



Windows

Getting Online

Exploring the Browser

You can get on the web by opening a web browser and then going to different websites.

Chrome is one of several browsers available. Some others are Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and Microsoft Edge. A browser is software installed on your computer that takes you to the Internet.

When you open your browser, you land on a website. Many websites have multiple web pages and include elements like text, images, videos, and other multimedia. To move between web pages, you usually use hyperlinks, often referred to as links.

Give it a try!

1. Find the Chrome icon on your desktop. It's a red, yellow, and green circle.

Tip: If you don't see the icon, open Chrome from the Start menu. Press the Windows key, and then type in the word Chrome. When Chrome appears in the search results, select it to open it.

2. At the top of the page is an **address bar** with an edit field. Here you type in the address of the website you wish to visit.

Type in a website, such as **www.loc.gov/nls/** (National Library Service).

Tip: A web address directs you to a specific website, just like a letter with your address goes to your mailbox.

3. Below the address bar is the **header**. Here you find a company's logo or tagline. Headers contain information, such as contact information, that's usually repeated on every page of the website. Many web pages have multiple headings, presented as blocks of color in a variety of font sizes to draw your attention to points of interest.
4. Below the header is the **main menu**. This gives you links to other pages of interest.
5. Below the main menu is the **content area**. Some websites contain mostly text, while others have videos and graphics.

6. At the bottom of the page is the **footer**. Here you find contact information and links to social media sites, like Twitter and Facebook.

Once you've opened a web browser, you can choose many different websites to explore. Try it out!

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