

WHAT IS THE *World Wide Web?*

The Internet is a set of computers all joined together in a network. The information they hold can be shared from one computer to another.

Internet is like a library because you can find information on any subject you can imagine. This is referred to as World Wide Web.

Information on the Internet is divided into parts called websites.

What is a website?

A website is a set of pages called web pages. These can include text, pictures, sound and videos.

They contain information about different topics such as your business, life-style, films and so on.

Anyone can make a website. Your business can benefit from a website on the Internet. A website can consist of single page or all singing, all dancing multiple pages site.

In order to connect your computer to the Internet, you will need a device called a modem. A modem needs to be plugged into a telephone line.

What is an ISP?

In addition to a modem, you also need an ISP (Internet Service Provider). In very simple terms, this is like a telephone company. You pay them to connect to the Internet, like paying for your phone calls.

What else do I need?

Your computer will also need special software called a web browser on your PC. This is usually located on your computer when you buy the computer. This is often referred to as Microsoft Internet Explorer.

How does this work?

When you open Internet Explorer, the first web page you see is called the homepage. This can be changed to the homepage of your choice.

How do I change my Homepage?

1. Open up Internet Explorer
2. Click on Tools and select Internet Options
3. Ensure that General tab is selected
4. In the Address section type in the address of the website you want to be the new homepage such as www.go-woman.com
5. Click on the Apply button at the bottom of the screen followed by the close button
6. This will set your new website as the new homepage and will be loaded each time you go into Internet Explorer.



What is a Web Address?

Every webpage has its own special address. This is called a Universal Resource Locator (URL). A URL is split into four sections. (See table below).

When you move your cursor around the webpage, sometimes you will see it changes its shape to a hand which indicates that you have found a link to another website. This is called a hyperlink.

What is a hyperlink?

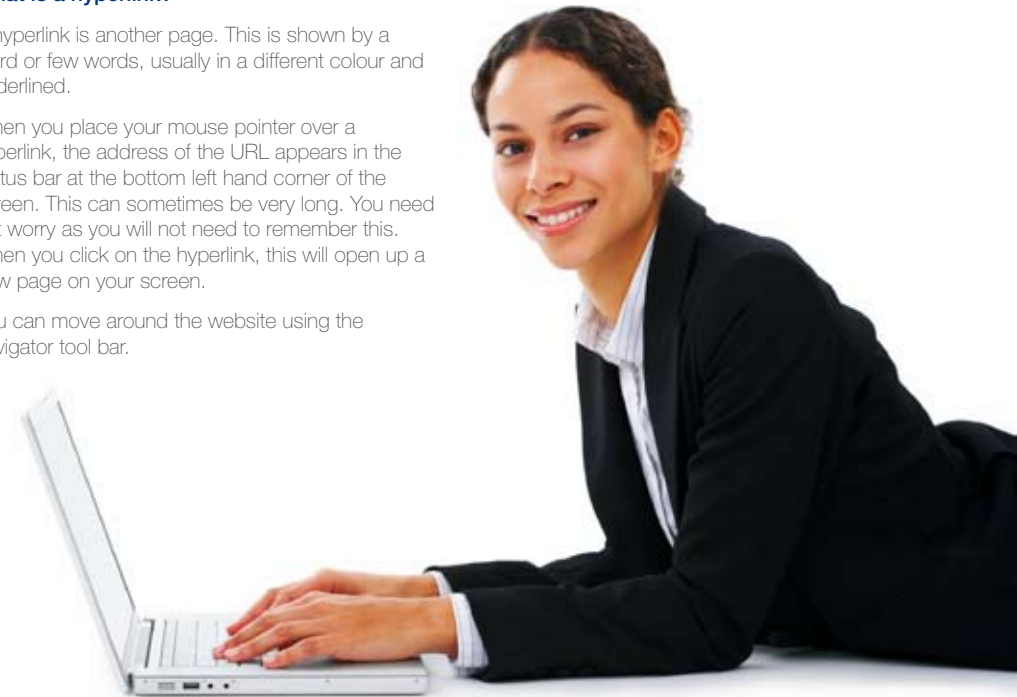
A hyperlink is another page. This is shown by a word or few words, usually in a different colour and underlined.

When you place your mouse pointer over a hyperlink, the address of the URL appears in the status bar at the bottom left hand corner of the screen. This can sometimes be very long. You need not worry as you will not need to remember this. When you click on the hyperlink, this will open up a new page on your screen.

You can move around the website using the navigator tool bar.

What is a Navigator Tool Bar?

A tool bar is a set of pictures or icons that are displayed across the top that allows you to move around the website. The navigator tool bar will be covered in greater details in the next edition.



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Hypertext Transfer Protocol:	World Wide Web	Site name:	This is the domain name
This part tells the computer how to send information to and from your computer.		This is the name of your website	This part tells you the kind of website and sometimes the country it comes from.