

## CERN PREFERRED SPELLING LIST

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3D or three-dimensional  
advise (verb)  
adviser  
advisory  
analyse  
annex (verb)  
annexe (noun)  
antimatter  
antiparticle  
antiproton  
artefact  
astroparticle  
backbone  
back-up (noun)  
bandwidth  
baseline  
Big Bang  
book-keeping  
Boolean  
Booster (CERN machine)  
breakthrough  
bytestream  
centre  
clearing-house  
coefficient  
colour  
competence(s)  
competency(ies) – archaic  
co-operate etc.  
co-ordinate etc.  
coordinate (mathematical coordinates)  
Council  
CP-violation, CP-invariant  
cross-section  
cut-off (noun)  
dataset  
data taking (noun)  
data-taking (adj.)  
Department (when talking about one specific one, e.g., PH Department)  
diquark  
Director-General  
disk (computing)  
Division (when talking about one specific one, e.g., Theory Division, the Division)  
downtime  
Earth  
e-mail (verb)  
email (noun)  
endcap  
expressible  
express-line  
far-away  
favourable  
feedback, feedthrough  
feed-down

first-class (adj.)  
flavour  
focused, focusing (one 's')  
fold (as suffix, one word, e.g., twofold)  
formulas  
front end (noun, two words)  
front-end (adj.)  
Gaussian  
Grid  
haloes (plural of halo)  
high-energy physics  
high technology (noun)  
high-technology, high-tech (adj.)  
Host States  
hot-line  
infinitesimally (one 's')  
Internet  
Interrelate  
isentropic  
K meson  
Laboratory (referring to CERN)  
life cycle (two words)  
life-span (hyphen)  
lifetime  
linac  
loose (adj.)  
lose (verb)  
look-up (from verbal phrase)  
Member State  
metadata  
metre (unit)  
minimum-bias (adj.)  
Monte Carlo (never hyphenated)  
Moon  
multi (normally closed up)  
Multiwire  
namespace  
never-ending  
non- (hyphenate)  
*n*-tuple  
object-oriented (programming)  
Observer State  
offline  
off-site (adj. and adv.)  
ongoing  
online  
on-site (adj. and adv.)  
Organization (referring to CERN)  
organize  
overestimate (one word)  
parametrization  
photocathode (one word)  
pick-up (adj. and noun)  
pile-up  
pre-cooling  
program (computing)  
programme (e.g., systematic plan of action)  
Proton Synchrotron (PS machine at CERN)  
quark-gluon plasma  
quasi- (hyphenate)  
read out (verb, including the past tense)  
readout (adj. and noun)  
real-time (adj.)

re-establish  
re-use (verb + noun)  
r.p.m.  
run time (two words)  
scalable  
scenarios (plural of scenario)  
schemata  
set-up (noun)  
sideband (one word)  
sizeable  
so-called  
solid-state physics  
stand-alone  
stop-gap  
subdetector  
subset  
subsystem  
Sun  
Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS machine at CERN)  
Synchrocyclotron (SC machine at CERN)  
synchrotron  
team-work  
test bed  
throughput  
time-of-flight (adj.)  
time-scale (hyphen)  
time slice (two words)  
time-stamp  
timetable (one word)  
turning-point  
turn-out (noun, hyphen)  
turn-round (noun, hyphen)  
turntable  
underestimate  
under way (two words, in motion, in progress)  
Universe  
University (when talking about one specific one: the University)  
upcoming  
usable  
Web  
website  
work flow  
work-load  
widespread  
workplace  
worksite  
worldwide (adj. and adv.)  
World Wide Web