Getting the Most Out of Your Windows Browser

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The Browser Landscape Today 2016

- 1. Chrome, written by Google 40% market share
- 2. Microsoft Internet Explorer 38% share. Now being retired
- 2. Firefox, written by Mozilla Foundation, 10% share
- 3. Edge, written by Microsoft, introduced in Windows 10
- 5. Opera
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- 7. Safari. Only for Apple products now, 5% share
- 8. Miscellaneous browsers from China and India

Chrome, from Google

- Now the world's most popular browser
- Available for Windows 7, 8, 8.1, 10, Mac, Android
- Widely considered the fastest, more reliable and most secure
- Easy to obtain on Windows and Android and Mac
- Lots of extensions and add-ons
- Adobe Flash Player is built in
- Good compatibility, almost like IE
- Uses a lot of memory
- If you have Gmail, strongly consider Chrome

Firefox from Mozilla Foundation (Largely funded by Google)

- Very customizable browser
- Thousands of extensions and add-ons
- Values privacy more than any browser
- Has speed, security, tabbed browsing
- Favored by many developers due to flexibility
- Uses a lot of memory and has some compatibility issues
- If you have a Yahoo mail account (SBC Global also) strongly consider Firefox. Some things just work in Firefox and not elsewhere

Internet Explorer

- Dates back to 1990's with Windows 95, 98
- Now considered old, slow, non-secure
- Ready for retirement in a year or so
- Version 11 is much improved but there are better choices
- Most susceptible to malware hacking
- You must run Malwarebytes religiously!!
- If you have an Outlook email (formerly Hotmail) Internet Explorer might be your best bet (maybe??)
- Or Use the Mail and Calendar program from Windows 10 Store

Microsoft Edge

- Introduced in summer 2015 with release of Windows 10
- Only available for Windows 10 so low market share so far
- Good points: speedy, smooth, attractive
- Sore points: As of today no extensions but coming soon
- A few extensions (AdBlock) are available for "Preview" software

Chrome

- Settings
 - Tabs, etc.
 - Settings
 - Bookmarks
 - Passwords
 - Reset