

TECH BOOT CAMP: Intro to the Internet

Most Common Web Browsers



Chrome



Safari



Firefox



Internet Explorer

Internet vocabulary

Internet/ World Wide Web: a global network of interconnected computers

Browser: a program used to view the internet. Some browsers include: Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Chrome.

Website: a group of connected pages on the internet

Web Address/URL: the unique name for a webpage, displayed in the browser's address bar.

Link: An image or text that can be clicked to go to another web page.

Search Engine: a website that searches for information on the web.

Anatomy of a Web Browser

Back Button

takes you back to the last page you were viewing.



Forward Button

takes you forward one page at a time. It only appears when there's a page to go forward to.



Refresh Button

reloads the page with any changes since it first loaded. Use if a page is not loading properly.



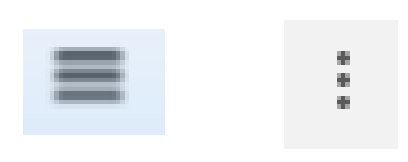
Home Button

returns you to the first page you see when you open the browser.



Menu

shows you options for the browser such as settings, printing, browsing history.



Address Bar

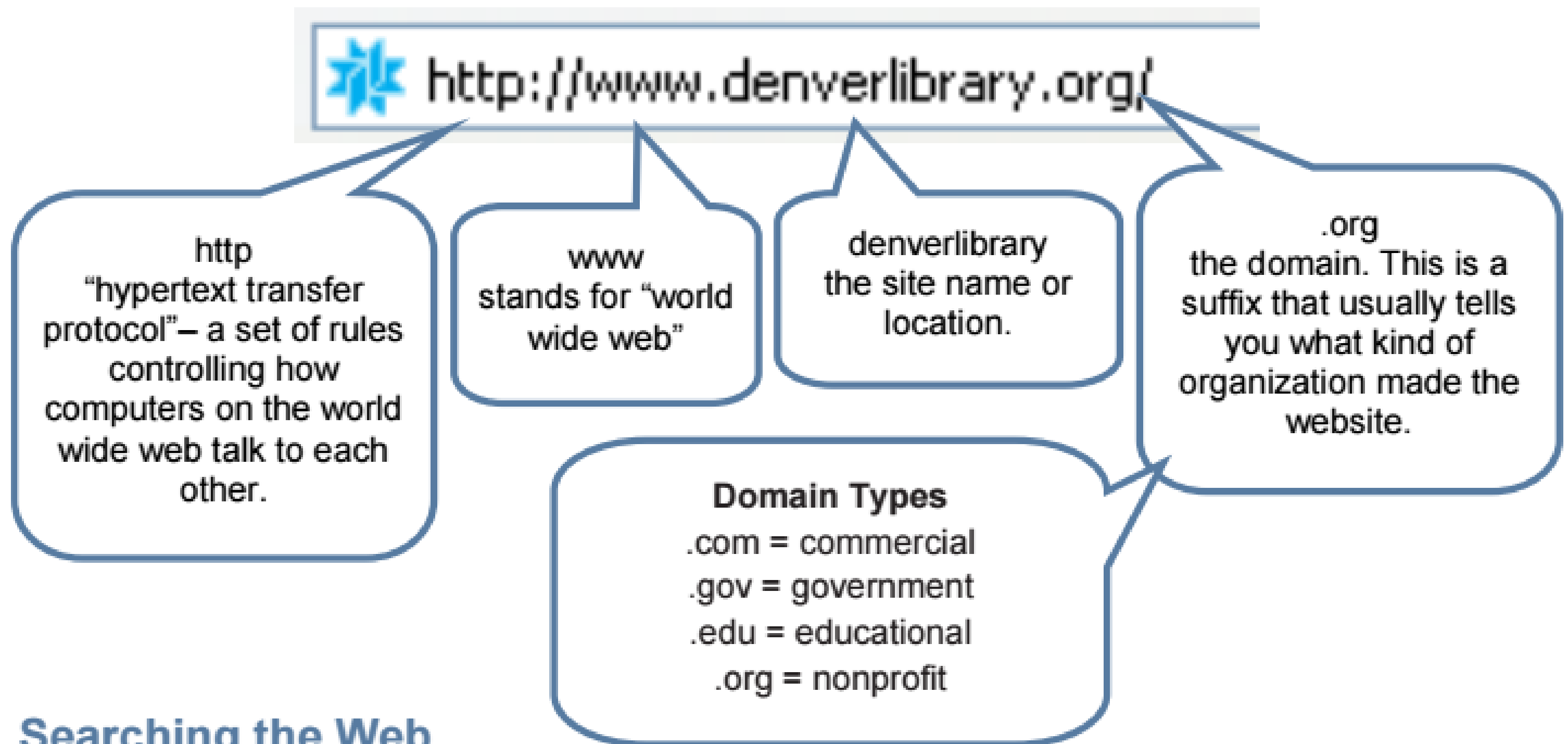
1. See the address of the page you are currently on.
2. Enter the address of a new website.
3. Search the internet.

Tabs

Tabs let you open multiple websites in the same window. You can open new web pages in new tabs, and switch between sites by clicking the tabs.

The Parts of a Web Address

Every page on the internet has an address called a **URL** or **Uniform Resource Locator**. URLs give a file's unique location on a computer connected to the internet. In order to connect to a site, you need to type in the *exact* URL *without errors*.



Searching the Web

Search engines like Google allow you to search the internet for web pages on a certain subject, using keywords. Type keywords in the search box, hit the enter key, and you will get a list of web pages – your search results – that are related to those words.

How to read Google search results:

The screenshot shows Google search results for "cat food". Callouts explain the components:

- URL – the webpage's address**: Points to the URL `www.chewy.com/CatFood`.
- Title/Link**: Points to the blue text `20% Off Cat Food at Chewy`.
- Snippet – a description of the webpage.**: Points to the text "Free Shipping on Cat Food. Cat Food 20% Off, Shop Today!".
- Ads**: Points to the yellow "Ad" icon next to the result "Find The Best Cat Food - Purina.com".

Helpful Websites

[GCFLearnFree](http://www.gcflearnfree.org)

www.gcflearnfree.org/topics

- Internet Basics Course

[Techboomers](http://www.techboomers.com)

www.techboomers.com

[Universal Class](http://www.ocl.net)

www.ocl.net > then click on

"Take a Course from Universal Class"

- Internet Fundamentals 101 Course

- Computer Basics 101 Course