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ACCESSING THE INTERNET FROM LIBRARY COMPUTERS

1. Open up laptop and turn it on.
2. Log onto laptop.
   Username: public
   Password: public
3. Instructor will help you verify that wireless connection is working.
4. Double click the Internet Explorer icon:

WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

Worldwide connection of computer networks that allows access to information stored on those computers.

HOW DO YOU VIEW THE INTERNET?

Browsers: software programs that allow a user to navigate the Internet.
- Internet Explorer
- Firefox
- Google Chrome

HOW DO I NAVIGATE THE BROWSER IN INTERNET EXPLORER?

Tool Bar: used to navigate web pages.
- Back
- Forward
- Stop
- Home

Scroll Bars: used to view information that does not fit on the screen
- Vertical/Horizontal Scroll Bar
- Allows the user to view information that does not fit on the screen.
  - Use the arrows on the keyboard.
  - Click, hold, and drag the scroll bar.
  - Use the scroll wheel on the mouse to move the page up or down.
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**WHAT'S IN A WEB ADDRESS, AND HOW DO I DECIPHER IT?**

**URL (Universal Resource Locator):** www.nameofwebpage.com:
- **www:** World Wide Web
- **Domain:**
  - .com: commercial enterprise
  - .edu: educational institution
  - .gov: U.S. government entity
  - .mil: U.S. military entity
  - .net: network access provider
  - .org: usually nonprofit organizations

**HOW DO I LOAD A WEBPAGE?**

**URL (Universal Resource Locator):** type web address into the address bar.
- www.bozemanpubliclibrary.com
- www.amazon.com
- www.allrecipes.com

**HOW DO I NAVIGATE AROUND A WEBSITE?**

**Links:** from within a page you can click on a link to go to another web page.

The cursor will turn into a hand when it’s on a link:

**WHAT IS A SEARCH ENGINE, AND HOW DO I USE IT?**

**Search Engine:** if you do not know a specific web address, a search engine allows you to search the web by typing in a subject.
- Google
- Yahoo
- Bing
- Good50

**WHAT IS GOOD50?**

**Good50** search engine is powered by Google, customized so that it would be more readable and user-friendly to everyone including older adults, senior citizens, school-aged children, and high screen-resolution laptop users. Because Good50 is powered by Google, you will see high quality search results, the same as you would with Google, but in a different format.
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HOW DO I CONDUCT A SEARCH USING A SEARCH ENGINE?

Type a keyword into the search bar and hit search; page will load with found results:

HOW DO I EVALUATE A WEBSITE?

Ask yourself:

- Who provides/sponsors this site?
- How current is this webpage?
- Is the information provided accurate?
- Is this site well designed and easy to use?

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL BEGINNER INTERNET RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

Library Books:

- 004.678 BUCKLEY 2003: The Rough Guide to the Internet
- 004.678 PRICE 2008: Internet for Senior’s: For the Over 50's
- 005.446 STURR: Internet and Email for Senior’s

Websites: