

Office Lingo in the Age of the Internet

These definitions were found floating around the Internet:

- Cube farm. An office filled with cubicles.
- Prairie dogging. Something loud happens in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.
- Ohnosecond. That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize you've just made a big mistake.
- Blamestorming. Sitting around in a group discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed and who was responsible.
- Idea hamsters. People who always seem to have their idea generators running.
- Stress puppy. A person who thrives on being stressed out.
- Xerox subsidy. Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from a workplace.
- Uninstalled. Euphemism for being fired.
- Tourists. Those who take training classes just to take a vacation from their jobs: "We had 3 serious students in the class; the rest were tourists."
- Ego surfing. Scanning the Net, databases, print media, and so on, looking for references to one's own name.
- 404. Someone who is clueless, from the

World Wide Web error message "404 Not Found", meaning the requested document couldn't be located: "Don't bother asking him, he's 404."

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