

Why you should upgrade to Internet Explorer 7?

Microsoft has redesigned Internet Explorer from the ground up, with better security, new capabilities, and a whole new interface. Many changes resulted from the feedback of millions of users who tested prerelease versions of the new browser. One of the most compelling reasons to upgrade is the improved security. The Internet of today is not the Internet of five years ago. There are dangers that simply didn't exist back in 2001, when Internet Explorer 6 was released to the world. Internet Explorer 7 makes surfing the web fundamentally safer by offering greater protection against viruses, spyware, and other online risks.

Set as Background

If you come across a website that you'd like to have as your desktop background picture, right click on the picture and click on "Set as Background"

Set your Home Page

1. Go to the page you wish to set as your home page.
2. Click on Tools
3. Click on Internet Options
4. Click on the "Use current" button.
5. Click OK

Browsing with tabs

IE now offers tabs, meaning you can load multiple Web sites within a single IE window, instead of the old way which opened each web page in an individual session.

1. After opening your first internet page, click the empty tab to the right of the first page or press Ctrl-T, then click one of your Favorites or type in a Web address.
2. To switch between tabs, just click the one you want. You can also press Ctrl-Tab to cycle between them.
3. Click the Quick Tabs icon next to the Add Favorites icon (gold star with green plus sign) to see thumbnails of all your open tabs. You can even drag and drop tabs if you want to change their order.

Opening websites in separate tabs

This tip is useful if you do a Google search and wish to see several websites at a time, without losing your original search.

1. Open a browser page and go to Google and search on a subject. On your Google search results page, right click on the first website you'd like to explore, then click on "Open in a new tab"
2. You can also hold down the CTRL key and left click the link—this will also open up a new tab.
3. When opening the page in a new tab, your original page is kept open. In this example, your Google search page remains intact so you can refer back to it.
4. You can do this for each site, then quickly jump from site to site by clicking on the tabs.

Find Sites With AutoComplete

Whenever you begin typing a URL in the address box, IE tries to find a recently visited page that matches what you are typing. If IE finds a match, it automatically fills in the rest of the address for you. This is not only convenient, it can also be useful if you remember only a part of an Internet address. You can turn the feature on or off from Tools > Internet Options > Advanced. Scroll down to use inline AutoComplete for Web address. Toggle this on or off.

Delete Temporary files (only)

Clearing the browser cache can retrieve disk space and can also avoid problems on certain Web pages. To clear the files

1. Start Internet Explorer and click on Tools
2. Click Delete Browsing History
3. Click Delete Files to clear the cache.

Delete Temporary Internet Files, Cookies, History, and Passwords

1. Click on Tools
2. Click on Delete Browsing History
3. Click on Delete All...

This will delete your history and cookies all at the same time. Personally, I delete these files each and every time I am done browsing as to avoid any chance of phishing or sending bits of information to the websites I visit.

Does Internet Explorer 7's Phishing Filter Really Filter Phish?

Windows Internet Explorer 7's Phishing Filter is based on a list of known phishing sites. You should consider turning this feature on. It is turned off by default when first installing IE7.

Phishing is defined as: The act of tricking someone into giving them confidential information or tricking them into doing something that they normally wouldn't do or shouldn't do. For example: sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

If you didn't turn on IE 7's Phishing Filter when you installed Internet Explorer 7 now is a good time to rethink that decision and turn it on.

1. Open Internet Explorer 7 and click "Tools" then "Internet Options"
2. Click the "Advanced Tab" at the top
3. Scroll down almost to the bottom and look for the header "Phishing Filter"
4. Click the box that says "Turn on automatic website checking"
5. Click Apply then OK

Page Zoom in IE7

This feature allows the user to effectively zoom in on a web page to make it easier to see and read. The primary goal of the page zoom feature is to maintain the intended design of the webpage (the user shouldn't notice any change in the layout of the webpage) while improving the readability of the page.

You will find the UI for page zoom in the lower right of the window.

Clicking on the zoom button will cycle through 3 common zoom states (100%, 125%, and 150%) and clicking on the arrow will allow you to choose from a wider variety of preset zoom states ranging from 10% to 1000%.

There is also mouse wheel access using the Ctrl key as well as keyboard access using the Ctrl key along with the + and – keys to increment and decrement the zoom % by 10%. You can restore the zoom state to default by Ctrl + 0 or Ctrl + * (on the number pad)

Moving Back and Forward

In Internet Explorer 7, you can always use the traditional method of going backward or forward between web pages by using the left and right pointing buttons on the toolbar located at the top left of your screen.

There is also an additional method supplied that you may find a little quicker. Hold down the SHIFT key on your keyboard and use your scroll mouse to page forward or backward.

- Scroll the mouse forward to move to ahead.
- Scroll the mouse backwards to move back.

If you have a certain model of mouse that has a button on the left side near your thumb, you can program it to be your “back” button which will do the same thing as noted above.

How to Add to Favorites

1. Go to the internet site you wish to add to your Favorites list
2. Once there, click on the Gold Star with a green plus sign in the upper left corner of the Browser Page
3. Click on “Add to favorites”
4. When you click the Add button, it will put the webpage link at the bottom of your Favorites list, however, if you wish to begin to categorize your sights, you can click the New Folder button, name it, and put the address in this folder
5. If you already have subfolders under your Favorites, you can create the shortcut under one of those folders.
6. You can rename your favorites links by right clicking on the name and clicking Rename

How to Alphabetize your Favorites menu

Over time, your list of Favorites can become quite long and no longer in alphabetical order. Every time you add a Favorite, it adds it to the bottom of your list. To quickly put them back in alphabetical order:

1. Click on the Gold Star (Favorites)
2. Right click in any white section of the list.
3. Click on Sort by Name

Printing a web page

Internet Explorer 7 automatically scales a webpage for printing, so the entire webpage fits on your printed page. Print options also include adjustable margins, customizable page layouts, removable headers and footers, and an option to print only selected text.

If you wish to print the entire page of the website you are visiting, you can click the printer icon in the upper right hand corner of the screen, or click on File Print if you have the menu bar visible.

If you wish to print part of a page:

1. Highlight the portion you wish to print
2. Click on File Print or click the arrow just to the right of the printer icon
3. Click Print, and then select the “Selection” radio button
4. Click Print.

Some web pages have a Print this Page button which will reformat the webpage into a simpler format for printing. Or some will have a simple Print button.

Using the Find command on a web page

If you are looking for a specific item or word on a page, you can quickly go to every instance of the word by invoking the Find command.

1. Click on Edit
2. Click on Find on this page
3. - or – Press the Ctrl Button and the Letter “F”
4. Enter the word you are looking for and click the Next button
5. Keep clicking Next to find each instance of the word.

Manage Add-ons

Add-ons, also known as ActiveX controls, browser extensions, browser helper objects, or toolbars, can improve your experience on a website by providing multimedia or interactive content, such as animations. However, some add-ons can cause your computer to stop responding or display content that you don't want, such as pop-up ads. If you suspect that browser add-ons are affecting your computer, you might want to disable all add-ons to see if that solves the problem.

To disable all add-ons temporarily

- Right-click the Internet Explorer icon on the desktop, and then click Start Without Add-ons.

If disabling all add-ons solves the problem, you might want to use Add-on Manager to disable all add-ons permanently and then turn on add-ons only as you need them.

To disable add-ons in Add-on Manager

1. Start Internet Explorer, then click the Tools button, click Manage Add-ons, and then click Enable or Disable Add-ons.
2. In the Show box, click Add-ons that have been used by Internet Explorer to display all add-ons installed on your computer.
3. Click the add-on you want to disable, and then, under Settings, click Disable.
4. Repeat step 4 for every add-on you want to disable. When you are finished, click OK.

Some Website to Reference

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/ie/default.mspx>

<http://www.expertvillage.com/interviews/using-windows-internet-explorer.htm>

<http://theflyingcat.com/handouts/msiebm.html>

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/ie/quickref.mspx>