

# Internet Basics

This tutorial will show you how to do common tasks online.

First of all, getting online.

To do anything on the Internet you need to use a program called a 'browser'.  
Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Google Chrome are the most common browsers in use.

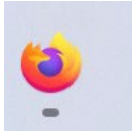
To launch one of these programs just double click on it's icon.

Here is what the icons look like:

Microsoft Edge



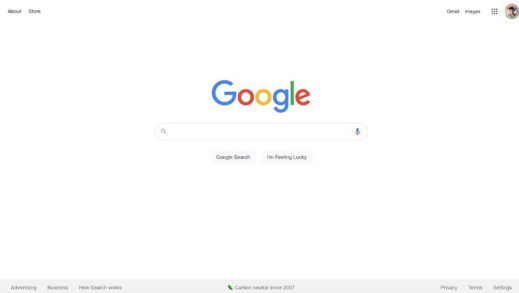
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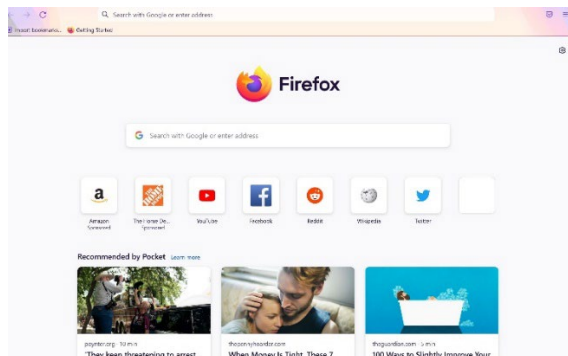
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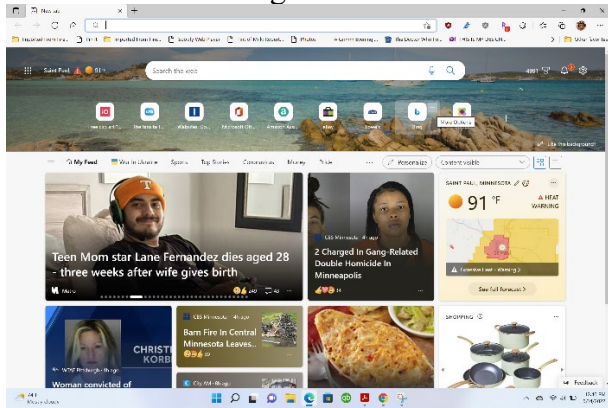
When you open a browser you will see a page like this.  
This is Google Chrome:



This is Firefox:



## This is Microsoft Edge:

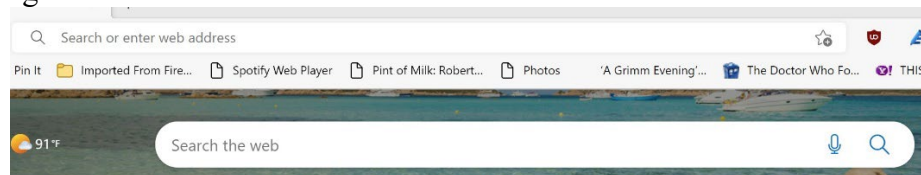


Most computers you will use have all these installed. Any of them will work for browsing the web and doing things like applying for jobs. (There may be instances where a specific browser is required but that is not common these days.)

## Navigating:

The top of the browser window usually has a menu bar and a space to type in web addresses.

Here is how it looks in Edge:

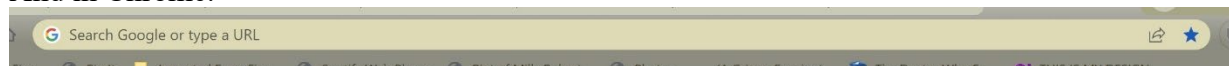


As you can see, there are two options for searching or navigating to web pages.

## In Firefox:



## And in Chrome:



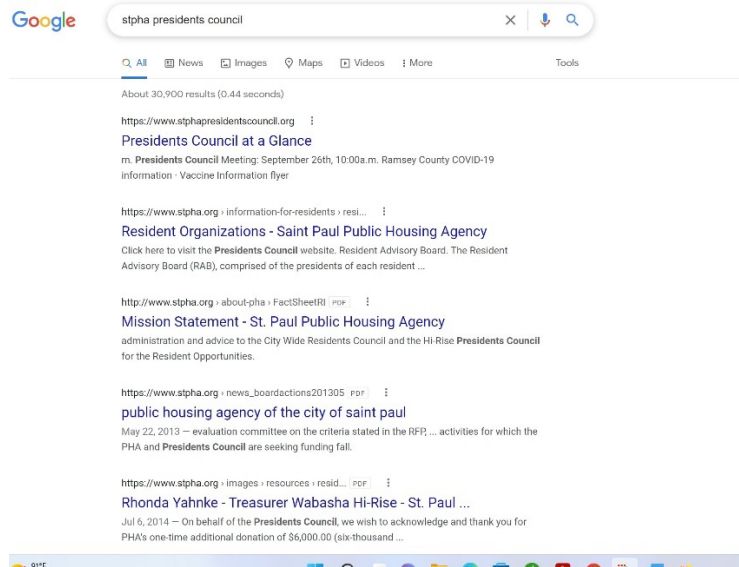
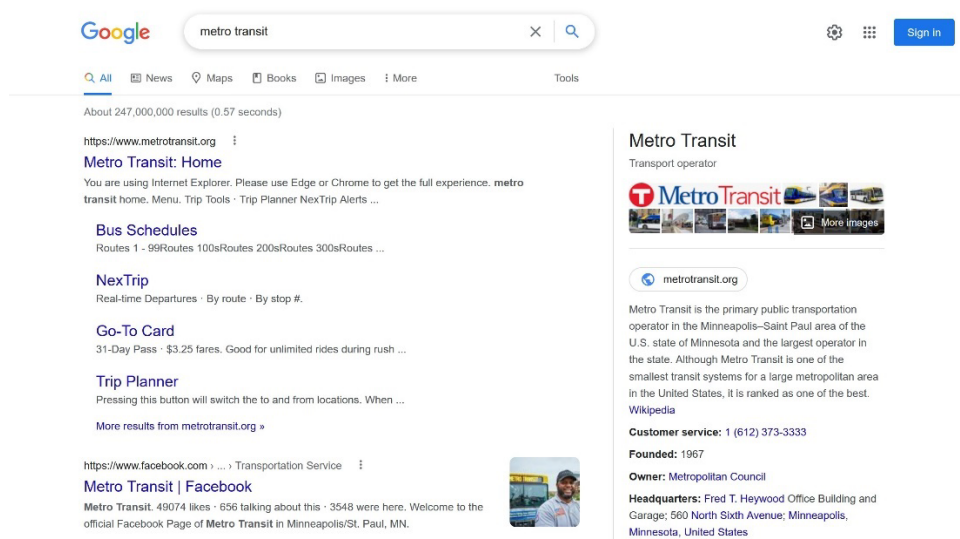
Type the address of the site you want to go to in any of those boxes.

Site addresses look something like: [www.stphapresidentscouncil.org](http://www.stphapresidentscouncil.org). In most modern browsers you can just type the last part (In this example it would be just stphapresidentscouncil.org) and skip the <http://www> part.

You also can search for a site if you don't know the web address. Just type in what you are looking for. Let's say you need to find out what bus to take to get to a store or a job interview. You would open whichever browser you are using and type Metro Transit into the bar pictured above.

Press the "Enter" key.

You will get a results page like this:



These example images were made using either Chrome or Firefox. The results you get should be the same no matter which browser you use. The only difference is that Edge uses Bing search by default unless you specify a different search engine.

The top result is usually the website of the business you are looking for. (In the above image you can see the Presidents Council site as the top link.)

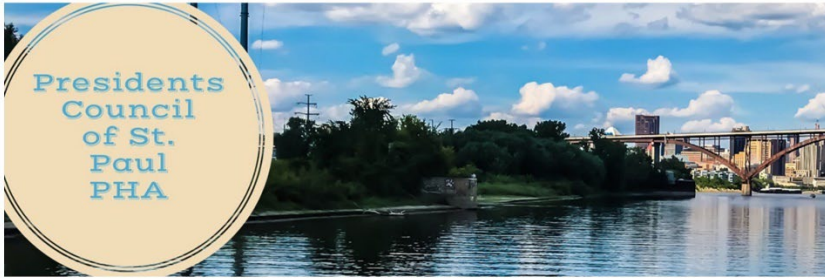
Click on the link to go to the site.

<https://www.stphapresidentscouncil.org>

[Presidents Council at a Glance](https://www.stphapresidentscouncil.org)

Links are highlighted text that tell the computer what web address to go to. They are commonly blue but can be different colors depending on the site design. (Search links should be blue unless display settings have been changed to high contrast)

The site's homepage will open.



## At a Glance

[View full site](#)

### Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings will be held over Zoom unless otherwise noted

Computer Team Meeting: June 23rd, 1:00p.m.

Presidents Council Meeting: September 26th, 10:00a.m.

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A Homepage is the main page of a website. You will usually find the most important content there, along with links to navigate to the rest of the site.

## Navigating the Browser:

These are the navigation controls you will see on the web browser when you are using it.



They will look the same no matter which browser you use.



The icon that looks like a house is the “Home” button. Clicking that icon will take you back to whatever is set as the Homepage on that browser. (On Hi-Rise computers it should be the Presidents Council website. On other computers it is commonly the Google search page.)



This is the “refresh” button. Clicking on it refreshes the page you are currently on. (This means the page will reload and show the most current content.)



These are the “Back” and “Forward” buttons. Clicking on them takes you back or forward one page. If one of the arrows is not highlighted, as the forward arrow is not in this image, it means that there are no more pages to go back or forward to. Clicking on it will do

