TUG Tip – Internet Searches
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To use the Internet, a program called a "browser" is used. Examples of browser programs are Microsoft Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Apple Safari. (There is a Windows version of Safari available for download.) Another example is the Norwegian browser, Opera, which advertises added security features. Your computer has a default browser which you can change if you choose. To change your default browser in Windows 10 or Mac, click this link: https://www.hellotech.com/guide/for/how-to-change-default-browser-windows-10-mac.

Each browser program has a default search engine that the user can change if desired. Microsoft's search engine is Bing. Chrome uses the Google search engine. Firefox's search engine is Yahoo. Other search engines are available. Duckduckgo is a search engine that doesn't track a user's searches. Many websites, such as Amazon, include a search bar for searching their website.

Some security applications (for example: Norton Security) have a search tool bar that can be added to the browser for safer searching.

You can search the Internet by entering the desired search engine's URL in the address bar of your browser: http://www.bing.com, http://www.google.com, http://www.yahoo.com, http://www.ask.com, http://www.duckduckgo.com.

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To use your browser's default search engine, type your search request into the address bar and press Enter.

Be aware that the first few links returned by most search engines are paid ads. Clicking on one of these makes money for the search company. This is not necessarily bad, but by scrolling further down the page, non-ad links will appear. More paid links may appear, or repeat, at the bottom of the page.