Internet Basics

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Connecting to the Internet

Using a Modem to Connect

Call an Internet Service Provider (Cox, AT&T, Windstream, etc.) for service plans

- Dial-up [cheapest, slowest]
- Broadband: Cable, DSL [more expensive, fastest]

Using Wireless to Connect

- To connect to a wireless Internet network, your device must first be wireless-ready.
- To have wireless Internet at your home, you must sign up for Internet service & then connect a wireless router to your modem.
- You can use someone else's wireless network if you have a password, but some wireless networks do not require a password & allow anyone to connect.

Common Internet Terms

Webpage – an individual document published on the Internet

Website – collection of web pages

Links – clickable text or objects that take you to another webpage. Text links can be underlined, **bold**, or a different color. The cursor will turn into a hand when it hovers over a link.

URL – a website's address. The last part of a URL tells you what type of organization owns the website:

.com / .net	owned by a company and/or individuals
.org	typically non-profit organizations
.edu	educational site
.gov	US government site
.mil	military

Popular Internet Browsers

Internet Explorer (standard with Windows)

Mozilla Firefox

Google Chrome

Safari (standard with Apple computers)

Basic Browser Buttons

Back/Forward allows you to return to a previously visited page or go forward to a recently visited page

Refresh shows the most current edition of a webpage (good for news & auction websites)
Stop stops a webpage from loading

Home takes you to your home page

Favorites allow you to keep a list of favorite websites in your browser

Using an Internet Browser

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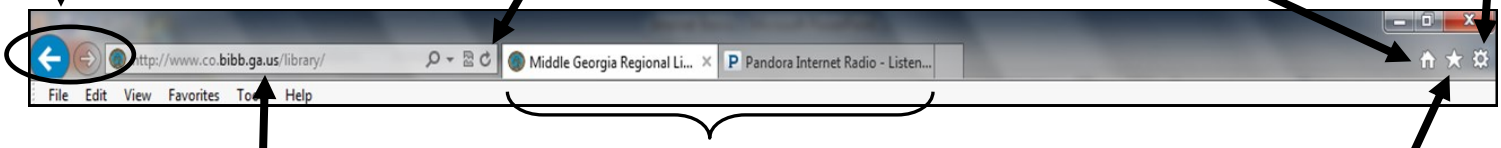
Browser Options allow you to tweak and personalize your Internet browser. [Contains option to delete your browsing history]



Address Bar - where you input a website's URL

Tabs— allow you to browse several websites at once

Favorites - add & retrieve bookmarked links on your computer.

Locating Websites & Information Online

If you know the URL or address to the website you want to visit, simply type it in the **address bar** & hit the enter key.

If you're unsure of the website's address, you can use a **search engine** to locate it. Search engines use keywords to locate information & websites.

Some popular search engines are:

Google	www.google.com
Bing	www.bing.com
Yahoo!	www.yahoo.com
Ask.com	www.ask.com

Using a Search Engine

- Visit the search engine
- Type keywords in the search box
- Click the "Search" button

- To receive fewer results, use more specific terms. *(EX: strawberry pound cake recipes)*
- To receive more results, use less terms. *(EX: pound cake recipes)*

Printing from the Internet

There are 2 main ways to print:

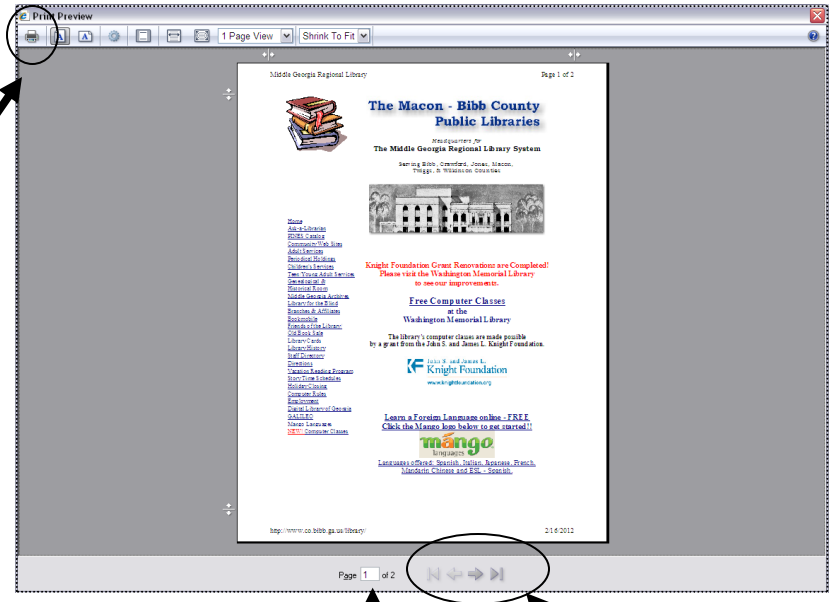
- click "File" then "Print"
- click the printer button in your browser

BUT…

What if I only want to print out the 2nd and 3rd pages of a 6-page document? How do I know for sure what this will look like before I print it?

Use **Print Preview**! Click "File" in the upper left corner of your screen and then click "Print Preview." A window will pop up showing you how the page will look when printed. You will also be able to see what information is on which page.

This **Print button** gives you more options when printing, such as number of copies to print, exact pages to print, and more.



Indicates which page you're seeing

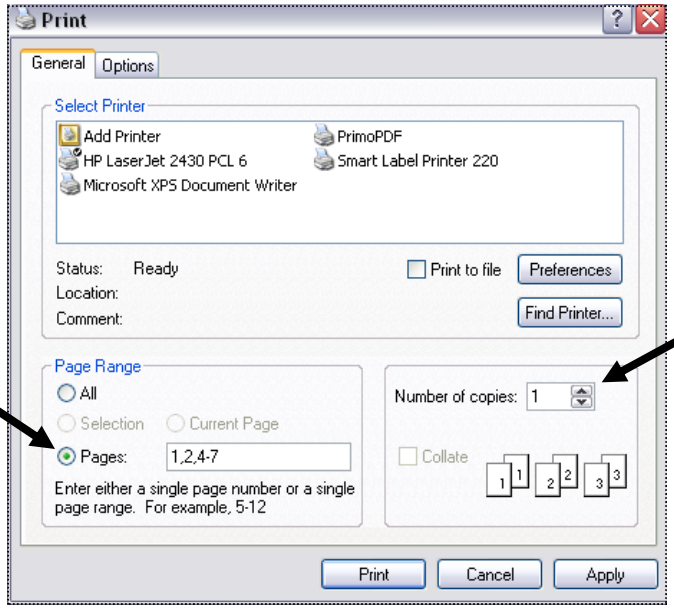
Lets you move between pages

Below is the **print dialogue box**, where you can make changes to how something will print. To get this box, you will have to click "Print" from under the "File" menu.

The printer will automatically print all pages unless you tell it otherwise.

Control what you want to print by clicking the "Pages" button and typing in the box which pages you want to print.

EX: In the image to the right, the "pages" box has "1,2,4-7" in it. This means only pages 1,2,4,5,6 & 7 will be printed.



Change the number of copies to be printed out

Internet Security

Common Internet Scams:

"You've won a free _____"
"Become a mystery shopper!"
Inheritance claims
"Your account has been compromised!"

If it seems too good to be true, it's probably a scam. Two websites that debunk rumors & scams:
www.snopes.com *www.scamorama.com*

- ✓ **Free anti-virus software:**
  - Microsoft Security Essentials *www.microsoft.com/security_essentials*
  - AVG Free *free.avg.com*
  - Avast *www.avast.com*
- ✓ **Free malware removal software:**
  - Malwarebytes Anti-Malware http://www.malwarebytes.org/free/
- ✓ **Free spyware removal software:**
  - Spybot Search & Destroy *www.safer-networking.org/en/download*

Keeping Your Computer & Identity Safe Online

- Download programs only from companies you know or trust.
  Visit **www.download.com** or **www.cnet.com** for trustworthy downloadable programs.
- Do not respond to spam e-mails.
- Be cautious of e-mails asking you to open attachments, especially if you don't know the sender.
- Do not click on links inside spam e-mails.
- Compare the link in the e-mail with the one you are actually directed to. Determine if they match and if you are being routed to a legitimate website. (EX: ***m****yspace.com vs.* ***rn****space.com*)
- Be careful what you sign up for.
- Be careful what you post—once it's on the Internet, you can never take it back.
- Be careful of what information you provide.

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