Web browsers – Internet explorer

A Web Browser is a program that enables the user to view web pages.

Internet Explorer 11 is a web browser from Microsoft. It is the default browser on all Windows computers. Internet Explorer comes pre-installed, so you won't have to do anything to install it.
The Internet explorer window

Internet Explorer 11 layout is identical to that of Internet Explorer 9 and 10. This means less clutter and displays more of the web page you are visiting.

You can still add all different bars to Internet Explorer 10 and put Tab bar on a separate row. Just right-click a free space on the top of Internet Explorer window and select or deselect any item listed.
Set a home page

A home page is the webpage that your browser starts on when you open a new window. To open all specified home pages, click the house-shaped Home button on the top right, or use keyboard shortcut ALT+HOME. Note that different home pages open in different Tabs.

To add or change home pages, open the pages you want to specify as home pages. Then click the Options button or press ALT+X on your keyboard. Click Internet options.
The first section on **General** tab is **Home page**. To use the currently open web page as your home page, click Use current. This will add all currently open Tabs as your home pages.

If you want to specify your own pages, type them in, each page on a different line. Separate different pages by pressing **ENTER** key.

Click **OK** after you are done.
Windows and tabs

To open a new tab:

Click the **New tab** button to the right of the open tabs. Alternatively, press **Ctrl+T** on your keyboard.

The **new tab** will appear. Type a URL in the address bar and press **Enter** to navigate to a new page.
Browsing history

To view your browsing history:

Click the star in the top-right corner of the browser.

The Favorites bar will appear on the right side of the browser window. Click the History tab. A list of date ranges will appear.
To view the sites you visited at a given time, click the desired date range. A list of sites will appear. To navigate to a site, just click the link.
To search your history:

If you can't remember the exact name or address of a website you've visited before, you can search your browsing history. Click the drop-down menu at the top of the History tab, then select Search history.

A search bar will appear. Type a search term or website name, then click Search now. A list of results will appear. Just click a link to navigate to any of the websites on the list.
Set Internet explorer as default browser

Internet Explorer is the default browser on Windows computers. If you click a link in another program on your computer, like an email client, it will open in Internet Explorer. If you've set another web browser as the default, you can choose to switch back to Internet Explorer.

Click the Tools button in the top-right corner of the browser, then select Internet Options. The Internet Options dialog box will appear. Select the Programs tab.

Locate and select Make Internet Explorer the default browser, then click OK. Any link you open on your computer will now open in Internet Explorer.
Favorites

Have you ever found a website you wanted to view later, only to realize that you didn't remember the URL? Favorites (called bookmarks in most browsers) are a great way to save and organize websites so you can revisit them.

To add a favorite:

With the desired website open in your browser, select the Favorites button, then click Add to favorites. Alternatively, press Ctrl+D on your keyboard.
A dialog box will appear. To choose a folder for your favorite, click the drop-down menu in the **Create in:** box, then select a folder.

Click **Add** to save the website as a favorite.
Using favorites

Once you’ve added a website to your favorites, there are several ways to open the website.

**The address bar:** As you begin typing in the address bar, any favorites matching the text will appear under **Favorites**. Click a favorite to open it.

**The Favorites button:** Click the **Favorites button**, then select the **Favorites** tab to see your favorites.