

# SURFING INTERNET

The name 'Internet' itself suggests its meaning. It stands for International Network of computers.

A network is an interconnection between two or more computers. The Internet is a "network of networks" that consists of millions of computers spread across the world. Internet allows us to share the information worldwide, with just a mouse click.

With the advent of Internet, the old saying "World is too small" has been replaced by the new term "Global Village".



## Fact File



**Tim Berners-Lee**  
Founder of the  
World Wide Web.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF INTERNET

In 1969 when man walked on the moon, the U.S. defence department set an Advanced Research Project Agency (ARPA) for further research. They designed a network of four computers to exchange and share their data. This network was called ARPANET (Advanced Research Project Agency Network). Later, many Universities were allowed to join this network and share the information. This was the beginning of 'Networking of computers' which grew bigger day by day and gave birth to INTERNET - the technology which has radically changed our life. Earlier, Internet was used by engineers, scientists and computer experts for research purpose. Gradually, the network was made accessible to private agencies and general public. People started using it for sending messages and files between the computers. The most interesting thing about Internet is that no single agency controls or maintains the Internet.

In India, internet services started on 15th August 1995 through government owned company VSNL. Private internet service providers like Airtel, Reliance, Sify, Tata etc. have also been allowed to provide internet services.

## POPULAR SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

The basic purpose of Internet is to make our lives better. There are many facilities available on the Internet.

### WWW (World Wide Web)

The World Wide Web is a large computer network where by using a browser such as Netscape, Internet Explorer, you can surf and get information. It consists of all the public web sites connected to the Internet worldwide, including the client devices (such as computers and cell phones) that access web contents. The websites are identified by short, unique, global identifiers called URLs (Uniform Resource Locator).

WWW contains millions of documents or 'bunch of pages' called web pages. Each page contains text, graphics, video, audio and link to other web pages via hyperlink.



## Reference



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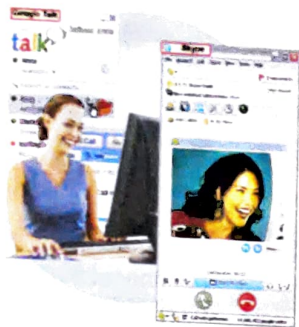


## E-COMMERCE

E-Commerce stands for Electronic Commerce, i.e. commercial activities over Internet. Internet offers us convenient ways to shop from our home or office for almost everything like air/rail/movie tickets, clothes, electronic items, books, gifts etc. We can buy or sell new or second-hand goods also.



## CHATTING



A chat is an online conversation over the Internet in which we can instantly send text-based messages back and forth to one another. There are various types of chat available on the Internet. One can chat through an instant messenger, a chat room, a chat website etc. However most of them require the user to register first. Apart from text chat, we can also interact with other users through voice and video chat.

Chat rooms are places on the Internet where you can converse with different types of people like: your far-away friends, relatives, celebrities, and with corporations about their various products etc.

Some of the popular chat software are:

**Google Talk**

**Windows Live Messenger**

**Skype**

To use these software, download them through Internet and install. To chat using such software, you should have a user account.



## ACTIVITY

### Chatting Through Google Talk

- ◆ Double-click on the **Google Talk** icon on the desktop.
- ◆ Enter your username and password in the respective boxes given for them.
- ◆ Click on **Sign in** button.
- ◆ The Google Talk window opens. You will find other users who are available online with the green dot indicator.
- ◆ Click on the user name with whom you want to start a conversation. A chat window will appear.
- ◆ Type the message in the blank box at the bottom where cursor appears and press the Enter key.

## VIDEO CONFERENCING

It involves the use of video cameras connected to two or more computers. Images and sounds are then sent through the Internet where users not only hear each other but can also have a face to face conversation. This technology is mainly used for virtual meetings among a group of people to discuss political, business, medical or social affairs. We can see the example of video conferencing on news channels.



## SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Social Networking is the grouping of individuals into specific groups who for example, share ideas, activities, events, interest, photos, messages and videos. The social networking websites function like an online community of internet users. In social networking websites, every user has a profile, which contains information about them. A user can also invite other people to join these websites, no matter what their





hobbies, beliefs or interests are. Some of the popular social networking sites are: Facebook, LinkedIn, hi5 etc.

## E-BANKING

Electronic banking is the way of performing bank transactions using Internet. Using E-banking, one can check the amount, make FD(Fixed Deposit) transfer the money, apply for loans etc. These transactions can be done from any part of the world if you have an internet connection on your computer. To perform E-banking, follow the given steps:

- ♦ Open the website of the bank in which you have an account.
- ♦ Enter Username and Password.
- ♦ Do the required transactions.



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## SEARCHING INFORMATION

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There are exclusive websites for searching information e.g., [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) or [www.google.co.in](http://www.google.co.in) from Google, [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com) from Microsoft, [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) or [www.yahoo.co.in](http://www.yahoo.co.in) from Yahoo.

Follow these steps to search any information. Let us say, we want to search the images of "Deforestation" on Internet.

- ♦ Open any search engine, say [www.google.co.in](http://www.google.co.in). Click on the **Images** tab. Type 'Deforestation' and click on **Search** button.
- ♦ A list of images will be displayed. Select the image you like.

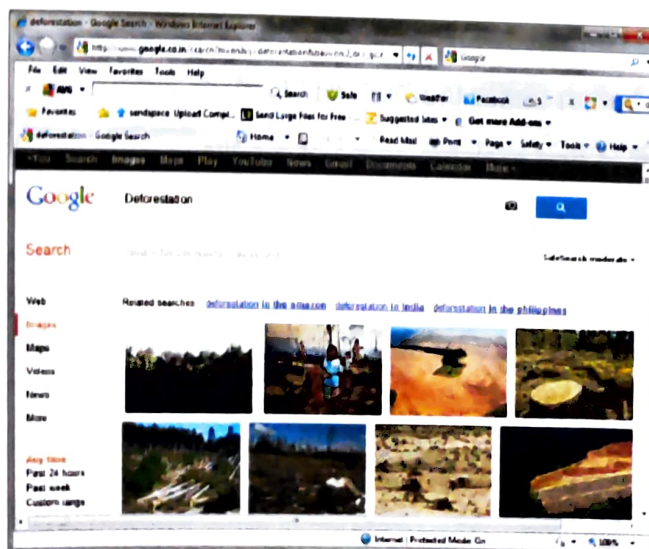
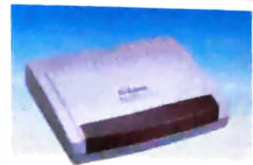


Fig. 12.1: Google Search Engine - [www.google.co.in](http://www.google.co.in)

## Let's Know More



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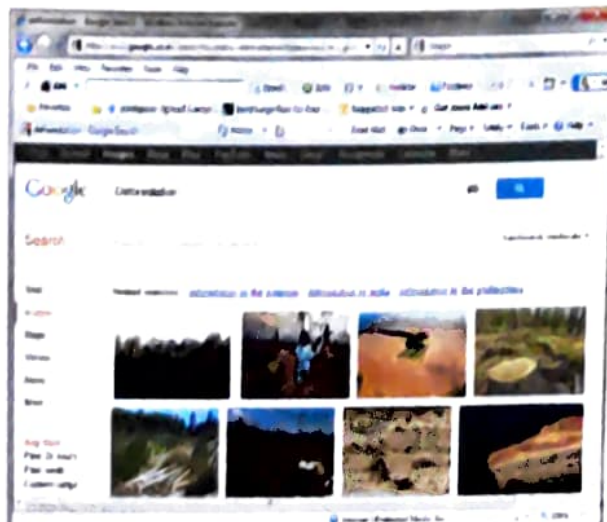


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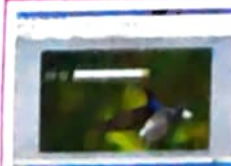
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