

Chapter 2: The Internet

Section 20: Searching the Internet Using Website Addresses



Specific Search

Located near the top of the Internet browser window is the address bar containing a white input box. The address bar generally displays the web address of the website currently in the browser window, but you can also use it to open a website. Make sure you know the exact address of a website or webpage before attempting a specific search.

To go to a specific website, type the website address into a blank address bar. To type in the address bar, move the mouse pointer over any part of the white input box. Click the left mouse button one time. Everything in the input box should turn blue (it becomes selected). When something is selected, it indicates that the computer is focused on that item and is waiting for further instructions. Use the Backspace key or the Delete key on the keyboard to erase the highlighted text. If you click the left mouse button in the address line and everything does not turn blue, you need to erase the text manually. After the text has been completely erased, type in the new website address.

Be careful to be exact when typing in the new website address. If any mistakes are made, the computer will not be able to find the correct page. When you finish typing the address, hit the Enter key on your keyboard.

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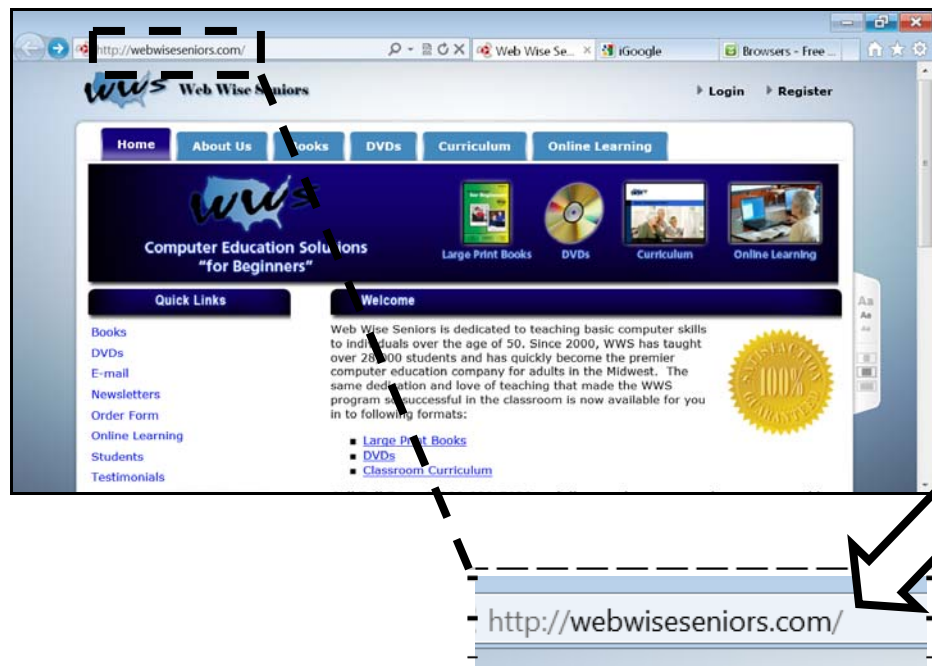
Specific Search: Step by Step Instructions

1. Obtain a website address from the TV, radio, newspaper, or from a friend.
2. Position the mouse pointer over the input box located in the address line.
3. Click the left mouse button one time.
4. Press the Backspace or Delete key on the keyboard to erase the highlighted text.
5. Type the new website address into the input box.
 - Remember a website address typically includes:
 - www. followed by
 - The unique name, followed by
 - The extension (.com , .gov, .net , .org , .edu or .cc)
 - Example: www.WebWiseSeniors.com
 - Example: www.Google.com
6. Press the Enter key on the keyboard to go to the website.

Specific Search: Visual Guide

Step 1:
Obtain a
website address.

Step 2:
Position the
mouse pointer
over the input
box located in
the address line.



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Step 3:
Click the left mouse button one time.



Step 4:
Press the Backspace key or the Delete key on the keyboard to erase the highlighted text.



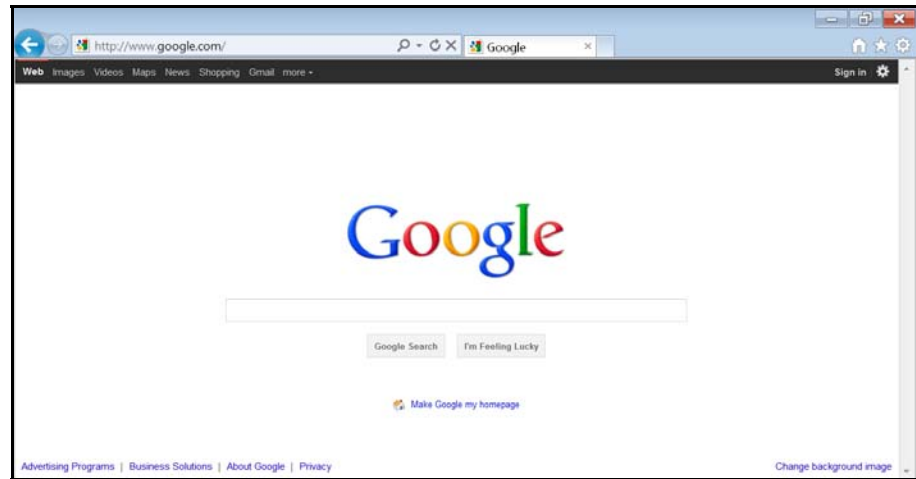
Step 5:
Type the new website address into the input box.

Step 6:
Press the Enter key on the keyboard.



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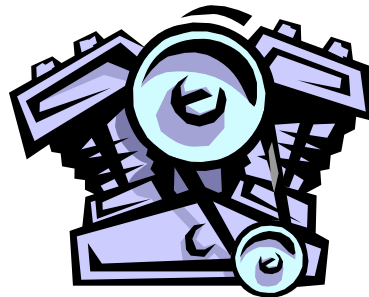
Result of the specific search.



QUESTION: What does the HTTP:// represent?

ANSWER: Take a moment to examine the address line. The computer automatically adds “http://” before the website address. Technically these letters stand for Hypertext Transfer Protocol. Basically, it enables the computer to transfer files (files containing links) across the Internet. There are other protocols, but HTTP is the most commonly used protocol on the World Wide Web. You do not need to type these letters. Your Internet browser knows they are supposed to be there and will put them in for you.

Section 21: Using a Search Engine



A search engine is the second, and often the most productive, way to locate information on the Internet. A search engine is a website that acts like the Yellow Pages of the Internet. After you type a topic (word or group of words)