

# Sort I.T. Computer Services Newsletter

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## Welcome

A belated Happy New Year to you all and I hope you have enjoyed the fantastic summer that has just passed by. It is nice to see the rain's come back and allow some green to break through the dry brown soil that we have, I myself have the luxury of getting my wood stack ready early this year, so feel prepared for the colder months to come. However, I do also hope we get to enjoy the mild blue sky autumn months that Central has.

A warm welcome any new subscribers to this newsletter and don't forget to advise any friends and family to also sign up so that the information and education about computing grows.

Thank you.

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### **Web Browsers.**

A web browser is an application that finds and displays web pages. It coordinates communication between your computer and the web server where a particular website "lives."

When you open your browser and type in a web address (URL) for a website, the browser submits a request to the server, or servers, that provide the content for that page. The browser then processes the code from the server and loads any other elements that are necessary to generate content for the page. After the browser has gathered and processed all of the components, it displays the complete, formatted web page. Every time you perform an action on the page, such as clicking buttons and following links, the browser continues the process of requesting, processing, and presenting content.

### **How many browsers are there?**

There are many different browsers. Most users are familiar with graphical browsers, which display both text and graphics and may also display multimedia elements such as sound or video clips. However, there are also text-based browsers. The following are some well-known browsers:

- Internet Explorer
- Firefox

- Chrome
- Opera
- Safari - a browser specifically designed for Macintosh computers
- Lynx - a text-based browser desirable for vision-impaired users because of the availability of special devices that read the text

### **How do you choose a browser?**

A browser is usually included with the installation of your operating system, but you are not restricted to that choice. Some of the factors to consider when deciding which browser best suits your needs include

- **compatibility** - Does the browser work with your operating system?
- **security** - Do you feel that your browser offers you the level of security you want?
- **ease of use** - Are the menus and options easy to understand and use?
- **functionality** - Does the browser interpret web content correctly? If you need to install other plug-ins or devices to translate certain types of content, do they work?
- **appeal** - Do you find the interface and way the browser interprets web content visually appealing?

### **Can you have more than one browser installed at the same time?**

If you decide to change your browser or add another one, you don't have to uninstall the browser that's currently on your computer—you can have more than one browser on your computer at once. However, you will be prompted to choose one as your default browser. Anytime you follow a link in an email message or document, or you double-click a shortcut to a web page on your desktop, the page will open using your default browser. You can manually open the page in another browser.

### **Why are there so many browsers and which is the best?**

Internet Explorer and Safari come as the default browsers for Microsoft and Mac respectively, all other browsers are generally made independently and are there as a choice for the consumer. The merits and weaknesses of each browsers will change depending on the user, so to say which is the best is not really straightforward. Sort I.T. uses Firefox as a default, however it is the one that we have used the longest and the one which we are most comfortable using. Quite simply the choice is yours...

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