A generic term given to a piece of hardware or software that is a description of an effort to meet or fall within a set of standards or guidelines in the creation and production of the product. In the case of software, other software that was also compliant to the same set of standards should not conflict with each other. In the case of hardware, software written to be compliant with the hardware standards should work without knowing any more about the hardware. Generally speaking, compliant drivers WORK but may not be as efficient as drivers written specifically for something.

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