

Internet Explorer 8 (IE8) has a different look and feel than Internet Explorer 6. It also has some additional functionality and security features. This document summarizes the differences to assist you in becoming accustomed to using IE8.

Tabbed Browsing

Instead of having to open a separate instance of Internet Explorer each time you want to work with a new website, you can click on the blank tab field to open up a new browser window. This allows you to display multiple websites from within a single instance of Internet Explorer.

There is an icon to the left of the tabs that shows four squares. Clicking on this will display all your open browser windows in a thumbnail view on a single screen.

Favorites

Favorites are now accessed by clicking the gold star in the upper left-hand corner of the browser. To add a site to your favorites you have two options. You can click on click the Favorites button with the gold star and then select Add to Favorites. This will add the web site to the drop down Favorites list. If you want to add the site to your Favorites Bar which will appear below the top line menu click on the gold star with the green right arrow which appears to the right of Favorites.



Searching

IE8 has a Live Search box in the upper right-hand corner of the browser. This lets you search the web without navigating to a particular search website. You can simply type in your search term and click the magnifying glass to perform the search.





Finding Text on a Web Page

In IE6 if you wanted to find specific text on a web page you were displaying, you used the Find menu option. In IE8 you click the down arrow to the right of the Live Search box to perform this function; one of the options on the dropdown menu is "Find on this Page...."

Printing

The Print icon is now on a menu near the top right-hand corner of the browser. You can print a web page to your default printer by clicking on the printer icon or click the down arrow to view print options.

Saving Web Pages

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If you want to save a web page, or send it in an email, click the Page menu item near the top right-hand corner of the browser to view the list of options.

RSS Feeds

IE8 supports Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds. RSS feeds are a way to have personalized content delivered to you instead of having to visit specific web sites to read the information. If you are visiting a website that has an available RSS feed the icon shown below will appear in orange near the top right corner of your browser or it will remain grayed out if the current web site does not have available RSS feeds.

Adding RSS Feeds

Click on the down-arrow to the right of the RSS icon to view the feeds available on the web page. Click on a specific feed to add it to your list; a screen will appear that gives you an option to Subscribe to this feed. Clicking that option brings up the following popup where you can select the name you want to assign to the feed and then click Subscribe.







Managing your RSS Feeds

You can manage your feeds by clicking the Favorites button (the gold star near the top-left corner of your browser) and clicking Feeds. A list of your feeds will appear.

Compatibility View

IE8 is a new release and some websites may not yet be ready for the new browser. Click the **Compatibility View** toolbar button (located to the left of the Refresh button on the Address bar) to display the website as viewed in Internet Explorer 7, which will correct display problems like misaligned text, images, or text boxes. This option is on a per site basis and all other sites will continue to display with IE8 functionality. When you click on the Compatibility View button for a site, you do not need to do it again as the next time you visit that site the browser will display it in compatibility mode.



Accelerators

The new Accelerators in IE8 help you quickly perform your everyday browsing tasks without navigating to other websites to get things done. Simply highlight text from any webpage, and then click on the blue

Accelerator icon that appears above your selection to obtain driving directions, translate and define words, search with ease, and more.

