



# The Internet

## Internet Explorer

### Section Aims

- # Use a browser
- # Use the address bar
- # Navigate web pages

### Key Learning Points

- # Recognise browser symbols
- # Use the browser icon to open up the internet
- # Recognise the different features of a browser:

*address bar- search – refresh - back*

- # Know what a web address is
- # Access a web address
- # Use the arrows to go up and down a page
- # Use the scroll and scroll bar
- # Recognise and use hyperlinks
- # Work with multiple tabs



## Introduction

*This section is all about the internet. After completing this section, you will know how to navigate the internet and how to get to the websites you want to visit.*

### 1. Recognise browser symbols

To use the internet, you need a browser. This is simply a program used to view webpages. You can use any of these:

google chrome – mozillafirefox –opera - safari – internet explorer



They are all similar, but developed by different companies. In this guide, we will stick to using Internet Explorer.

### 2. Use the browser icon to open up the internet

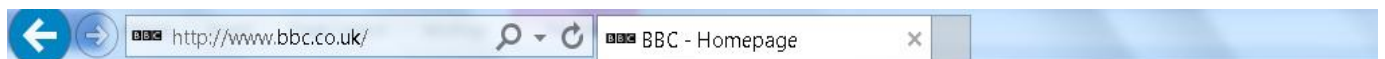
Double-click your mouse button on the correct icon to open up the internet.

The first page you see is called the **homepage**. The owner of the PC can choose what they would like their homepage to be.

### 3. Recognise the different features of a browser

You now have a webpage open.

Have a look at the top bar to find these features:



address bar



An address bar shows the address of the website. So you can always check which website you are on.

**search**



To search for something on the internet. You can click on the **magnifier glass symbol** which is found at the right end of the address bar.

So you type in what you want and then press on the magnifying glass.

**refresh**



Hit this if webpage has frozen or is not working properly.

**back**



To go to the page you were on before

#### 4. know what a web address is

Every website has its own address. This usually starts with **www** (world wide web), then the name and then a suffix. Some common examples would be:

- .co.uk (UK related)
- .gov.uk (government)
- .com (international or American)
- .org (charity)

To go to a website, you need to type in its address in the address bar. You can still go to a website if you leave out www.

##### ***What is a website?***

*A website is set up to advertise something or generally someone. A website contains a lot of information. It can be used as a tool, for example to send e-mails or to apply for jobs.*

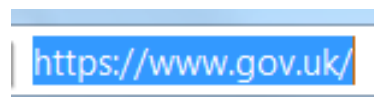
*A website is made up of **webpages**. It could be anything from 1 page to 10,000+ pages!*

## 5. access a web address

Go to the address bar and click on it (once). The writing will turn blue. Now just type in the address of the website you want to go to: **www.gov.uk**. Then press the enter key on your keyboard.



If there is already an address in the bar, do the same: give one click. The current address will be highlighted and you can just type in the address you want to go to.



## 6. use the arrows to go up and down a page

To read all the information on a web page, use the up and down arrows on your keyboard.

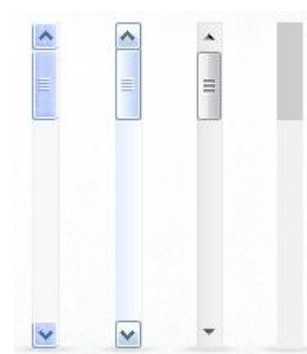


## 7. Use the scroll bar and scroll

On your mouse there is a **scroll wheel**. This is an easy way of going through a lot of text. Move it up or down, whichever way you want.



The **scroll bar** is another way of navigating through webpages. You can find the scroll bar on the right side of the screen. It might look like any of these:



You can click on the arrows to go up and down or drag the bar along.

## 8. Recognise and use hyperlinks

To explore on a website, you need links. A **link** can:

- take you to a different website
- take you to a new page on the website

A link can be text or a picture. Often it is highlighted.

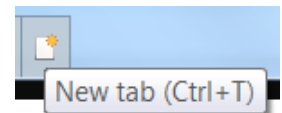


You can recognise a link because your cursor will change into a hand when it moves over a link.

## 9. Open and close tabs



You can have more than one website open at the same time.  
To do this, click the **tab** icon.



You can go from one to the other website easily now.

To close a tab, click on the x in the right hand corner of the tab.