

DU Learning Guide

What is a browser? (IE6)

"It's my window on the web."

To explore the World Wide Web you use a **Web Browser**.

The most widely used browser is **Internet Explorer**. There are two versions of this: Internet Explorer 6, which you will find on older computers, and Internet Explorer 7, which was made available during 2006. Another browser that is gaining popularity is called **Firefox**.

They look quite different, and Internet Explorer 7 and Firefox have extra features, but they do the same job.

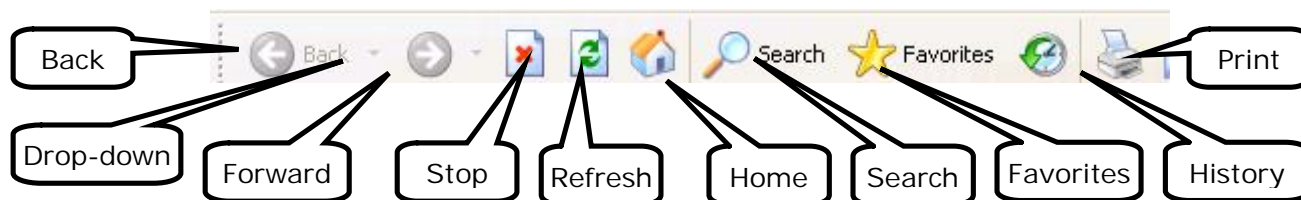
This guide is for Internet Explorer 6.



Key parts of the browser are:

1. Click on the words in the Menu Bar to use all the browser's tools.
2. The buttons on the Toolbar are the tools that are most useful.
(See the next page for detailed descriptions.)
3. The Address Bar shows the web address (URL or Uniform Resource Locator) of the page that is displayed in the browser window.
If you know the URL for a web page, you can type it into the address bar and press the **Enter** key to display that page.
4. Use the Scroll Bar (or Up and Down arrow keys on keyboard) to move the page up or down.
(Note that moving the scroll bar down appears to make the web page move up. Do it slowly at first.)

The Toolbar Buttons



- Use the Back button to go to the last page that you viewed and the Forward button to return.
- The Drop-down arrows beside the Back and Forward buttons display a list of the pages that you have viewed recently.
Click on the name of any page to display that page.
- If a page is taking too long to display, use the Stop button.
- Use the Refresh button to make sure the latest version of a page is displayed or if a page has not displayed properly
- The Home button takes you to your Home Page.
- The Search button displays a panel that enables you to search the web using Microsoft's MSN Search Engine.
- The Favorites button displays a panel with links to all the Web Pages that you have stored for quick access (Favorites is spelled like this because Internet Explorer is American!)
See the Learning Zone Guide **Favorites and Links (IE6)** for more.
- The History button displays a pane that shows all the pages you have viewed in the past three weeks.
- The Print button prints the web page that you are viewing.



Change text size

To change the size of text when you are viewing a web page use the View menu and select Text Size.

Change the Home Page

To change the Home Page

1. Click on the Tools menu and select Internet Options

2. A box will be displayed like this.

Either type the URL of the web page that you want as your home page in the Address box, or click on Use Current

3. Click OK.

