

Understanding the Internet -

Lesson 2

Objectives

- Understand how the internet works
- Learn browser functionality and customization
- Master advanced search techniques
- Develop productive browsing habits

How the Internet Works

Basic Architecture

Client-Server Model

When you type `www.example.com`, your computer (client) requests data from a server, which responds with the webpage.

Protocols

- HTTP/HTTPS for data transfer

- DNS translates domain names to IP addresses

Browsing Efficiently

Browser Basics

Essential Shortcuts

- `Ctrl+T` New Tab
- `Ctrl+W` Close Tab
- `Ctrl+Shift+T` Reopen Closed Tab

Advanced Search Techniques

Search Operators

- **Boolean:** "web development AND best practices"
- **Exact Match:** "digital literacy course"
- **Site Specific:** site:edu "cybersecurity basics"

Security and Privacy

Privacy Settings

- Use `Ctrl+Shift+N` for Incognito Mode
- Regular cookie and cache clearing
- Enable HTTPS-only mode

Hands-On Practice

1. Explore browser settings
2. Practice advanced search techniques
3. Set up bookmark organization
4. Install and configure essential extensions

Next Steps

Next lesson: Online Communication and Productivity Tools