

What is a Browser...?

- In order to view web pages on the Internet you need to use a special program called a **browser**, of which **Internet Explorer** is the most common.



- Double click on the **Internet Explorer** icon on the desktop to open the browser, or click once to select & press the Enter/Return key on the keyboard.
- Or go to the start menu in the bottom left corner of the screen and click on:

Start >> Programs >> Internet Explorer

- The top of the browser window looks like this:

A screenshot of the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The title bar reads 'Google - Microsoft Internet Explorer'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favorites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The toolbar contains buttons for 'Back', 'Forward', 'Stop', 'Refresh', 'Home', 'Search', 'Favorites', and 'Go'. The address bar shows 'http://www.google.co.uk/'. The 'Go' button is highlighted with a red circle. Annotations in red dashed boxes point to various parts of the window: the title bar, the window control buttons (Minimize, Maximize, Close), the toolbar, the address bar, and the Go button.

Title bar ~ gives name of currently open web site & name of browser

Buttons to **Minimise**, **Resize** & **Close** the browser window

Toolbar buttons which help you move from one web page to another, & do other tasks

Address box where you type in the exact address of the web site you want to visit

Click on the **Go** button to load the selected web page

- These buttons help you to do certain tasks such as move around a web site:



Back ~ Takes you back to the last web page that you visited.



Forward ~ Takes you forward again.



Stop ~ Stops a web page from opening.



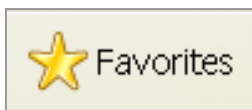
History ~ Keeps a record of web sites you have Visited today, last week, 2 weeks ago & 3 weeks ago ~ Very handy!!



Refresh ~ Reloads / refreshes the current page



Home ~ Takes you to the page your browser first opened at.



Favorites ~ You can save web pages that you would like to visit again in Favorites.



Print ~ Prints a copy of current web page.

The BBC WebWise web site has a good section that shows you how the browser works, why not check it out.....?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/course/browser/menu.shtml>