VoIP terms explained, glossary of words and acronyms relating to telecom and VoIP.

Glossary for VoIP associated terms.

MTA Multimedia Terminal Adapter A device that connects a traditional telephone to a cable, converting analog voice to digital signals.

NAT Network Address Translation An Internet standard allowing a broadband connection to use one public IP address to connect to the Internet and set of local IP addresses to identify each PC or device in the local network. NATs are translators for VoIP and enable voice calls to cross over the internet.

PBX Public Branch Exchange A private telephone switching system that allows outside phone lines from a telecommunications provider to be connected to extensions within the office or building. They usually have multiple features including call forwarding, intercom, paging and voice mail.

POTS Plain Old Telephone System The familiar single phone line, single phone number system that has been in existence for many years.

VoIP Voice over Internet Protocol. The primary use of VoIP is to transfer voice over the internet or other computer network. VoIP can refer to the data or the technology that enables communication between two users. VoIP phone service is the delivery of voice communications over the internet.

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