



Internet Basics

The Internet is a global network of computers that allows people to share information, communicate, and connect. It provides access to websites, email, social media, videos, and more, linking billions of devices like computers and smartphones through hardware and software.



What Can You Do on the Internet?

- Visit websites to find information or news.
- Search for answers using search engines like Google or AI tools with ChatGPT.
- Watch videos or listen to music online.
- Talk to others through email, messaging, or video calls.
- Learn new skills using online tutorials or classes.

You can do all of this by connecting a computer to the Internet, which is also called going online. When someone says a computer is online, it's just another way of saying it's connected to the Internet. When you go online, you will use a **Browser** to either type in a website address or search for a website.

Browser

A browser is a program on your computer, phone, or tablet that helps you use the internet. It's like a doorway to the online world where you can look up information, watch videos, access email, check the news, or connect with others. Examples of browsers are Chrome, Safari, and Firefox. You just type what you want to find in the search box, and the browser takes you there.

Search Engine

With billions of websites online today, there is a lot of information on the Internet. Search engines make this information easier to find. All you have to do is type one or more keywords, and the search engine will look for relevant websites. Examples of search engines are Google, Bing, and Yahoo!

Getting Things Done

You can also use the Internet to complete many everyday tasks and errands. For example, you can manage your bank account, pay your bills, sign up for and take quizzes/exams, and shop for just about anything. The main advantage here is convenience. Rather than going from place to place, you can do all of these tasks at home!

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