

AGORA: Workshop Exercises and Activities

Exercise 1: Getting the Most from your Browser (MIE)

Advanced Worksheet

In this session participants with greater experience with the Internet will use the computers to practise more advanced use of the Internet through the browser Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Document Notes

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Summary

On completion of this session the workshop participants will have:

1. Used Internet Explorer to access the basic, advanced and specialized search features of the Google search engine
2. Used Internet Explorer to access the metasearch engine Dogpile
3. Used Internet Explorer to access the AgNIC Internet directory
4. Deleted Temporary Internet Files

Step 1

With the guidance of the facilitator and using the Getting the Most from Your Browser handout, individuals or pairs of workshop participants will undertake hands-on work using the computer lab to practice customising and using Microsoft Internet Explorer to access search engines and web directories the Internet. A short report back and discussion of using the resources will be conducted at the end of this session.

Hands-on duration: 20 minutes,

Report back and discussion: 10 minutes.

Step 2

- 2.1 From the **File** menu choose **Open**, type the URL for a search engine such as Google (<http://www.google.com/>) in the box and click on **OK**. When you reach the Google homepage, you will see a search box that can be filled with keywords for the topic you want to search. Enter search terms. Click **Google Search** to search the Web, or if you want to see one result that the search engine feels might be relevant, choose "I'm Feeling Lucky."
- 2.2 To search for images, Usenet discussion groups, news, or products, choose one of the links to Google's specialized search engines which search only for these particular resources.
- 2.3 Return to the Google homepage and click the **Advanced Search** link to the right of the search box. Try a search here.

- 2.4 Go to the homepage of Dogpile, a metasearch engine, at <http://www.dogpile.com/>. Try a search and see how many results you receive.
- 2.5 Return to the browser's homepage by clicking the Home button on the toolbar. In the Address field on the toolbar, type the URL for an Internet directory such as AgNIC (<http://www.agnic.org>) in the box and click on Go. When you reach the AgNIC homepage, you will see a search box that can be filled in with keywords for the topic you want to search, but you can also browse the directory by subject. Choose to Browse AgNIC Subjects, then choose the general subject of Farms and Farming Systems. Under this, choose the narrower subject Farms. Note how many and what kind of resources are listed.
- 2.6 From the File menu, select Tools and then Internet Options. Then click on the General tab and under Temporary Internet Files, select Delete Files. When the Delete Files dialog box appears, click OK (making sure the option to delete all offline content is unchecked; this would delete any webpages you had saved to your hard drive).