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### ITL UPDATES GLOSSARY OF KEY INFORMATION SECURITY TERMS

The Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recently published an update of NIST Interagency Report (NISTIR) 7298, [Glossary of Key Information Security Terms](#). Edited by Richard Kissel, NISTIR 7298 Revision 2 provides a summary glossary of terms used in NIST publications and other relevant sources. First published in April 2006 and updated in February 2011, the glossary is widely used by information security practitioners around the globe. NISTIR 7298 Revision 2 supersedes all previous versions of the document.

The glossary provides a central resource of current terms and definitions most commonly used in NIST information security publications and in the Committee for National Security Systems (CNSS) information assurance publications. The common security terms have been extracted from NIST Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), the NIST Special Publication (SP) 800 series, NISTIRS, and from CNSS Instruction 4009 (CNSSI-4009). For example, the term Access is presented as follows:

Access –	Ability to make use of any information system (IS) resource. SOURCE: SP 800-32
	Ability and means to communicate with or otherwise interact with a system, to use system resources to handle information, to gain knowledge of the information the system contains, or to control system components and functions. SOURCE: CNSSI-4009

ITL plans to keep the glossary current by providing updates online. New definitions will be added to the glossary as needed, and updated versions will be posted on the [Computer Security Resource Center \(CSRC\) website](#). Comments and suggestions on the publication should be sent to [secglossary@nist.gov](mailto:secglossary@nist.gov).

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