A tertiary (3°) alkyl carbocation is an alkyl carbocation in which the carbon atom bearing the formal charge of +1 is bonded to three carbon atoms.

eg:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
  \text{CH}_3 \\
  \text{C} + \\
  \text{CH}_3 \\
  \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3 \\
\end{array}
\]

See also primary alkyl carbocation and secondary alkyl carbocation.

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