

# Browser Basics



**A web browser is the application used to access the Internet. Common browsers include Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari and Opera.**

## CONCEPTS

**Page:** a single document on the Internet.

**Site:** a collection of pages.

**Window:** the framework browsers uses to display pages.

**Tab:** a window nested into another browser window.

## NAVIGATION

**Web Address or URL (Uniform Resource Locator):** address of a page, often prefaced with http:// https:// and/or www.

**Address Bar:** area that displays the current URL.

**Navigation buttons:** actions like Back, Forward, Refresh/Reload, Home.

**Links:** text or images that jump to another page or site.

**Bookmark/Favorite:** a method of directly linking to a frequently visited page.

**History:** a list of all pages visited since the last time the browser history was cleared.

**Cache:** a snapshot of a page the browser stores on your hard drive.

**Cookies:** a piece of code the browser saves on your hard drive to store information as you navigate within a site.

**Plug-ins:** allow you to view different kinds of media.

## CONSIDERATIONS

- » WiFi/ethernet network connection required.
- » If a page/site doesn't function well, switch browsers.
- » Don't ignore browser security updates.
- » Only download files from a reputable source.



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