

Internet Basics Outline

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Connection Terminology

Modem: A device or box supplied by your Internet Services Provider (ISP) that allows you to access the internet.

Router: A device or box that connects more than one computer to the modem for multiple internet access.

Recommended Monitor Settings for Viewing Internet Pages:

If your monitor size is:	Then set Display Settings to:
14 or 15 inches	800 x 600
17 inches	1024 x 768
larger than 17 inches	1280 x 1024 or higher

Change these settings in Control Panel, Display. In Windows 7 PC's just type Display in the search box.

Netiquette

Avoid CAPS : using caps is considered to be SHOUTING on the internet, especially on social sites, blogs, emails and chatrooms).

Keep messages short – some people get email on cell phones. Use abbreviations.

Remember – everything you say online is PUBLIC.

Web Address vs. Email Address

A web address does not ever have an @ sign in it.

An email address always does.

A web address – aka URL – has dots and is usually in this format:

www.google.com

An email address can have dots in it but not usually and is in this format:

fertic47@hotmail.com

WEB TERMS

Term	Definition
Browsers	Program (or software) for accessing the web
Surf	Use Search Engine to find something on web
Blog	Online comments like a bulletin board
Chat	Text online @ same time, like phone
IM	Text online @ same time, like chat
Favorites or Bookmarks (depends on Browser)	Shortcuts to favorite sites
Search Engines	Bing, Google, Ask.com, etc.

IP Addresses: A series of numbers separated by dots that an ISP assigns to each computer requesting access to the internet. These numbers are assigned dynamically by the Provider, which means they can change from day to day. These numbers identify your specific machine, like a phone number. An example would be: 192.168.1.101

BROWSERS

All Browsers are free programs that your computer uses to access the internet. You can use as many as you want and they all have the same features. Here's a list

Internet Explorer by Microsoft

Firefox by Mozilla

Google Chrome

Opera

AOL (Private browser)

Netscape Navigator

DEALING WITH PROBLEMS

Pop up Ads: Click on the X in the upper right hand corner of the box containing the ad

Page Not Found: Check address, try again, press F5 (Refresh)

Stuck on a Page: Right click on a hyperlink and choose Open in New Window

THINGS TO DO ON THE WEB

Communicate: EMAIL, SKYPE, CHAT, BLOG, IM, SOCIALIZE

Banking & Bill Paying

Surf: Shop, research, e-business, bank

Download: Music, games, files

Socialize: Blogs, chat rooms, social networks (Facebook & Twitter, etc)

Photos – Share and Print, etc.

Build Your Own Website

Make Travel Plans

Google Earth

Google Maps

Communicate: Email and SKYPE

Free email accounts:

Hotmail

Yahoo

Google

SKYPE – Internet Phone

Talk SKYPE to SKYPE for Free anywhere in the world

SKYPE to land line is very inexpensive – less than 2cents/minute

Online Banking

Safe and convenient

Depending on bank, you can transfer money, check account balances, pay bills, etc.

Safe Online Shopping Tips

Avoid Scams:

Shop businesses you already know and trust.

Pay by credit card for the same protection you have when shopping in the real world.

Never send your credit card number by e-mail.

Be skeptical of deals that appear too good to be true. They probably are.

Check the shipping costs, which could make the total purchase price more than what you would pay in a retail store.

Print a copy of your order for your records.

USE PAY PAL!

BLOGS

Search for Blogs: www.blogged.com

Subscribe to blogs: go to the blog you want to subscribe to, click the RSS feed button

Start your own blog: blogspot.com or wordpress.com and favored blog sites and easy to use. Or you can search blog sites at blogger.com

SHARE PHOTOS

Popular, free and easy to use sites: Shutterfly.com, kodakgallery.com or SkyDrive via Windows Live

BROWSER TIPS

Set Home Page. Go to site you want for your Home Page, click Tools, Internet Options, on General Tab under Home Page, click Use Current button.

Search – try using different search engines to get different results – Bing, Google, Yahoo, Ask.com

Favorites – Learn how to use your Favorites (Bookmarks) – make new favs, organize, visit

Send shortcut to Desk – Similar to adding a Favorite but the icon is right there on your desktop!

Know the navigation parts of your browser and how to use