

Browsing the Web:

There are millions of pages of information available to us on the Web. Using this information is known as *browsing* or *surfing* the Web.

Web browser:

To browse the Web we need to use Web browsers. Examples of web browsers are Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator. During Artemis, you will be using Internet Explorer.

(Open Internet Explorer)

In most Web sites, certain words or phrases appear in text of a different color than the rest; often this text is also underlined. When you select one of these words or phrases, you will be transferred to the site or page that is relevant to this word or phrase.

Example: Clicking on the underlined word Artemis would transfer you to the website for the Artemis Project 2001, which is www.cs.brown.edu/orgs/artemis

Sometimes there are buttons, images, or portions of images that are "clickable." If you move the pointer over a spot on a Web site and the **pointer changes into a hand**, this indicates that you can click and be transferred to another site. It is possible for you to go roaming around the Web, bouncing from document to document, using nothing but the links in those documents!

Searching the Web:

You can SEARCH for any information on the Internet using **Search Engines**

Powerful search engines search the contents of every document on the web and build store the **keywords** linked to the page.

Keywords are the words you enter into a search engine, which it can use to find relevant documents.

Search results are usually ranked in order by the number of times the words appear in a document or by how closely the document appears to match a concept you have entered.

Examples of popular search engines are:

Google: www.google.com

AltaVista: www.altavista.com

Yahoo: www.yahoo.com

(Do a search on any word that interests you, ex: 'robots')

BOOKMARKS:

Once you find a great site or menu, how are you ever going to remember how to get back to it?

Easy! Leave a bookmark.

Bookmarks are "flags" that allow you to mark a great website so that you can return to it whenever you want.

Browsers not only allow you to bookmark any websites that you would like or need to revisit, but also to organize these websites as necessary.

Internet Explorer lets you mark a website as a Favorite. Its as easy as clicking on the word 'Favorite' in your browser, and clicking on 'Add to Favorites', and your favorite website is bookmarked forever more.

(Bookmark any website that you have searched