

## *Glossary*

**.gif file** A compressed image file format originated by CompuServe. An acronym for Graphics Interchange File format. Usually used for images with low resolution and 256 color or less resolution.

**.jpg file** A compressed image file format developed by the Joint Photographic Expert Group. Usually used for high-resolution images with high color depth.

**address book** The Messenger component that stores and organizes the e-mail addresses of the people with whom you correspond.

**anonymous FTP site** A site that allows any user to access and transfer files to and from the site. FTP sites are connected to the Internet.

**bookmark** A user-created link to a Web page the user wants to revisit.

**browse** To explore the linked documents and other features offered by the Internet. Also called surf.

**browser** A computer program that allows the user to access information available on the World Wide Web.

**Collabra** The Netscape Communicator component that lets the user correspond with newsgroups.

**discussion groups** Net-based system for posting messages that can be viewed publicly, and freely responded to.

**Domain Name System (DNS)** A hierarchical system of Internet addresses used by human beings to identify sites connected to the Internet. The DNS servers on the Internet convert these names in IP addresses usable by Internet routers.

**download** To copy files from another computer or network to your own computer.

**e-mail** Electronic mail, used to send messages and documents over a network or the Internet.

**e-mail address** An electronic mailing address consisting of a user ID followed by an Internet site name.

**FAQs** Frequently Asked Questions to which answers are provided; a form of online help.

**freeware** Free software. You can download or copy freeware and use or distribute it freely.

**FTP** File Transfer Protocol, used to transfer data and program files across the Internet.

**gateway** A single Internet site through which you can access a variety of sites providing similar services.

**headers** Summary information for a newsgroup posting that includes the poster, size, date, and subject of the article.

**helper application** A separate program invoked by Netscape when it encounters a data type with which it needs help. See also plug-ins and viewer.