Scope.

This article contains only those definitions essential to the application of this Code. It is not intended to include commonly defined general terms or commonly defined technical terms from related codes and standards. In general, only those terms that are used in two or more articles are defined in Article 100. Other definitions are included in the article in which they are used but may be referenced in Article 100.

Part I of this article contains definitions intended to apply wherever the terms are used throughout this Code.
Part II contains definitions applicable to installations and equipment operating at over 1000 volts, nominal.

The NEC defines a number of technical terms in order to provide a common understanding of their use in the NEC. Some definitions are not listed in Article 100 but are included in the NEC article in which the term is used. For articles that follow the common format according to the NEC Style Manual, the section number is generally XXX.2 Definition(s). For example, the definition of nonmetallic-sheathed cable is found in 334.2.

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