

Chapter 16.

Glossary

ALT	Association for Learning Technology (http://www.csv.warwick.ac.uk/alt-E/)
BECTa	British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (formerly NCET). BECTa co-ordinates educational and technological developments across the compulsory and post-compulsory educational communities. BECTa also seeks to evaluate information and communications technology (ICT) practice; support existing applications of ICT; and investigate emerging technologies and associated pedagogy (http://www.becta.org.uk/).
C&IT	Communications and Information Technology. This term is not used universally throughout the HE sector nor in the FE sector, which instead uses the term ILT wrong ILT see ICT entry below
C&IT Induction	We adopted the term “C&IT Induction”, to refer to the whole process of providing students with learning, teaching, support or training to equip them with C&IT skills, whenever they are delivered (i.e. not just at the beginning of a course or programme of study).
CFE	College of Further Education
CLAIT	Computer Literacy and Information Technology. Accreditation scheme established by the Royal Society of Arts and is award of OCR (Oxford Cambridge and RSA Boards)
CMC	Computer-Mediated Communication. The use of email, bulletins boards, mailing lists, video conferencing and similar communications facilities as tools for learning.
CTI	Computers in Teaching Initiative, established in 1984 comprised 24 subject-based Centres working to support the use of communication and information technologies in UK higher education. Funded by HEFCE, SHEFC, HEFCW and DENI. Co-ordinated and supported by CTISS. CTI handed over, in 2000, to the Learning and Teaching Support Network (LTSN), run under the auspices of the Institute for Learning & Teaching (ILT).
CVCP	Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, now Universities UK (http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/).
ECDL	European Computer Driving Licence (http://www.ecdl.co.uk/).
eLib	Electronic Libraries Programme, resulting from the Follett Report. (http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/elib/).
FIGIT	Follett Implementation Group for Information Technology. A sub-committee of JISC until 31 March 1997 when it was merged with ISSC to form CEI. It ran the Electronic Libraries Programme, eLib, thus taking forward the IT recommendations from the Follett report.
Follett Report	Report for the Joint Funding Councils on Libraries and IT in the HE community in December 1993. Full text at http://www.niss.ac.uk/education/hefc/follett/
FE	Further Education
FT 100 League Table	Financial Times Survey of the UK’s top universities, appears annually (http://specials.ft.com/ln/ftsurveys/industry/scbbbe.htm)
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England (http://www.hefce.ac.uk/).
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (http://www.wfc.ac.uk/hefcw/index.html).
HEI	Higher Education Institution. The term which embraces all institutions which deliver

primarily higher education level teaching provision. As well as universities, HEIs include colleges of higher education, art schools, and some other monotechnic institutions.

HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency (http://www.hesa.ac.uk/).
Higher Education	The highest level of education provision. This ranges from Higher National Certificates (HNCs) to post-graduate doctoral degrees.
HEI	Higher Education Institution
ICT	Information and Communication Technology. Wrong this term is used in many UK HEIs in FE the term is ILT = Information and learning technology.
ILT	Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (http://www.ilt.ac.uk/).
ILT	Information and Learning Technology
Information Strategy	A strategic plan to exploit information resources in the broadest sense. This will often be part of an hierarchy of strategies under an institutional strategy or business plan; in turn an information strategy may include an Information Systems (IS) or Information Technology (IT) strategy.
Internet	A world-wide group of networks using a common protocol, the Internet Protocol (IP) so that services such as email and the World Wide Web can be provided seamlessly. JANET is part of the Internet.
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IT	Information Technology
JCALT	JISC Committee for Awareness, Liaison and Training; a sub-committee of the JISC, which addresses the human and organisational issues involved in deploying C&IT within HEIs, with particular emphasis on outreach, evaluation and user requirements (http://www.jisc.ac.uk/jcalt/).
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee of the Higher Education Funding Councils for England, Scotland and Wales and the Department of Education for Northern Ireland (http://www.jisc.ac.uk/).
JISCmail	A service to facilitate email discussion, collaboration and communication within the UK academic community and beyond (replaced Mailbase in November 2000). http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/ .
LTDI	Learning Technology Dissemination Initiative: a project funded by SHEFC to promote the distribution of learning technology and computer based learning material (http://www.icbl.hw.ac.uk/ltdi/).
LTSN	Learning & Teaching Support Network, successor of CTI (http://www.ltsn.ac.uk/).
MLE	Managed Learning Environment
NCET	National Council for Educational Technology. Successor of CET (Council for Educational Technology) and predecessor of BECTa.
NSF	National Science Foundation in the US (http://www.nsf.gov/)
PC	Personal Computer
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
SCONUL	Standing Council of National and University Libraries (http://www.sconul.ac.uk/)
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council (http://www.shefc.ac.uk/)
TLTP	Teaching and Learning Technology Programme, funded by the Funding Councils. It was launched in 1992 by the Universities Funding Council. (http://www.ncteam.ac.uk/tltp/).

UCAS	Universities and colleges Admission Services for the UK
UCISA	Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association (http://www.ucisa.ac.uk/)
UCISA-TLIG	UCISA's Teaching, Learning and Information Group (http://www.ucisa.ac.uk/TLIG/)
Universities UK	Formerly known as CVCP (http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/)
VLE	Virtual Learning Environment
WWW	World Wide Web: system where multi-media resources are provided in a standardised way and linked indefinitely, providing a world-wide information system. Recently expanded enormously so that the majority of traffic on the Internet is now for WWW use.

Note: a number of items in this glossary have been drawn from the *JISC Glossary and Index*, available on the web at: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/glossary/index.html>, and from the glossary of Universities Scotland at <http://www.universities-scotland.ac.uk/>