

Jargon and buzzwords to avoid like the plague

The most offensive top ten in red (June 2006 vote).

Actionable	Cutting edge	Interface	Programatically
Administrivia	Cycles	Keepage	Pushback
All-hands meeting	Deceptionist	Key (anything)	Quick win
Anonymize	Deliverables	Killer app	Ramp up
At the end of the day	Deskfast	Lateraled	Real-time
At this juncture	Dial and smile	Leading edge	Repurpose
Bandwidth	Dial-in	Leapfrog	Right-sizing
Bang for the buck	Dialog	Learnings	Robust
Banner year	Digerati	Level set	Round file
Bean-counter	Disambiguate	Leverage	Sacred cow
Behind the eight ball	Disincent	Loop in	Scalable
Best of breed	Disintermediate	Low-hanging fruit	Scope
Best practices	Downsizing	Macromanager	Silver bullet
Betamax'd	Drill-down	McJob	Solution
Blamestorming	Drinking the Kool Aid	Micromanager	Special sauce (or secret sauce)
Bleeding edge	Drive	Mindshare	Stakeholders
Blue ocean	Driver	Mission-critical	Surface
BOHICA (Bend Over Here It Comes Again)	Duck shuffler	Modularize	Synergy
Boot strap	Elevator story (or pitch)	Monetize	Take away
Bricks and clicks	Enabler	Mouse potato	Take it to the next level
Bring to the table	End-to-end	Net-net	Task
B-school	Face time	Next steps	Touch base
Burn rate	Feature/scope creep	Offline	Turnkey solution
Buy-in	Forseeable future	One throat to choke	Value chain
Buzzworthy	Functionality	Operationalize	Value prop
Cannibalize	Gain traction	Outside the box	Visioneering
Centers of excellence	Go live	Paradigm (shift)	Win-win
Chinese wall	Going forward	Partnering	World-class
Circle back around	Granular	Ping	Zero-sum game
Circular file	Half-baked	Power luser	
C-level	Hard stop	Power user	
Close the loop	Heads-up	Prairie dogging	
Commoditize	Helicopter view (or 30,000-foot view)	Press the flesh	
Componentize	High-level	Proactive	
Core competencies	Human capital	Proceduralize	
Critical path	Incentivize	Productize	