Internet Basics

The Internet is a global network connecting millions of computers. More than 100 countries are linked into exchanges of data, news and opinions. More than 2 billion people around the world use the Internet. No one actually owns the Internet, and no single person or organization controls the Internet in its entirety. The Internet is more of a concept than an actual tangible entity.

The Internet is not synonymous with World Wide Web. The Internet is a massive networking infrastructure. It connects millions of computers together globally, forming a network in which any computer can communicate with any other computer as long as they are both connected to the Internet. The World Wide Web, or simply Web, is a way of accessing information over the medium of the Internet. It is an information-sharing model that is built on top of the Internet.

A browser is a type of software application used to locate, retrieve and display content on the World Wide Web, including Web pages, images, video and other files. Browsers can be made by different companies, but they all do similar actions.

This is the Internet Explorer browser made by Microsoft. The controls at the top of the screen are arranged one way.

This is the Chrome browser made by Google. The controls at the top of the screen are arranged differently but they do the same things.