

GETTING STARTED ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Introduction/ Objectives

- Welcome and introductions
- Objectives of the workshop – Trainees will be able to:
 1. Have a basic familiarity with the mouse
(<http://www.ckls.org/~crippel/computerlab/tutorials/mouse/page1.html>) and Windows conventions
 2. Explain what the WWW is and what kinds of information are available on it.
 3. Use the browser to navigate or “surf” the Web
 4. Search the Web for information on a topic of interest

What is the World Wide Web?

- A network of computers around the world, connected electronically by
- telephone lines, fiber-optic cables, and other links
- Includes text, graphics (pictures), sound and video
- Uses point-and-click links to make searching easy
- Huge...and growing—4 billion+ webpages.

What Information Can I Find on the Web?

- Countless subjects and topics
- Information that is accurate and high quality
- Information that may not be accurate or authoritative
- Sites may be offensive – hard to get out of—may need to turn off machine
- Only a portion of the information in the library

Browsers and Home Pages

- **Browsers (Netscape Communicator or Navigator and MS Internet Explorer)**
display the text and graphics
- **Home page is an introductory page for a Web site**
- **Mouse: practice clicking, scrolling, click and drag**

Following Links

- **Text links: usually blue or purple, and underlined, but can be graphical.**
- **Tool bar buttons used for going Back, Forward, Home, Go , File, Print**
- **Right click**
- **Stop button used if pages load too slowly**

Web Addresses also know as URLs

- **Definition: a unique address (Unique Resource Locator/Location), resides on a specific computer in a specific place.**
- **Explanation of parts of a URL**

Getting to a Known Site

- **Where to find Web addresses –(show an example of a book)**
- **How to type in a Web address and connect to a site**
- **Error messages and what they mean**

Subject Indexes and Search Engines

- **Using them to explore and find information on a topic**
- **Using a subject index: Yahoo**
- **Using a search engine: Google**
- **Finding subject indexes and search engines**

Printing /Saving

- **Printing a document—networked printer**
- **Using Print Preview**
- **Saving a document to disk**

Evaluation of Web Resources

- **Why it is important: not all information is accurate, authoritative, unbiased, current**
- **What to look for: domain, author/publisher, date, overall package**

Privacy and Security

- **Personal data: 9 out of 10 web domains collect personal information**
- **Identity theft**
- **Financial data**

Signing Off

- **Closing the browser software**
- **Information that is saved about you -- cookies**

Internet Service Providers

- **Choosing an ISP**
- **Cable modems, DSL, Dial-up services**

Review and Wrap Up

- **Review**
- **Library procedures—sign up at Front Desk**
- **Handouts and further information**
- **Evaluation and thank you for attending our internet class**