Searching the Internet

AIM

Learn to perform a variety of internet searches to access the desired information on a device of their choice

Web Browsers

A web browser is a type of software that allows you to find and view websites on the Internet. Even if you didn't know it, you're using a web browser right now to read this page! There are many different web browsers, but some of the most common ones include **Google Chrome**, **Internet Explorer**, **Safari**, **Microsoft Edge**, and **Mozilla Firefox**.

Search Engines

With billions of websites online today, there is **a lot** of information on the Internet. **Search engines** make this information easier to find.

There are many different search engines you can use, but some of the most popular include **Google**, **Yahoo!**, and **Bing**.

Performing a Search Using Google

- Search terms are based on keywords

- Keep search terms simple and be aware of Australian/American spelling, plurals, synonyms etc.

- Google predict, spelling mistakes, searching phrases and how to exclude words in a search.

- Advanced search and using limiters

Navigating Google Results Page

- Search Box (Also search by voice)

- Types of content (images, maps, videos etc.)

- Settings and Tools

- Advertisements

- More results/Next> button

- Related searches

Search Results

- Website title

- Website address

- Summary of website content

- Country codes

- .com, .gov, .au, .org, .edu

Navigating a Web Page

- Search bar

- Information tabs

- Home button

- About us and help

- Using Tabs

Surfing Safely

- Keep to trusted sites

- Look for padlock symbol or https for secure browsing

- Check domain names to make sure they are correct

- Security Software

Training Resources

Training Resources – Comprehensive:

- GCF Learn Free – Internet Basics
- http://www.gcflearnfree.org/internetbasics/

Training Resources – Session Specific:

- Google search help
- https://support.google.com - found in the cog icon on Google home page.
- GCF Learn Free – Using Search Engines
- http://www.gcflearnfree.org/internetbasics/using-search-engines/1/
- Google Search App Help
- https://support.google.com/websearch/?hl=en#topic=3378866
- GCF Learn Free – Search Better
- http://www.gcflearnfree.org/searchbetter/