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Browser Basics – Part 1 - What is a Browser and Using Yours Better

Tech Tool(s) you'll be using: Computer/Laptop

Some of these will also apply to tablets and smartphones

Video to watch for this topic: [Browser Basics – What is a Browser and Using Yours Better](#)

(Video can be found on our You Tube channel or our website SeniorTechConnect.net)

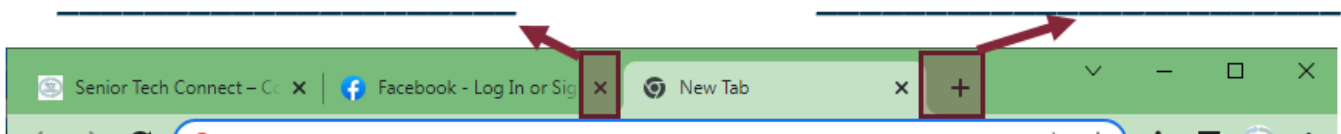
List at least 3 benefits from learning how to better utilize the functions of your Browser:

The Browser that I use to access my email/the internet:

Additional Browser(s) that I see on my Desktop or in my Taskbar:

Note: If you are using "Internet Explorer" it is no longer supported (which leaves you vulnerable to cyber-attacks). Please download a different Browser for your computer. Instructions to do this are at the end of this Note Sheet in the 'Additional Related Resources' section.

What would clicking on each of these do?





How can you tell which tab is the 'active tab' (the one that you are currently seeing it's content on your screen)?



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➤ **PRACTICE NOW – Tabs Practice**

- Pause the video after listening to practice instructions
- Look at the Browser you're using to watch the video
- Open a New Tab – click on the + tab 
- Note what your Browser's 'default' new tab/search webpage looks like
- Close the New Tab – click on the 'x' of the New Tab 
- Return to the tab with this video ***
- Un-pause the video – Click on the video or click on the pause/play button

*****What to do if you lose/close the Video tab during the PRACTICE NOW**

To return/find this video again after practice if you have accidentally closed it

Open a new tab in your browser – Go to SeniorTechConnect.Net

Go to the 'Videos and Note Sheets' page

Look in the chart and find this video—click on its name to open this video

Once in YouTube in this video – look in the description below the video

Scroll down and find the timestamp for the practice you just completed – click on it and it will open the video to that practice—so you can continue where you were.

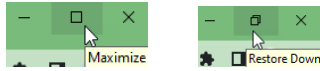
What happens when you click on each of these (the upper right of your Browser)?

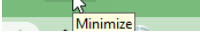



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➤ **PRACTICE NOW – Minimize/Maximize/Restore Practice (Part 1 video)**

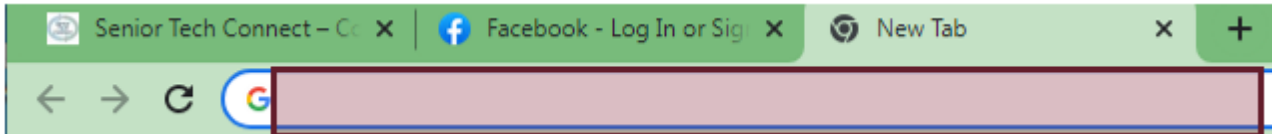
- Pause the video after listening to practice instructions
- Click on the Maximize/Restore icons to switch between the 2



- Click on the Minimize icon  (Browser disappears from view)
- Find the browser's icon in the taskbar -
- Click on the browser's icon in the taskbar to restore it

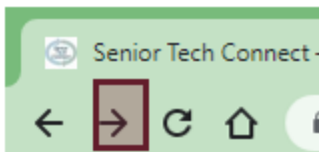
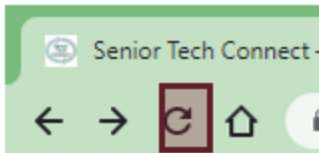
- Click on it again and notice that this also 'Minimizes' it 
- Click on it again to restore it
- Un-pause the video – Click on the video or click on the pause/play button***

*** See instructions in 1st practice to find video again if you have accidentally closed it



What information can you enter in this highlighted space and what happens?

What happens when you click on each of these (the upper left of a Browser tab)?

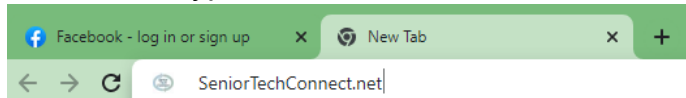



What happens when you Click and Hold for the Back and Front buttons?

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➤ **PRACTICE NOW – Moving between and within Tabs Practice (Part 1 video)**

- Open a New Tab – type SeniorTechConnect.Net in address bar and click 'Enter'



- Click on one of our site's pages (listed at the top—Home, Videos & Note Sheets, etc.)
- Click on the back arrow to return Home 
- Click on a different page
- Click and hold on the back arrow to see your history—return to website's Home page
- Return to the YouTube video tab and un-pause the video***

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Additional Related Resources

TROUBLESHOOTING TIP - To add your favorite Browser to your taskbar

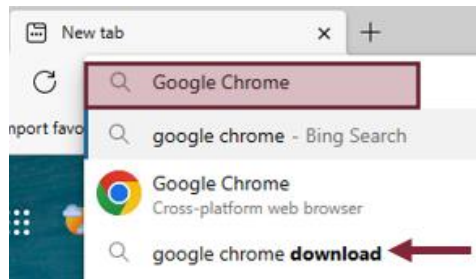
For easier access than searching for your Browser on your desktop

- Find your Browser's icon on your desktop
- Right Click on it to bring up the menu
- Left Click on 'Pin to taskbar' (if it says "Unpin from taskbar" it's already there)

TROUBLESHOOTING TIP - Downloading a different Browser

(We'll use downloading Chrome using Edge in this example)

Open your Browser – on a New Tab type the name of the Browser you wish to download



As you type the Browser, a 'download' option often appears—click on this

There may be MANY options—choose the one that is from the company that makes the Browser (others could be unsafe and download malware with the Browser)



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https://www.google.com/google_chrome/download

Ad Chrome is fast, secure, and convenient for all your devices. Get Chrome for Windows. Automatic protection from security issues like phishing and dangerous sites. **Download now.** Type less with autofill · Try Dark Mode · Try Incognito mode · Cross-device sync

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There should be a 'Download' button to click on to begin the download

Download Chrome

The download should begin once you click on the download button

The Browser, once installed, will often guide you through a series of setups—please read **ALL** of the pop-up windows prior to clicking OK. As a basic user you are OK to accept the default setups.

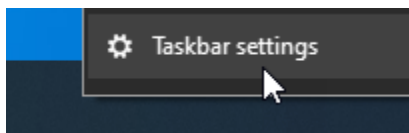
Once the Browser has been downloaded and appears on your desktop—go ahead and follow the instructions above to add it to your taskbar so it's easy to find later.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIP – If your Taskbar disappears

This is for Windows based computers

If your taskbar isn't showing—hover over where it does appear (usually bottom or side)

Right click in an empty part of the taskbar



Click on 'Taskbar settings'

This brings up the Settings for your computer—opened to the 'Taskbar' page

Turn on 'Lock the Taskbar'

Scroll down and you can also choose the Taskbar location on screen

This screen is an 'auto-save' screen—once you make a choice it is applied

Scroll to the bottom for additional help



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Other SeniorTechConnect.net videos mentioned in this video:

Computer Basics

Internet Basics

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Browser – More than Basics

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**Thank you for all you do to connect with others and
make our world a better place to be!**

