



- Research study by WebSideStory's StatMarket of Microsoft Internet Explorer.

2. Procedure for AOL users to use another browser

- Establish your AOL connection as you normally do.
- Minimize the AOL browser window by clicking on the Minimize icon (the "-" icon in a box at the upper-right-hand corner of the screen)
- Launch another browser by clicking on its icon.
- Now you can use the other browser.

For AOL users to have another browser always be your default browser

- Start the browser you want to be the default browser. A dialog box will appear, asking if you want that browser to be the default browser.
- Click Yes.

(Taken from AOL Help topic Web Browser)



Muffle Your Modem & Set Modem Port Speed

1. Don't like the clattering noise of your modem?
2. Is your modem is up to speed?

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Instructions for Internet Explorer

- Click on Start
- Select Setting
- Select Control Panel.
- Click on the Modem icon.
- Select General Tab.
- Click on Properties button.
- Slide Speaker volume control toward Off.
- Set modem Maximum speed to 115200. (if modem doesn't operate select slower speed)

Instructions for AOL

- In the Sign On window, click Setup.
- In the Setup window, click Expert Setup.
- In the Connection Setup dialog box, click the Devices tab.
- The modem you're using should have a check mark over its icon. Make sure it is highlighted (if it isn't, just click it).
- Click the Edit button in the lower-right corner.
- Speaker volume can be adjusted through the drop-down list at the bottom of the Expert Edit Modem dialog box.
- Click the drop-down arrow and choose: off, low, normal, or loud.
- Set port speed to 115200. (if modem doesn't operate select slower speed)
- When you've made your choice click OK, then Close.



Efficient Browser Tips

Use 2 Internet Explorer Windows

Two browser windows are better than one to speed up browsing. Drag links to the second window.

Fastest way to enter URL Address

In Internet Explorer type the site name and then press Ctrl-Enter keys.

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Two browser windows are better than one

One window can be the main web page you want to keep open to always refer to. The second page can be used to view the links from the one you wish to keep open. Drag the link from the main page to the second window to view that website page. Switch back and forth between windows by clicking on them. This is especially useful when having a list of links you want to explore without having to the Back arrow to return to it or finding it again in your History list.

In Microsoft Internet Explorer, press Ctrl+N or select File>New>Window

In Netscape Navigator, select File>New>Navigator Window

In AOL's browser, open two websites, select Window>Cascade or Tile

Fast way to type URL's in Internet Explorer

Example: to go to the Excite search engine service web site type only *excite* and then press Ctrl+Enter. The rest of the URL address will be filled in automatically like what you see here in bold letters;
http://www.excite.com.



Efficient Browser Tips

Chop off the URL

Chop off the right-most part of a URL whose Web site you know exists when you get an error message about not finding the Web page.

AutoSearch Feature

Enter a search keyword(s) in the Address box when using Internet Explorer.

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Efficient Browser Tips

View Full Screen

To fit more of the Internet Explorer web page on-screen select View > Full Screen or press F11 key.

Stop Button

Hit the Stop button when you recognize a Web page as one you don't want.

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Efficient Browser Tips

Use RealNames

Example; to get information on a Panasonic DVD player. Instead of typing the URL:

http://www.panasonic.com/consumer_electronics/dvd/index.htm

Type "panasonic dvd".

RealNames System used in:

- Internet Explorer 5.
- *Altavista* search engine service.
- *Looksmart* search engine service.
- *Infoseek* search engine service.
- *About.com* portal and web directory.

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Browser Add-Ons for IE5

1. Perhaps a better browser than ordinary IE5.
NeoPlanet (neoplanet.com)
2. Metasearch program.
Copernic 2000 (copernic.com)
3. Viewing Web pages offline.
SurfSaver (surfsaver.com)

From *PC Magazine*, October 17, 2000 issue about browser add-ons.

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Browser Add-Ons for IE5

4. Internet Explorer 5 Web Accessories

- Web Search
- Links List
- Text Highlighter
- Zoom In/Zoom Out
- Quick Search
- Etc.

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Web Search

Here's another tool for searching faster than ever. With this Web Accessory you can select keywords on a Web page, right-click, and choose Web Search. Your selected words go directly to a default search engine.

Links List

Ever wish you could see all the links on a page? Just right-click anywhere and select Links Lists, and you'll get a new window with every link on the page in a convenient list format. Then just click any link to navigate.

Text Highlighter

This Web Accessory lets you highlight text in a document just like you would in Microsoft Word. It's easy. Select your text, then right-click and choose Highlight. This tool is very useful for reading long documents.

Zoom In/Zoom Out

Get up close and personal. This Web Accessory lets you zoom in and out of any image on a Web page. Just right-click on it and select Zoom In/Zoom Out.

Quick Search

This Web Accessory lets you reach the search engines of your choice faster than ever. For example, typing "av ActiveX" into the address bar launches a search with Alta Vista on the keyword "ActiveX." To activate this feature, select it from the links bar and then click on the "Save" button.

Get Internet Explorer Web Accessories at
<http://www.microsoft.com/Windows/IE/WebAccess/default.asp>



Browser Add-On for AOL 6

PowerTools Pro

PowerTools Light Edition

PowerMail

With these add-ons each toolbar page allows you to do extra stuff with your regular AOL functions. Get them at www.bpssoft.com

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Recommended References

1. The Web sites I recommend for learning how to use Internet Explorer.
 - <http://www.ieinfosite.co.uk/tips.asp>
 - <http://learning.sympatico.ca/pageone/ie5/>
2. Discover all the cool things you can do on the Internet.
 - *Internet!: I Didn't Know You Could Do That...*, Second Edition, by Alan R. Neibauer
3. How to use the Internet well.
 - *Harley Hahn Teaches the Internet*, Second Edition, by Harley Hahn

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