Abbreviation	Description
IEEE	**Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers** • Dedicated to the advancement of the professions of electronic and computer engineering. • The IEEE publishes an array of technical literature and maintains standards for various computer components, signaling protocols, and data representation.
ITU	**International Telecommunications Union** • Based in Switzerland. • Formerly *Comité Consultatif International Télégpahique et Téléphonique* (**CCITT**), the International Consultative Committee on Telephony and Telegraphy. • Concerns itself with the interoperability of telecommunications systems, including telephone, telegraph, and data communications systems. • Standards that originate from this organization have the abbreviations ITU-T or **CCITT**.
ANSI	**American National Standards Institute** The group representing the United States of America to the ITU.
BSI	**British Standards Institution** The group representing the United Kingdom to the ITU.
CEN	**Comité Européen de Normalisation** The European Committee for Standardization
ISO	**The International Organization for Standardization** • Coordinates worldwide standards development, including activities of ANSI with BSI. • ISO is not an acronym but derives from the Greek word, isos, meaning "equal." • ISO consists of more than 2800 technical committees, each of which is charged with some global standardization issue.