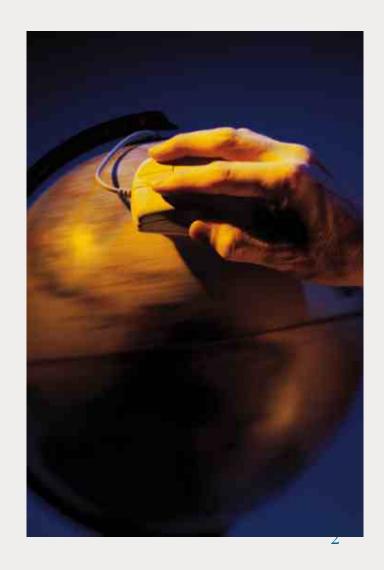
Computer and Internet Basics





Internet Basics

Internet is a collection of local, regional, national and international computer networks that are linked together to exchange data and distribute processing tasks.





Internet Terminology

- Backbone: defines main Internet routes
 - Constructed and maintained by major telecommunications companies
- TCP/IP:

Transmission Control Protocol/ Internet

Protocol





Internet Terminology



- Server software
- IP Address: unique number for each Internet computer
- Packets: small chunks of data ready to travel the Internet
- Router: helps send along the packets to correct destination



Internet Resources

Internet Telephony

Usenet

E-commerce

Instant Messaging

Web Sites

E-mail

Internet Radio

Download Or Upload

Chat Groups

P2P file sharing





Modem Internet Connections

- Dial-up connection via modem (56K)
- Cable modems
 - Network card and cable modem required
 - Always-on and 25 times faster than dial-up







Faster Internet Connections

- ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network)
 - 64K or 128K
 - Always-on and expensive
- DSL (Digital Subscriber Line)
 - Up to 125 times faster than dialup
- DSS (Digital Satellite Service)
 - 500K



Need proximity to a telephone switching station



Internet Service Provider (ISP)



- Provides internet access to businesses, organizations and individuals
- Provides telecommunications equipment
- User ID and password required
- Connects you to backbone
- E-mail account monthly fee
- Should have local access telephone numbers



World Wide Web Basics

- Files interconnected via hypertext
- Web pages make up a web site
- Home Page
- Links or hyperlinks
- Web servers





World Wide Web Basics

- URL
 - No spaces and Case sensitive
 - HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)
- HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)
 - .htm or .html file extension

http://www.cnn.com/showbiz/movies.htm

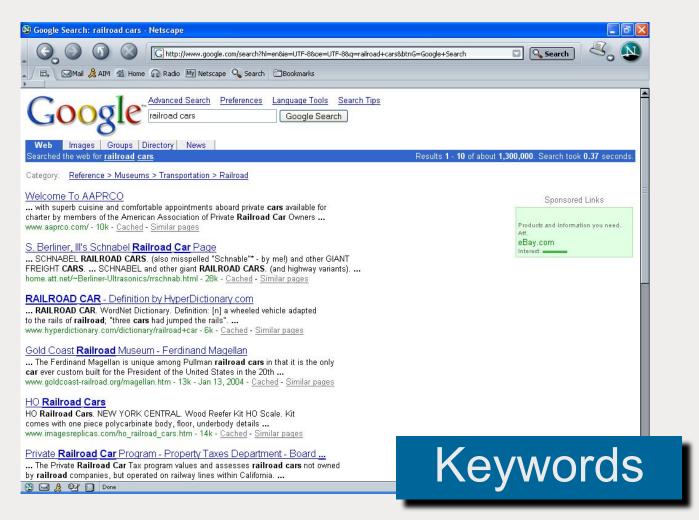
Web protocol standard

Web server name

Folder name

Document name and filename extension

Search Engines





Using Browsers

- Can type URLs
- HTML tags tell browser how to display web page data
- Back, forward and stop buttons
- Setting a home page
- Print and copy options
- History list
- Favorites and bookmarks
- Edit and Find



Microsoft Internet Explorer® and Netscape Navigator®



E-mail Basics

- Account = Mailbox
- Message

userid@computer

- Attachment
- Most use HTML format
- Netiquette









E-mail System

- E-mail servers
- Store-and-forward technology
- Types
 - POP (Post Office Protocol) used via ISP
 - IMAP (Internet Messaging Access Protocol)
 - Web-based like Hotmail

E-mail System

