

Searching the Internet

Here are basic instructions on how to search the internet.

1. Begin by sitting at a computer and looking at the “desktop”. The desktop is the first screen that you will see on a computer that has just been started up. At the left side of the desktop, there will be several “icons”. You may use the mouse to double-click on an icon to open the program which the icon represents.

2. To access the internet, double-click on an internet browser icon. In most cases, this icon will be called “Mozilla Firefox” or “Internet Explorer”. There are many others, however.

3. After step #2, a new screen should appear on your computer monitor. This screen is called your internet “homepage”. This is the first screen that will appear every time you access the internet.

4. At the top of your homepage, there is a long rectangular space with the word “address” to the left. Clear this space by moving your mouse over the text and triple-clicking. Now, you are ready to enter a new internet address in the empty space.

5. To do an internet search, you must first enter the address of an internet search “engine”. The address of the most popular internet search engine is www.google.com. Enter this address in the rectangular space. Press the “enter” key on the keyboard to go to this new address.

6. A new page will appear on the screen. It will have the title of the search engine “Google” at the top. Below the title, there will be an empty rectangular space. Move the mouse over this space and single-click.

7. Now, you are ready to enter the subject which you are searching for. For example, imagine that you want to know who won the World Cup of Soccer in 1994. Type “World Cup winner, soccer, 1994” into the empty rectangular space. Press the enter key on the keyboard.

8. A new page will appear. On this page is a list of blue websites that all have information about the World Cup of Soccer in 1994. To access one of these websites, left click on the one that looks most useful to you.

9. A new page will appear. On this page is a full version of the blue website you have selected. You may use the wheel on the mouse to move the page up and down to read the information more easily.