**A**

**Access time:** The time a storage device spends locating a particular file.

**Aggregation software:** E-commerce software application that combines online activities to provide one-stop shopping for consumers.

**Analog signals:** Signals composed of continuous waves transmitted at a certain frequency range over a medium, such as a telephone line.

**B**

**Backup:** A second copy kept of valuable data.

**Bandwidth:** The number of bits that can be transferred per second over a given medium or network.

**Beta-testing:** One of the last steps in software development that involves allowing outside people to use the software to see if it works as designed.