Internet Words

Possibly the greatest explosion of new words, has come about since the invention of the computer and the Internet. Once again, it is interesting to compare the Internet word with the original meaning.

android	An automaton possessing human qualities
apache	Software used in over 50% of Web servers
apple	Record company label. Hardware and software company
application	A computer program
avatar	A picture or cartoon of self, used on an social website
back-up	Save a file
bug	An error in a piece of software
burn write	Save a file onto a CD
character	A letter or symbol of text
chip	A microprocessor
chrome	A Google browser
clean	Delete or reorganising information
cloud	Where information is stored NOT on the computer
cookie	A small file downloaded containing information about you, accessed the next time you visit that site
crash	When your computer temporarily stops working
crawler	A program that searches the internet for information for search engines
driver	Software which communicates with hardware (e.g. printers & scanners)
field	A space into which you can place text
file	A piece of information that can be opened by a computer
flash	Used to create and play interactive videos and games
font	Type face
forum	An online message board
gallery	A selection of photographs or images
groom	Maker friends on line with false and sinister intentions
hardware	The physical arts of the computer
hits	The number of times a site has been visited
host	A computer or server connected to the internet
icon	A small picture which represents and action if clicked
Java	A computer program language
mirror	An identical copy of a website
mouse (s)	The device which allows you to use the computer
navigate	To move between websites
net	The internet
note-pad	Basic text-editing software
Opera	An internet browser
paint	Image editing software
pairing	Transferring information from one computer to another (sharing)
Palm	A company that makes PDAs and smartphone & the software

PIN	A Personal Identification Number
platform	A combination of hardware and software to support software
protocol	Rules that tell computers how to transfer information between themselves
RAM	Random Access Memory
RAW	A type of file format
resolution	The amount of detail displayed on screen
rip	To transfer information to a hard drive
roam	The ability to access a server away from home
scanner	A device to transfer paper documents to digital files
spam	Unwanted and unsolicited emails
spider	Software that trawls the internet and send information to search engines
surf	To go from one website to another
tablet	A cordless computer
toggle	A switch
torrent	A small file with a specific role
traffic	The number of visits to a website
Trojan	A file carrying viruses
troll	Someone who posts contentious and inflammatory remarks online
tweet	A message on Twitter
unzip	To uncompress a file
viral	Information spread thought the internet via 'word of mouth'
virus	A computer program which copies itself and spreads adversely
Vista	A Microsoft Windows operating system
wallpaper	The personalised picture background on screen
web	The internet. The World Wide Web
windows	A Microsoft operating system
worm	A virus
write burn	Save a file to a CD
zip	To compress file