

COMMON TECHNOLOGY TERMS: ENGLISH/SPANISH GLOSSARY



First things first. In Spanish if you study *Information Technology*, **estudias informática**, and if you work in IT, **eres informático/informática**. More specifically, you can be **director-a del departamento de informática** (*IT manager*), **ingeniero-a informático-a** (IT engineer), **desarrollador-a de software** (*software developer*) or **emprendedor-a** (*entrepreneur*). Once your identity is clear, let's review some key words in **el mundo de la informática** (*the IT world*). Here you have 30, but the list could easily grow to 100.

1. **un ordenador** (Spain) / **una computadora** (Latin America) *a computer*
2. **una tableta** *a tablet*
3. **una impresora** *a printer*
4. **el ratón** *the mouse*
5. **apagar** *to turn on*
6. **encender** *to turn off*
7. **el disco duro** *the hard drive*
8. **el teclado** *the keyboard*
9. **la tecla** *the key*
10. **los auriculares** *headphones*
11. **el micrófono** *the mic*
12. **la pantalla** *the screen*
13. **la cámara** *the camera*
14. **los altavoces** *the speakers*
15. **una aplicación** *an app*
16. **base de datos** *database*

- 17. **las redes sociales** *social networks*
- 18. **el enlace** *the link*
- 19. **subir** *to upload*
- 20. **guardar** *to save*
- 21. **borrar** *to delete*
- 22. **hacer click** *to click*
- 23. **bajar/descargar** *to download*
- 24. **buscar en Google** *search on Google, to Google*
- 25. **pirata informático** *hacker*
- 26. **contraseña** *password*

Many other words have entered Spanish directly with their English appearance but a Spanish sound:

- 27. **podcast** (make sure you pronounce the *o* as in 'poco', and you say the *a* as in 'casa')
- 28. **wifi** (pronounced güeefee)
- 29. **router** (pronounced rooter)
- 30. **data** (with the *a* as in 'casa')

I guess the only thing to say at this point is **CONTINUARÁ** (*TO BE CONTINUED*)...