

Internet

Hints, Tips and Tricks

The Internet offers a wealth of information for anyone brave enough to go looking for it. Accessing the Internet can be a bit overwhelming for the novice however. Here I would like to include some hints, tips and shortcuts that might help to make your Internet experience more pleasant. If you know of something that I've left off or if you have a question about how to accomplish something in Windows, please take a few minutes to write me at hughesg@rmi.net and let me know.

Reorder the Favorites list in Internet Explorer

With the Favorites list displayed, click on and drag a listing to another position in the list. A thick horizontal line indicates the new position as you drag the item.

You can also organize your list by creating folders (think of them as categories of topics) and moving items from the main list into these folders.

In Internet Explorer 5 choose Favorites, Organize Favorites to create folders and place items in them.

Remove the headers and footers when printing data from a Web site using Internet Explorer

Choose **File, Page Setup**. Highlight the header or footer codes in the **Page Setup** dialog box and press <Delete>.

Full screen view in Internet Explorer

Press <F11>.

Send a web page through E-Mail

1. Go to the page you want to send.
2. On the **File** menu, point to **Send**, and then click **Page By Email** or **Link By Email**.

This will launch your default mailer client through which you can send the page or link in E-Mail.

Make more room for viewed pages in IE

1. On the **Tools** menu in the browser, click **Internet Options**.
2. On the **General** tab, click **Settings**.

To create more space to store pages temporarily, move the slider to the right.

To prevent Internet Explorer from updating pages in the Temporary Internet Files folder, click **Never**.

Use a Web page image as desktop wallpaper

Right-click the image on the Web page, and then click **Set as Wallpaper**.

Get disconnected frequently?

If you get disconnected frequently, try this extra modem setting:

1. Go to **Modems** in **Control Panel** (**Start > Settings > Control Panel**)
2. From **Modems** select **Properties**, select the **Connection** Tab, select **Advanced...**
3. In the **Extra settings** dialogue box, enter **S10=50**

This will force the modem to stay connected without a carrier, up to 5 seconds.

Trace Internet Routes

Included with Windows 95 is a program called **Trace Route**. Open a DOS window and type **tracert** location name. The location name can be any IP address or number, for example **tracert www.windows-help.net**. The program will trace the route from your Internet provider to that location, and show you every computer system along the way. Watch as you jump from coast to coast and over oceans via satellites and high-speed connections instantly. Also very useful for when you can't connect to a site - it will show you if something is down along the way.

Internet Hotkeys

Shortcut	Function
<F5>	Refreshes the display
Right-click	Display context menu of selected item
<F1>	Display Help