow-black (colour model)	D/A	Digital-to-Analogue
CNCT	National Technical Co-ordination Centre	D-QPSK	Differential – QPSK
CNET	(France Telecom's) <i>Centre National d'Etudes des Télécommunications</i>	DA	Digital-to-Analogue
		DAB	Digital Audio Broadcasting (Eureka-147) http://www.worlddab.org/
		DAB+	DAB using the AAC codec
		DAB-IP	DAB - Internet Protocol

DAC	Digital-to-Analogue Converter	DMP	Digital Media Project (Geneva)
DAM	DECT Authentication Module	DMS	Digital Media Server
DAMA	Demand Assignment Multiple Access	DMT	Discrete Multi-Tone
DASA	Daimler-Benz Aerospace	DMZ	De-Militarised Zone
DAT	Digital Audio Tape	DN	Dialogue Normalization
DAVIC	Digital Audio-Visual Council	DNS	Domain Name System
DAW	Digital Audio Workstation	DoD	(US) Department of Defense
DB	DataBase	DOM	Document Object Model
DBEG	Digital Broadcasting Experts Group	DOP	(EBU) Department of OPerations
dBFS	dB relative to Full-Scale reading	DPCM	Differential Pulse Code Modulation
DBS	Direct Broadcast(ing) by Satellite	DPD	Digital Pre-Distortion
DC	Direct Current	DQPSK	Differential Quadrature (Quaternary) Phase-Shift Keying
DCAB	Digital Cable	DR	<i>Danmarks Radio</i> (Denmark)
DCMES	Dublin Core Metadata Element Set	DR	Digital Radio (was Digital Audio Broadcasting – DAB)
DCMI	Dublin Core Metadata Initiative	DRAM	Dynamic Random Access Memory
DCP	Device Control Protocol	DRC	Dynamic Range Control
DCP	Digital Content Protection LLC licensing group	DRCS	Dynamically Redefinable Character Set
DCS	Digital Cellular System	DRDB	(UK) Digital Radio Development Bureau http://www.drdb.org/
DCSR	Digital Command Set for Receivers	DRM	Digital Radio Mondiale http://www.drm.org/
DCT	Discrete Cosine Transform	DRM-CM	DRM – Coding and Multiplexing group
DDL	Description Definition Language	DRM-DI	DRM – Distribution Interfaces group
DECT	Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications	DRM	Digital Rights Management
DEMUX	Demultiplex / Demultiplexer	DRS	Digital Radio by Satellite
DF	Don't Fragment	DRT	Dynamic Range Tolerance
DFS	Digital Full Scale	DS	(TV-Anytime) Description Schema
DFT	Discrete Fourier Transform	DS-SS	Direct Sequence – Spread Spectrum
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol	DSAT	Digital Satellite
DigiTAG	Digital Terrestrial Television Action Group	DSB	Digital Sound Broadcasting
DILA	(JVC's) Direct-drive Image Light Amplifier	DSCQE	Double-Stimulus Continuous Quality Evaluation
DIM	DAB Information Module	DSCQS	Double-Stimulus Continuous-Quality Scale
DIN	<i>Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.</i> (German industry standards organization)	DSG	(CableLabs) DOCSIS Set-top Gateway
DISEqC	Digital Satellite Equipment Controller	DSIS	Double-Stimulus Impairment Scale
DiVAN	Distributed Video Archive Networks	DSL	Digital Subscriber Line Forum: http://www.dsforum.org/
DLNA	Digital Living Network Alliance http://www.dlna.org/home	DSLAM	Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer
DLP	Digital Light Processing	DSLRL	Digital Single-Lens Reflex (camera)
DLR	<i>Deutsche Forschungsanstalt für Luftund Raumfahrt</i> (German aerospace research establishment)	DSM-CC	Digital Storage Media – Command and Control
DLS	(DAB) Dynamic Label Segment	DSM-CC UU	(DSM-CC, User-to-User)
DLT	Digital Library / Linear Tape	DSMCC	Digital Storage Media Command and Control
DLTU	Digital Library / Linear Tape Unit	DSNG	Digital Satellite News Gathering
DMA	Direct Memory Access	DSNV	Digital Satellite News-Gathering Vehicle
DMB	Digital Multimedia Broadcasting http://www.t-dmb.org/ http://www.worlddab.org/	DSP	Data Services Profiles
DMB-A	DMB - Audio	DSP	Digital Signal Processor / Processing
DMB-T	DMB - Terrestrial	DSR	Digital Satellite Radio
DMBM	Digital Media Business Model	DTCP	Digital Transmission Copy Protection
DMD	Digital Micro-mirror Device	DTD	(W3C) Document Type Definition
DMIF	Digital Multimedia Integration Framework	DTG	Digital TV Group (UK)
DMM	(AAF) Data Model Manager	DTH	Direct-To-Home
DMMS	Digital Media Management System	DTMB	Digital Terrestrial Multimedia Broadcasting
DMP	Digital Media Player	DTS	Digital Theatre Systems

DTT	Digital Terrestrial Television	ECMS	Electronic Copyright Management System
dTTb	digital Terrestrial Television broadcasting	ECU	European Currency Unit
DTTV	Digital Terrestrial Television	EDB	Enhanced Digital Broadcasting Contour
DTV	Digital Television	EDFA	Erbium-Doped fibre Amplifier
DUT	Display Under Test	EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
DV	(Sony) Digital Video compression format	EDL	Edit Decision List
DVA	Dynamic Visual Acuity	EDTV	Extended-Definition Television
DVB	Digital Video Broadcasting http://www.dvb.org/	EEP	Equal Error Protection
DVB-ASI	DVB - Asynchronous Serial Interface	EEPROM	Electrically-Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
DVB-C	DVB - Cable	EFP	Electronic Field Production
DVB-CSA	DVB - Common Scrambling Algorithm	EHF	Extremely High Frequency
DVB-CM	DVB - Commercial Module	EICTA	European Information, Communications and Consumer Electronics Technology Industry Association Now known as <i>Digital Europe</i> http://www.digitaleurope.org/
DVB-DSNG	DVB - Digital Satellite NewsGathering	EIRP	Effective Isotropic Radiated Power
DVB-GEM	DVB - Globally Executable MHP	EIT	(DVB) Event Information Table
DVB-H	DVB - Handheld	EL	Enhancement Layer
DVB-IP	DVB - Internet Protocol	EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility
DVB-IPi	DVB - Internet Protocol Infrastructure	EMM	Entitlement Management Message
DVB-J	DVB - Java	END	Effective (or Equivalent) Noise Degradation
DVB-MPE	DVB - MultiProtocol Encapsulation	ENF	Equivalent Noise Floor
DVB-RC	DVB - Return Channel	ENG	Electronic News Gathering
DVB-RCS	DVB - Return Channel via Satellite	ENPS	Electronic News-Production System
DVB-RCT	DVB - Return Channel via Terrestrial	ENR	(Former) Portuguese radio company (now RTP)
DVB-S	DVB - Satellite	EON	Enhanced Other Networks (RDS feature)
DVB-S2	DVB - Satellite, version 2	EPG	Electronic Programme Guide
DVB-SH	DVB - Satellite to Handheld	EPM	(DAB) Enhanced Packet Mode
DVB-SI	DVB - Service Information	EQ	EQualization
DVB-T	DVB - Terrestrial	ER-BSAC	European Radiocommunications Committee of the CEPT
DVB-T2	DVB - Terrestrial, version 2	ERC	European Radiocommunications Committee of the CEPT
DVB-TM	DVB - Technical Module	ERO	European Radio Office of the CEPT
DVB-TS	DVB - Transport Stream	e.r.p.	Effective radiated power
DVC	Digital Video Cassette	ERP	Effective Radiated Power
DVC	Digital Video Coding	ES	(MPEG) Elementary Stream
DVD	Digital Versatile Disc	ESA	European Space Agency
DVE	Digital Video-Effects unit	ESG	Electronic Service Guide
DVI	Digital Visual Interface	ESG	Event Schedule Guide
DVR	Digital Video Recorder	ESR5	Erroneous Second Ratio, 5%
DWDM	Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing	ET	Envelope Tracking
DWH	DataWareHouse	ETF	Energy Time Frequency
DX	Distance listening/viewing	ETI	(DAB) Ensemble Transport Interface
DxB	Combination of DAB and DVB-T/DVB-H	ETN	East of True North – the direction or bearing, in a clockwise sense, relative to true north
E-AC3	Enhanced AC3, known as Dolby Digital Plus	ETRI	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (Korea)
Eb/No	Ratio between the energy-per-useful-bit and the spectral density of the noise	ETS	European Telecommunication Standard
Es/No	Signal-to-noise ratio	ETSI	European Telecommunication Standards Institute http://pda.etsi.org/pda/queryform.asp
EBA	European Broadcasting Area	EU	European Union
EBU-TD	EBU Technical Department		
EC	Entrance Control		
EC	European Commission		
ECC	(CEPT) Electronic Communications Committee		
ECM	Entitlement Control Message		
ECMA	European Computer Manufacturers Association		

EVC	(EBU) EuroVision Control centre	FWD	(EU) FrameWork Directive
EVM	Error Vector Magnitude		
EW	Editing Workstation		
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Fsc	Sub-carrier Frequency	G/T	Gain / Temperature ratio
FAC	Fast Access Channel	G(2)AWGN	Gated (squared) AWGN
FAQ	Frequently-Asked Questions	GaAs	Gallium Arsenide
FC	Fast Convergence	GaN	Gallium Nitride
FC	Fibre Channel	GAQ	Gain Adaptive Quantization
FC	Final Control	GbE	Gigabit Ethernet
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (USA) http://www.fcc.gov/	GBS	(DVB) Generic data Broadcasting & Service information protocols
FCP	(Apple) Final Cut Pro	GE06	Geneva Frequency Plan of 2006
FCSSAN	Fibre Channel Switched Storage Area Network	GE75	Geneva Frequency Plan of 1975
FD	Fading Depth	GE84	Geneva Frequency Plan of 1984
FDDI	Fibre-Distributed Digital Interface	GE89	Geneva Frequency Plan of 1989
FDM	Frequency Division Multiplex	GEO	Geostationary Orbit satellite
FDMA	Frequency Division Multiple Access	GIF	Graphics Interchange File
FDTD	Finite Difference Time Domain	GMSK	Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying
FEC	Forward Error Correction	GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
FED	Field Emission Display	GoP	Group of Pictures
FET	Field Effect Transistor	GPI	General Purpose Interface
FF	Fast Forward	GPR	Ground-Probing Radar
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform	GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
FGS	Fine Grain Scalability	GPS	Global Positioning System
FhG-IIS	<i>Fraunhofer Gesellschaft – Institut für Integrierte Schaltungen</i>	GRIO	Guaranteed Rate I/O (In/Out)
FIAT	<i>Fédération Internationale des Archives de Télévision</i> (IFTA in English)	GSE	Generic Stream Encapsulation
FIB	(DAB) Fast Information Block	GSM	Global System for Mobile communications
FIC	(DAB) Fast Information Channel	GSO	Geostationary Satellite Orbit
FIDC	(DAB) Fast Information Data Channel	GTK	Graphical user interface Tool Kit
FIFO	Fast In, Fast Out	GUI	Graphical User Interface
FIG	(DAB) Fast Information Group	GVG	Grass Valley Group
FIR	Finite Impulse Response	GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
FLOSS	Free/Libre Open Source Software	GXF	General eXchange Format
FM	Frequency Modulation		
FMO	Flexible Macroblock Ordering	HBR	High Bit-Rate
FOM	Figure Of Merit	HCV	Hue-Chroma-Value (colour space)
FP	(MXF) File Package	HD	High-Definition
FPAD	(DAB) Fixed Programme Associated Data	HD-MAC	High-Definition – Multiplexed Analogue Component
FPFD	(MPEG) frame_pred_frame_dct	HD-SDI	High-Definition SDI
FPGA	Field-Programmable Gate Array	HDCP	High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection
FRR	Fast Re-Route	HDD	Hard Disk Drive
FS	Field Strength	HDMI	High-Definition Multimedia Interface
FS	Full Scale	HDPCM	Hybrid Differential Pulse Code Modulation
FSN	Full Service Network	HDSL	High bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line
FSS	Fixed Satellite Service	HDTV	High-Definition Television
FTA	Free-To-Air	HE-AAC	High Efficiency AAC
FTP	File Transfer Protocol	HEO	Highly-inclined Elliptical Orbit
FTTC	Fibre To The Curb	HF	High-Frequency
FTTH	Fibre To The Home	HFC	Hybrid Fibre-Coax
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access	HGI	Home Gateway Initiative http://www.homegatewayinitiative.org/
		HH	Households

HHI	Heinrich-Hertz-Institut (German R&D lab)	ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
HLP	(H.263++) High Latency Profile	ID	IDentification / IDentity / IDentifier
HLS	Hue-Lightness-Saturation (colour space)	IDB	Interactive Digital Broadcast contour
HM	(DVB-T) Hierarchical Modulation	IDCT	Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform
HMI	Human-Machine Interface	IDE	Integrated / Intelligent Drive Electronics
HMM	Hidden Markov Model	IDL	Interface Definition Language
HNED	Home Network End Device	IDR	Intermediate Data-Rate
HNN	Home Network Node	iDRM	interoperable Digital Rights Management
HP	High-Priority	IDS	Insertion Data Signal
HP	Horizontally Polarized	IDS	Intrusion Detection System
HPA	Health Protection Agency (UK) http://www.hpa.org.uk/	iDTV	Integrated Digital (or Decoder) TeleVision
HPA	High Power Amplifier	IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission http://www.iec.ch/
HPT	Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor	IEE	Institute of Electrical Engineers (UK) http://www.iee.org/
HQ	High Quality	IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (USA) http://www.ieee.org
HRTF	Head-Related Transfer Function	IEICE	Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (Japan) http://www.ieice.org/eng/index.html
HSB	Hue-Saturation-Brightness (colour space)	IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force http://www.ietf.org/
HSDPA	High-Speed Downlink Packet Access	IF	Intermediate-Frequency
HSM	Hierarchical Storage Management	IF-PDMD	Independent Flux - Polyphase Downsampling Multiple Description
HSUPA	High-Speed Uplink Packet Access	IFA	<i>Internationale Funkausstellung</i> (Berlin consumer electronics exhibition)
HSV	Hue-Saturation-Value (colour space)	IFB	Interrupted Foldback
HTML	HyperText Markup Language	IFFT	Inverse Fast Fourier Transform
HTTP	HyperText Transfer Protocol	IFLU	Initial Full Line-Up
HuMIDAB	Human Machine Interface for DAB	IFO	(DVD) Information for FOrrmating VOB files
HVS	Human Visual System	IFRB	(ITU) International Frequency Registration Board
HVXC	(MPEG) Harmonic Vector Excitation Coding	IFTA	International Federation of Television Archives (FIAT in French)
HW	Hardware	IHDN	In-Home Digital Network
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I/F	Interface	II	Impulsive Interference
I/O	Input/Output	IID	Inter-channel Intensity Difference
I/Q	In-phase/Quadrature	ILM	Information Lifecycle Management
IAD	Integrated Access Device	ILS	Instrument Landing System
IASA	International Association of Sound Archives	IMAX	IMage MaXimum (film format)
IB	In-Band	iMP	(BBC) interactive Media Player
IBA	Independent Broadcasting Authority (UK, but now defunct)	IMS	IP Multimedia Subsystem
IBAC	In-Band Adjacent-Channel	IMT-2000	International Mobile Telecommunications - 2000
IBC	International Broadcasting Convention http://www.abc.org/	IMUX	Input Multiplexer
IBO	Input Back-Off	INA	<i>Institut National de l'Audiovisuel (France)</i>
IBOC	In-Band On-Channel	IOD	(MPEG) Initial Object Descriptor
IBU	International Broadcasting Union	IoN	Interworking of Networks
IC	Integrated Circuit	IOT	Inductive Output Tube
ICC	Inter-channel Cross-Correlation	IP	Intellectual Property
ICC	International Colour Consortium	IP	Intermodulation Product
ICI	Inter-Carrier Interference	IP	Internet Protocol
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol	IPD	Inter-channel Phase Difference
ICNIRP	International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection http://www.icnirp.de/	IPDC	IP DataCasting
ICPM	Incidental Phase Modulation	IPG	(ITU) Intersessional Planning Group
ICRP	International Commission on Radiological Protection http://www.icrp.org/	IPI	(DVB) Internet Protocol Infrastructure

IPL	Inner Physical Layer	IXP	Internet eXchange Point
IPMP	Intellectual Property Management & Protection		
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights		
IPRM	Intellectual Property and Rights Management	JAVA	Programming language for the WWW (developed by Sun Microsystems)
IPSEC	IP SECurity	JDK	Java Development Kit
IPTC	International Press Telecommunications Council	JESSI	Joint European Sub-micron Silicon Initiative
IPTV	Internet Protocol Television	JIBS	Joint Inserts Bank for Schools
IQ	Inverse Quantizer	JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group http://www.jpeg.org/
IR	Infra-Red	JSP	Java Server Pages
IR	Internet Radio	JSTL	Java Standard Tag Library
IRD	Integrated Receiver/Decoder	JSVM	Joint Software Verification Model
IRE	A relative unit of measure (named after the Institute of Radio Engineers). One IRE equals 1/140th of the composite video signal's peak-to-peak voltage.	JTC	(ISO/IEC) Joint Technical Committee
IRQ	Interrupt ReQuest	JV	Joint Venture
IRT	<i>Institut für Rundfunktechnik GmbH</i> (German broadcast technology research centre) http://www.irt.de/	JVM	Java Virtual Machine
IS	Information Systems	JVT	(MPEG/VCEG) Joint Video Team
ISAN	(ISO) International Standard Audiovisual Number	JWP	Joint Working Party
ISDB	Integrated Services Digital Broadcasting		
ISDB-T	ISDB – Terrestrial	Ka band	26.5 to 40 GHz
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network	KLV	(SMPTE) Key Length Value
ISI	Inter-Symbol Interference	kps	kilometres-per-second
ISM	Industrial, Scientific and Medical	Ku band	12 to 18 GHz
ISMA	Internet Streaming Media Alliance http://www.isma.tv/		
ISO	International Organization for Standardization http://www.iso.org	L/R	Left/Right
ISOC	Internet Society	LAN	Local Area Network
ISOG	Inter-Union Satellite Operations Group	LAU	Large-Area Uniformity
ISP	Internet Service Provider	LBR	Low Bit-Rate
IST	Information Society Technologies (<i>European research programme</i>)	LC	Layered Coding
IT	Information Technology	LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
ITC	Independent Television Commission (UK)	LCOS	Liquid Crystal On Silicon
ITCA	Independent Television Companies Association (UK, but now defunct)	LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
ITD	Inter-channel Time Difference	LDMOS	Laterally-Diffused Metal Oxide Semiconductor
ITE	Institute of Image Information and Television Engineers (Japan) http://www.ite.or.jp/eng/index.html	LDPC	Low Density Parity Check
ITS	Insertion Test Signal	LED	Light Emitting Diode
ITS	Intelligent Transport System	LEO	Low Earth Orbit satellite
ITU	International Telecommunication Union http://www.itu.int	LEP	Light Emitting Polymer
ITU-BR	<i>ITU - Bureau des Radiocommunications</i>	LF	Low-Frequency
ITU-D	ITU - Development Sector	LFE	(multichannel audio) Low-Frequency Extension
ITU-R	ITU - Radiocommunication Sector http://www.itu.int/publications/sector.aspx?lang=en&sector=1	LFN	London Fibre Network
ITU-T	ITU - Telecommunication Standardization Sector	LGPL	(GNU) Lesser General Public Licence http://www.gnu.org/licenses/lgpl.html
iTV	Interactive TeleVision	LLU	Local Loop Unbundling
IWAN	Intelligent Wireless Area Network	LM	Link Margin
		LMD	Light Meter Device
		LMDS	Local Multipoint Distribution System
		LNB	Low-Noise Block
		LNM	Log-Normal Method
		LoS	Line of Sight
		LP	Low-Priority
		LS	(5.1) Left Surround
		LS	Least Significant

LS	LoudSpeaker	M-JPEG	Motion - Joint Photographic Experts Group
LSDI	Large Screen Digital Imagery	ML	Maximum-Length
LSF	Low Sampling Frequency	MLC	Multi-Level Coding
LSM	Loudness Meter	MLP	Multi-Layer Perceptron
LSI	Large Scale Integration	MLR	Media Loss Rate
LTE	Long Term Evolution (4th generation mobile networks)	MMDS	Multipoint Microwave Distribution System
LTO	Linear Tape Open	MMI	Man-Machine Interface
LTPS	Low-Temperature Poly Silicon	MMS	Microsoft Media Server
LU	Loudness Unit	MMS	Multimedia Messaging Service
LVDS	Low-Voltage Differential Signalling	MMT	Multi-Mode Terminal
LW	Long-Wave	MMX	(Intel) Pentium-based chip technology
		MMX	(Microsoft) pentium-based chip for multimedia
		MNO	Mobile Network Operator
		MoCA	Multimedia over CoAx
M+S	Mono and Stereo	MOS	Mean Opinion Score
M-HEO	Multi-regional Highly-inclined Elliptical Orbit	MOS	Media Object Server
MAC	Multiplexed Analogue Component	MOSAIC	Methods for Optimization and Subjective Assessment in Image Communications
MAEVA	Model for AssEssment of Video and Audio quality	MOSQUITO	Management Of Service QUality In Television Operations
MAM	Media Asset Management	MOT	Multimedia Object Transfer
MAP	Maximum A-Posteriori	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
Mbaff	Macroblock adaptive frame/field	MO	Magneto-Optical
MBMS	Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service	MP	(MXF) Material Package
MC	Multi-Channel	MP3	Formerly known as "MPEG Layer II"
MCA	Multi-Channel Audio	MP@14	(MPEG-2) Main Profile at 1440 Level
MCI	(DAB) Multiplex Configuration Information	MP@HL	(MPEG-2) Main Profile at High Level
MCP	Motion-Compensated Prediction	MP@ML	(MPEG-2) Main Profile at Main Level
MCPC	Multiple Channels per Carrier	MPC	Multimedia PC
MCS	Multi-Channel Simulcast	MPE	(DVB) Multi Protocol Encapsulation
MD	Multiple Description	MPEG	Moving Picture Experts Group http://www.chiariglione.org/mpeg/
MDC	Main Data Channel	MPEG-2/P@ML	(MPEG-2) Professional Profile at Main Level
MDC	Multiple Description Coding	MPEG-TS	MPEG – Transport Stream
MDCT	Modified Discrete Cosine Transform	MPLS	Multi Protocol Label Switching
MDD	(SMPTE) Managed Data Dictionary	MPTS	Multi-Programme Transport Stream
MDI	Media Delivery Index	MRC	Maximum Ratio Combining (algorithm)
MDI	(DRM) Multiplex Distribution Interface	MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MDM	Media Data Management	MRP	Metro Ring Protocol
MDTV	Mobile Digital TeleVision	M/S	Mono/Stereo
MER	Modulation Error Ratio	MS	(EU) Member States
MER	Modulus Error Ratio	MSC	(DAB/DRM) Main Service Channel
MF	Medium-Frequency	MSO	Mobile Service Operator
MF-TDMA	Multiple-Frequency Time-Division Multiple Access	MSS	Mean Subjective Scores
MFN	Multi-Frequency Network	MSS	Microsoft Structured Storage
MGS	Medium Grain Scalability	MSS	Mobile Satellite Services
MHEG	Multimedia and Hypermedia information coding Expert Group	MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit
MHP	(DVB) Multimedia Home Platform	MTV	Mobile Television
MID	Mobile Internet Device	MUSE	Multiple Sub-Nyquist sampling Encoding
MIFR	Master International Frequency Register	MUSHRA	(EBU) MUlti Stimulus test with Hidden Reference and Anchors
MIG	Mutually Incompatible Group	Mux	Multiplex
MIME	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension	MUX	Multiplex / multiplexer
MIP	(MPEG) Mega-frame Initialisation Packet		
mips	Million instructions per second		
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MV	Motion Vector	NRPB	National Radiological Protection Board (UK)
MVDS	Multipoint Video Distribution System	NRZ	Non-Return-to-Zero
MVNO	Mobile Virtual Network Operator	NRZI	Non-Return-to-Zero Inverter
MW	Medium-Wave	NTFS	(Microsoft) Windows NT File System
MXF	Material eXchange Format	NTSC	National Television System Committee (USA)
<hr/>		NVIS	Near-Vertical Incidence Sky-wave
N/A	Not Applicable / Available	NVoD	Near-Video-on-Demand
NAA	Netherlands Audiovisual Archive	<hr/>	
NAB	National Association of Broadcasters (USA) http://www.nab.org	O/P	Output
NAL	Network Abstraction Layer	OB	Outside Broadcast
NANBA	North American National Broadcasters' Association (now NABA)	OBO	Output Back-Off
NAS	Network-Attached Storage	OBP	On-Board Processing
NAT	Network Address Translation/Translator	OCAP	OpenCable Application Platform (USA)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	OCI	Object Content Information
NB	Narrow-Band	OCLA	Online Computer Library Center (USA)
NCC	(EBU) News Conference Circuits	OCR	(MPEG) Object Clock Reference
NCC	Network Control Centre	OCR	Optical Character Recognition
NCITS	National Committee for Information Technology Standards (USA)	OD	(MPEG) Object Description
NCR	Network Clock Reference	ODG	Objective Difference Grade
NCSA	National Centre for Supercomputing Applications	ODM	Original Device Manufacturer
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development http://www.oecd.org/home/
NDC	(EBU) Network Development Committee	OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
NFS	Network File System	OEO	Optical-to-Electrical-to-Optical
NGN	Next Generation Network	OFDM	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex
NHK	<i>Nippon Hoso Kyokai</i> (Japan) http://www.nhk.or.jp/	OHA	Open Handset Alliance http://www.openhandsetalliance.com/
NIC	Network Interface Card	OIR	<i>Organisation Internationale de Radiodiffusion</i>
NICAM	Near-Instantaneous Companding And Multiplexing	OIRT	<i>Organisation Internationale de Radiodiffusion et Télévision</i>
NII	National Information Infrastructure (USA)	OLED	Organic Light-Emitting Device (Diode)
NISO	National Information Standards Organization (USA)	OM	(AAF) Object Manager
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology (USA)	OMA	Open Mobile Alliance http://www.openmobilealliance.org/
NIT	(DVB) Network Identification Table	OMUX	Output Multiplexer
NITF	News Industry Text Format	OOB	Out-Of-Band
NIU	Network Interface Unit	OPD	Overall Phase Difference
NLE	Non-Linear Editing	OPEX	Operational Expenditure
NLP	Natural Language Processing	OPL	Outer Physical Layer
NMS	Network Management System	OPPN	Outdoor Peer-to-Peer Network
NNTP	Network News Transport Protocol	OSGi	Open Services Gateway initiative
NOB	Dutch Broadcast Facilities Company N.V.	ORF	<i>Österreichischer Rundfunk</i>
NOS	<i>Nederlandse Omroep Stichting</i> (Holland)	OS	Operating System
NPAD	Not Programme-Associated Data	OSD	On Screen Display
NPR	National Public Radio (USA)	OSI	Open Source Initiative http://www.opensource.org/
NPT	Normal Play Time	OSI	Open Systems Interface
NPVR	Network-based Personal Video Recorder	OSS	Open Source Software
NR	Noise Rating	OSS	Operations Support Service
NRCS	NewsRoom Computer System	ORDB	Object-Relational Database
NRF	(EU) New Regulatory Framework	ORDBMS	Object-Relational Database Management System
NRK	<i>Norsk rikskringkasting</i> (Norway)	ORTF	<i>Office de Radiodiffusion / Télévision Française</i>

OTI Organización de la Televisión Iberoamericana
OWL Web Ontology Language (*instead of "WOL"*)

p-p Peak-to-Peak
P2P Peer-to-Peer
PA Public Addressing
PA Power Amplifier
PAD Programme-Associated Data
Paff Picture adaptive frame/field
PAL Phase Alternation Line
PAN Personal Area Network
PAPR Peak-to-Average Power Ratio
PAT (MPEG) Programme Associated Table
PAYG Pay As You Go
PBX Private Branch Exchange
PCB Printed-Circuit Board
PCF Portable Content Format
PCI (Intel) Peripheral Component Interconnect
PCM Pulse Code Modulation
PCMCIA Personal Computer Memory Card International Association
PCR (MPEG) Programme Clock Reference
PCS Profile Connection Space
PD Pulse Duration
PDA Personal Digital Assistant
PDC Programme Delivery Control
PDE Personal Distributed Environment
PDF (Adobe) Portable Document Format
PDH Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy
PDI Personal Disposable Income
PDP Plasma Display Panel
PDR Personal Digital Recorder
PEAQ Perceptual Evaluation of Audio Quality
PEP Peak Envelope Power
PER Packet Error Rate
PES (MPEG) Packetized Elementary Stream
PFGS Progressive Fine Granularity Scalable
PFT Packet Fragmentation and Transport
PhD Doctor of Philosophy
PHP Hypertext Preprocessor
PHY The PHYsical layer
PICS Platform for Internet Content Selection
PID (MPEG) Packet IDentification number
PiP Picture in Picture
PKI Public Key Infrastructure
PLC Power-Line Communication, also written PLT, BPL ...
PLL Phase-Locked Loop
PLT Power-Line Transmission/Telecommunication, also written PLC, BPL ...
PLUGE Picture Line-Up Generation Equipment
PM Phase Modulation
PMC (EBU) Production-technology Management Committee

PML Permitted Maximum Level
pMOS predicted Mean Opinion Score
PMP Portable Multimedia Player
PMR Personal Media Recording
PMR Private Mobile Radio services
PMSE Programme-Making and Special Events
PMT (MPEG) Programme Map Table
PND Portable Navigation Device
PNG Portable Network Graphics
PoF Point of Failure
PoP Point of Presence
PPA Primary Protected Area
RPG (ITU) Regulatory / Procedural Group
PPM Peak Programme Meter
PPP Point-to-Point Protocol
PQR Picture Quality Rating
PR Protection Ratio
PRBS Pseudo-Random Binary Sequence
PS Parametric Stereo
PS (MPEG) Picture Structure
PS (SSCQE) Programme Segment
PS Pulse Spacing
PSB Public Service Broadcasting
PSF Progressive Segmented Frame
PSI (DVB) Programme Service Information
PSK Phase Shift Keying
PSNR Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio
PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network
PPV Pay-Per-View
PTS (DVB) Presentation Time Stamp
PTT Post, Telephone and Telegraph administration
PTy Programme type (DAB feature)
PTY Programme Type (RDS feature)
PVR Personal Video Recorder
PW Playout Workstation
PXT (ITU) Planning eXercise Team

QAM Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
QBIC Query-By-Image Content
QCIF Quarter Common Intermediate Format (176x144 pixels)
QEF Quasi-Error-Free
QMF Quadrature Mirror Filter
QoC Quality of Coverage
QoE Quality of Experience
QoS Quality of Service
QoSAM Quality of Services in digital AM
QP (SSCQE) Quality Parameter
QP Quantization Parameter
QPPM Quasi-Peak Programme Meter
QPSK Quadrature (Quaternary) Phase-Shift Keying
QQVGA Quarter Quarter VGA

QUOVADIS Quality Of Video and Audio for Digital television Services

QVGA Quarter Video Graphics Array

R&D Research & Development / Design

R-S Reed-Solomon

RA Reference Architecture

RA Registration Authority

RACE R&D in Advanced Communications technologies in Europe

RAI *Radiotelevisione Italiana*
<http://www.rai.it/>

RAID Redundant Array of Independent (or Inexpensive) Disks

RAM Random-Access Memory

RBE Routed Bridge Encapsulation

RBT *Rundfunk-betriebstechnik GmbH* (German company specializing in broadcast operations technology)

RCST Return-Channel-via-Satellite Terminal

RDBMS Relational Database Management System

RDF Resource Description Framework

RDI Receiver Data Interface

RDS Radio Data System
<http://www.rds.org.uk/>

RDS-TA RDS - Traffic Announcement

RDS-TMC RDS - Traffic Message Channel

RDT (RealNetwork's) Real Data Transport

REW Rewind

RF Radio-Frequency

RFC Request For Comments (IETF standard)

RFI Radio-Frequency Interference

RFT Request For Technology

RFT Request For Tender

RGB Red-Green-Blue (colour model)

RIFF (Microsoft) Resource Interchange File Format

RISC Reduced Instruction-Set Computer

RM Radio Manager

RMS Root-Mean-Square

RN Reference Network

ROM Read-Only Memory

RPC Reference Planning Configuration

RR (ITU) Radio Regulations

RRC (ITU) Regional Radiocommunication Conference

RRMP Restricted Reliable Multicast Protocol

RS (5.1) Right Surround

RS Reed Solomon

RSPG Radio Spectrum Policy Group

RSS Really Simple Syndication

RSTP Real-Time Streaming Protocol

RSVP ReSource reserVation Protocol

RTBF *Radio-Télévision Belge de la Communauté française*

RTCP Real-Time Control Protocol

RTE *Radio Telefís Éireann*

RTE Run-Time Engine

RTMP (Adobe) Real-Time Messaging Procol

RTMPE (Adobe) Real-Time Messaging Procol – Encrypted

RTOS Real-Time Operating System

RTP Real-time Transport Protocol

RTP *Radiotelevisão Portuguesa*

RTS (UK) Royal Television Society

RTSP Real-Time Streaming Protocol

RUP Rational Unified Process

RUV *Ríkisutvarpid* (Icelandic National Broadcasting Service)

Rx Receiver

RW Recording Workstation

RWTH *Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule*

S-DAB Satellite - Digital Audio Broadcasting

S-DMB Satellite - Digital Multimedia Broadcasting

S-DSB Satellite - Digital Sound Broadcasting

S/I Signal-to-Interference ratio

S/N Signal-to-Noise ratio

S/PDIF Sony/Philips Digital InterFace

S2S System-to-System

SAB Services Ancillary to Broadcasting

SAC Satellite Access Control

SAM Scandinavian Audiovisual Metadata group

SAMVIQ Subjective Assessment Methodology for Video Quality

SAP Services Ancillary to Programme-making

SAP Session Announcement Protocol

SAS Serial Attached SCSI

SAR Specific energy Absorption Rate

SATA Serial Advanced Technology Architecture

SAU Small-Area Uniformity

SAW Surface Acoustic Wave

SBC Swiss Broadcasting Corporation

SBR Spectral Band Replication

SC@14 Spatially Scalable profile at 1440 Level

SC Satellite Component

SC Single Carrier

SCC SNG Control Centre

SCH Satellite Channel

SCH Sub-Carrier Horizontal

SCPC Single Channel Per Carrier

SCSI Small Computer Systems Interface

SD Secure Digital (memory card)

SD Standard-Definition

SD Sum of square Deviation

SD&S (DVB) Service Discovery & Selection

SDC Service Data Channel

SDC (DVB) Service Description Channel

SDDI (Sony) Serial Digital Data Interface

SDH Synchronous Digital Hierarchy

SDI	Serial Digital Interface	SQCIF	Sub-Quarter Common Intermediate Format
SDK	Software Development Kit	SQL	Structured Query Language
SDP	Session Description Protocol	SR	<i>Sveriges Television Ab</i> (Sweden)
SDR	Software Defined Radio	SR	Swedish Radio
SDSL	Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line	SRAM	Static Random Access Memory
SDT	(DVB) Service Description Table	SRC	Sample-Rate Converter
SDTI	Serial Data Transport Interface	SRD	Short Range Device
SDTV	Standard-Definition Television	sRGB	standard Red Green Blue (colour space)
SDV	Switched Digital Video	SRI	Swiss Radio International
SECAM	<i>Séquentiel couleur à mémoire</i>	SRM	System Renewability Message
SED	Surface-conduction Electron-emitter Display	SS	Spectrum Spreading
SER	Segment Error Ratio	SSA	Serial Storage Architecture
SER	Symbol Error Rate	SSB	Single Side-Band
SES	<i>Société Européenne des Satellites</i>	SSCQE	Single-Stimulus Continuous Quality Evaluation
SFDMA	Synchronous Frequency Division Multiple Access	SSIM	Structural Similarity Metric
SFN	Single-Frequency Network	SSL	Secure Sockets Layer
SGML	Standard Generalized Markup Language	SSR	<i>Société Suisse de Radiodiffusion et Télévision</i>
SHDSL	Symmetric High bitrate Digital Subscriber Line	SSJS	Server-Side JavaScript
SHE	Super Head End	SSRC	Synchronization SouRCe
SHF	Super High Frequency	ST61	Stockholm Frequency Plan of 1961
SHV	Super Hi-Vision	STB	Set-Top Box
SI	(DVB) Service Information	STC	Satellite Transmission Control
SIM	Subscriber Identity Module	STC	System Time Clock
SiP	System-in-Package	STM	Synchronous Transport Module
SIP	Session Initiation Protocol	STRL	(NHK) Science and Technical Research Laboratories http://www.nhk.or.jp/strl/english/index.html
SL	Synchronization Layer	STU	Set-Top Unit
SLM	Spatial Light Modulator	SVC	(MPEG-4) Scalable Video Coding
SLM	Standard Loudness Measure	SVG	Scalable Vector Graphics
SLS	SLide Show	SVM	Support Vector Machine
SMATV	Satellite Master Antenna TV	SVT	<i>Sveriges Television och Radio Grupp</i> (Sweden) http://svt.se/
SMC	Subscriber Management Centre	SW	Short-Wave
SMEF	(BBC) Standard Media Exchange Format	SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
SMIL	Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language	SWR	<i>Südwestrundfunk</i> (Germany)
SMP	Significant Market Power	SYMM	(W3C) Synchronized Multimedia Working Group
SMPTE	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (USA) http://www.smpte.org/		
SMS	Subscriber Management System		
SMS	Short Message Service		
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	T-DAB	Terrestrial - DAB
SNCP	Sub-Network Connection Protection	T-DMB	Terrestrial - DMB
SNG	Satellite News Gathering	TA	Traffic Announcement (RDS feature)
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol	TAM	(DVB) Technical issues Associated with MHP
SNR	Signal-to-Noise Ratio	TAPESTRIES	The Application of Psychological Evaluation to Systems and Technologies in Remote Imaging and Entertainment Services
SNV	Satellite News-gathering Vehicle		
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol	TBA	To Be Announced
SoC	System-on-Chip	TBC	To Be Confirmed
SoD	Services-on-Demand	TBD	To Be Decided
SP	Service Provider	TC	(SSCQE) Test Condition
SP	(MXF) Source Package	TCC	(EBU) Technical Co-ordination Circuits
SPFD	Scaler Potential Finite Difference	TCM	Trellis-Coded Modulation
SPIN	Sensor, Positioning and Identification Network	TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
SPL	Sound Pressure Level	TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol
SPPM	Sample Peak Programme Meter	TDC	(DAB) Transparent Data Channel
SPTS	Single Programme Transport Stream		

TD	(EBU) Technical Department	UGD	Uni-directional Gateway Device
TDEL	Thick-film Dielectric Electro-Luminescent	UHF	Ultra High Frequency
TDF	<i>Télédiffusion de France</i>	UID	Unique Identifier
TDM	Time Division Multiplex(ing)	UMID	(SMPTE) Unique Material Identifier
TDMA	Time-Division Multiple Access	UML	Unified Modelling Language
TE	Traffic Engineering	UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
TFT	Thin-Film Transistor	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
TIC	Traffic Information Centre	UNII	Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure
TISPAN	Telecoms & Internet converged Services & Protocols for Advanced Networks	UPID	(SMPTE) Unique Programme Identifier
TII	Transmitter Identification Information	UPnP	Universal Plug 'n' Play http://www.upnp.org/default.asp
TIM	Traffic Information Memory	UR	User Requirements
TM	(DVB) Technical Module	URI	Uniform Resource Identifier
TMC	Traffic Message Channel	URL	Uniform Resource Locator
TNT	<i>Télévision Numérique Terrestre</i> (Digital Terrestrial Television, DTT)	URN	Uniform Resource Name
ToA	Threshold of Audibility	URTNA	Union of National Radio and Television Organisations of Africa
TOP	(Teletext) Table Of Pages	USB	Universal Serial Bus
ToV	Threshold of Visibility	USI	Usage State Information
TP	(SSCQE) Test Presentation	USP	Unique Selling Point
TPEG	Transport Protocol Experts Group http://www.tisa.org/	UTC	Universal Co-ordinated Time
TPEG-PTI	TPEG - Public Transport Information	UTF-8	8-bit Unicode Transformation Format
TPEG-RTM	TPEG - Road Traffic Messages	UU	User-to-User
TPEG-SNI	TPEG - Service and Network Information	UWB	Ultra WideBand
TPS	Transmission-Parameter Signalling		
TQFP	Thin Quad Flat Pack	VAN	Video Area Network
TRU	Traditional Rights & Usages	VBR	Variable Bit-Rate
TS	(MPEG) Transport Stream	VBI	Vertical Blanking Interval
TS	(SSCQE) Test Session	VCEG	(ITU-T) Video Coding Experts Group
TSDT	(MPEG) Transport Stream Descriptor Table	VCL	Video Coding Layer
TSR	<i>Télévision Suisse Romande</i>	VCM	Variable Coding and Modulation
TTI	Traffic and Travel Information	VCP	Video Cassette Player
TTL	Transistor-to-Transistor Logic	VCR	Video Cassette Recorder
TTM	Time To Market	VDP	Video Disk Player
TTP	Trusted Third Party	VDSL	Very high bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line
TTSL	Total Time Spent Listening	VFAT	(Microsoft) Virtual File Allocation Table
TU	Typical Urban channel profile	VFD	Vacuum Fluorescent Display
TUS	(EU) Telecommunication Universal Service	VGA	Video Graphics Array
TVA	TV Anytime	VHF	Very High Frequency
TVWF	(EU) Television Without Frontiers directive	VHO	Video Hub Office
TWIM	Terrestrial Wireless Interactive Multimedia	VITC	Vertical Interval Time-Code
TWT	Travelling-Wave Tube	VLC	Variable-Length Coder
TWTA	Travelling-Wave-Tube Amplifier	VLD	Variable-Length Decoder
Tx	Transmitter	VLF	Very Low Frequency
TX	Transmission	VLSI	Very Large-Scale Integration
		VM	Virtual Machine
UA	User Application	VOB	(DVD) Video OBJect
UCE	UnCorrectable Error	VoD	Video-on-Demand
UDDI	Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration	VoIP	Voice-over-IP
UDF	Universal Disk Format	VOR	VHF Omni-directional Range system
UDP	User Datagram Protocol	VOX	Voice-Operated Switch
UDP/IP	User Datagram Protocol / Internet Protocol	VP	Vertically Polarized
UEP	Unequal Error Protection	VPAN	Wireless Personal Area Network

VQ	Vector Quantization	WMS	Watermark Minimum Segment
VQEG	Video Quality Experts Group http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/vqeg/	WMV	(Microsoft) Windows Media Video
VPN	Virtual Private Network	WORM	Write Once / Read Many
VPS	Video Programme System	WPA	Wi-Fi Protected Access
VRML	Virtual Reality Modelling Language	WPR	Wall-Probing Radar
VRT	<i>Vlaamse Radio en Televisie</i> (Belgium)	WRC	(ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference
VS	(SSCQE) Vote Segment	WRS	Wireless Relay System
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal	WSS	WideScreen Signalling
VSF	Vestigial Sideband	WTVML	WapTV Mark-up Language
VSO	Video Serving Office	WWW	World Wide Web
VT	Video Tape	WXGA	Wide Extended Graphics Array
VTR	Video Tape Recorder		
VU	(Audio) Volume Units		
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W-LAN	Wireless extension of a fixed LAN	X-PAD	eXtended Programme-Associated Data
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium http://www.w3.org/	XCP	(Sony) eXtended Copy Protection
WAN	Wide-Area Network	xDSL	(Different variants of) Digital Subscriber Line
WAP	Wireless Application Protocol	XHTML	eXtensible HyperText Markup Language
WARC	(ITU) World Administrative Radio Conference	XML	eXtensible Markup Language
WDM	Wavelength Division Multiplex(er)	XPAD	(DAB) Extended Programme Associated Data
WDR	<i>Westdeutscher Rundfunk</i> (Germany) http://www.wdr.de/	XPB	Cross-Polar antenna Discrimination
WE	Wireless Enabler	XSL	eXtensible Style-sheet Language
WG-IPTV	Walled Garden IPTV	XSLT	XSL Transformation
WI95	Wiesbaden Frequency Plan of 1995	XTP	Xpress Transport Protocol
WiMAX	Worldwide interoperability for Mobile Access		
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization	YC	The luminance (Y) and chrominance (C) signals of a colour television system
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network	YCbCr	The luminance (Y), blue-difference (C _b) and red-difference (C _r) chrominance components of a colour television system
WLR	Wholesale Line Rental	YLE	<i>Oy Yleisradio Ab</i> (Finland)
WLV	Within Listener Variability	YUV	The luminance (Y) and colour difference (U and V) signals of the PAL colour television system
WM	(Microsoft) Windows Media		
WM9	(Microsoft) Windows Media Series 9		
WMA	(Microsoft) Windows Media Audio	ZIP	An industry-standard file compression utility (PK-Ware Inc.)
WML	Wireless Markup Language		