

Examples in culture

- Foo Camp is an annual hacker convention.
- BarCamp, an international network of user-generated conferences.
- During the *United States v. Microsoft Corp.* trial, evidence was presented that Microsoft had tried to use the Web Services Interoperability organization (WS-I) as a means to stifle competition, including e-mails in which top executives including Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer referred to the WS-I using the codename "foo".^[13]
- foobar2000 is an audio player.

See also



- Alice and Bob
- Foo fighter
- Foo was here
- Lorem ipsum, similar placeholder text used outside programming
- xyzzzy
- Category:Variable (computer science)

Notes

- a. /fu:ba:r/
- b. /kwʌks/, regardless of length.^[1] Can be extended as **quu(u...)*x*** for *n* desired variables; this includes the (more modern) backwards extrapolation **qux**.^[2]

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