

# Internet browsing skills



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Welcome to the "Internet Browsing Skills" induction presentation designed to equip you with crucial digital capabilities for your university journey. Discover the essential skills that will help you navigate online resources effectively, ensuring academic success.

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# Web browsers

- Explore the world of web browsing through popular browsers like Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge. Aula, Ravensbourne's Virtual Learning Environment, works the best in Chrome.
- Learn how to launch a browser, master navigation tools, and maximize your browsing experience.

02

# Effective Search Techniques

Unleash the power of search engines like Google and Bing by mastering efficient search strategies.

- **Keyword Usage:** Craft precise search queries using relevant keywords.
- **Phrase Search:** Use quotation marks to search for an exact phrase.
- **Wildcard Search:** Use an asterisk (\*) as a wildcard to replace words in a phrase.
- **File Type Search:** Narrow results to specific file types by using filters of the search engine
- **Related Search:** Discover similar pages by using "related:" followed by a website's URL.
- Use Google Lens to search with image



03

# Credible online source



## ✓ Critical Thinking

Analyse the author's credentials and the presence of citations to ensure credible information.

## ✓ Trustworthiness

Verify a website's domain (e.g., .edu, .gov) and assess its reputation among experts in the field.

## ✓ Academic Integrity

Acknowledge the original author's work through proper citations, reflecting your own understanding.

## ✓ Ethical Use

Paraphrase information in your own words and provide in-text citations to attribute ideas to their sources.

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# Safe browsing, browser extension and add-on

Navigate the digital landscape securely while also uncovering how browser extensions and add-ons can elevate your browsing experience and safeguard your online presence.



## Suspicious Websites

Recognise unusual URLs or sites with poor design, as they could be potential sources of malware.



## Download Caution

Avoid downloading files from untrustworthy sources, as they might contain harmful software.



## Ad Blockers

Use extensions like AdBlock Plus to minimize distracting ads while browsing.



## Grammar Checkers

Add-ons such as Grammarly can help improve writing quality and accuracy.

# 05 Managing bookmarks

- Organise your online journey by mastering the art of bookmarking essential websites.
- Create a personalised system for managing bookmarks and efficiently accessing your frequently visited sites.



# Self-checking questions

- What are the most popular web browsers mentioned in the presentation?
- Name two criteria you can use to evaluate the credibility of online sources.
- How can browser extensions enhance your online experience? Provide one example of a browser extension.



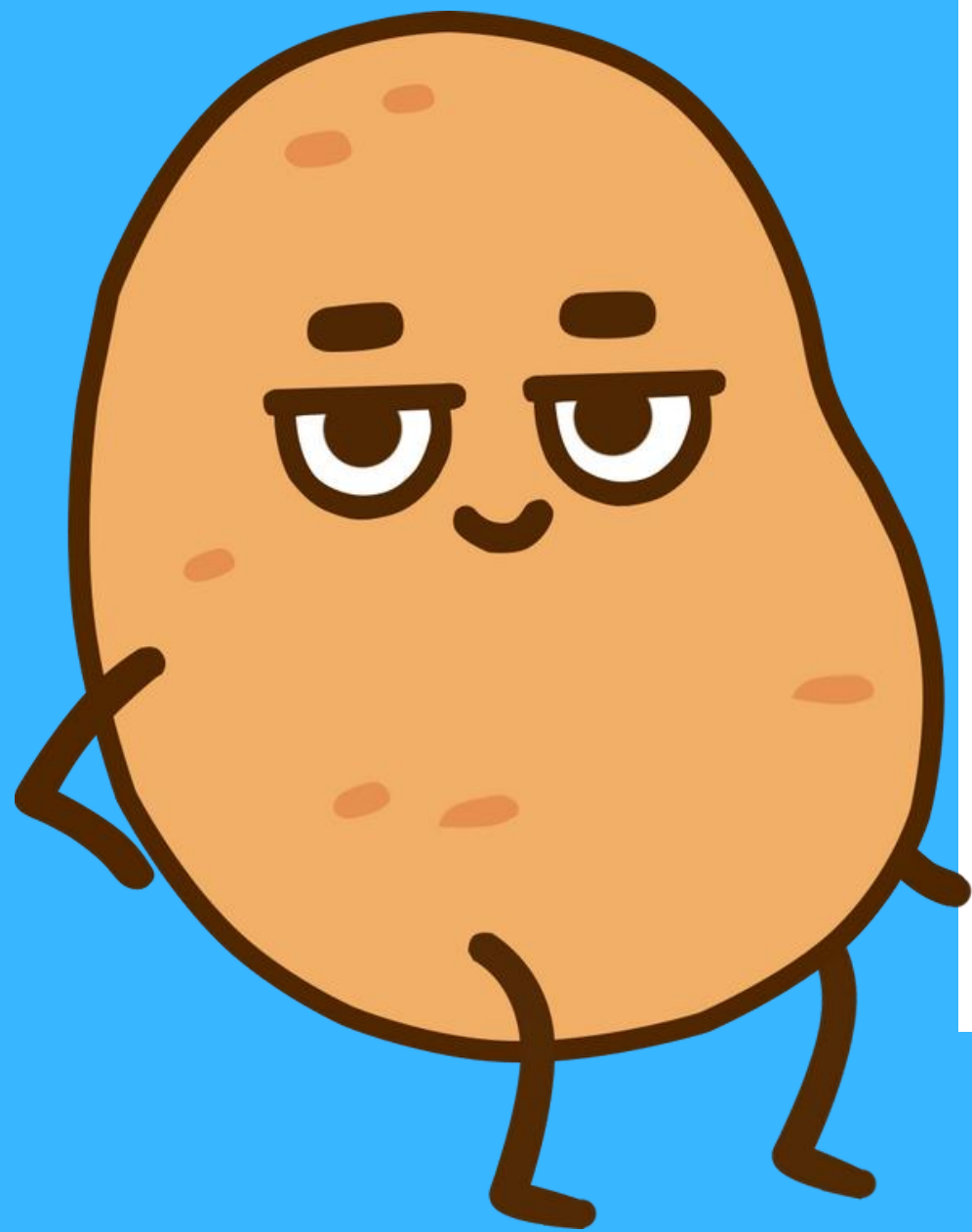




Armed with essential internet browsing skills, you can confidently navigate the online landscape, ensuring a successful journey through your university studies.

Remember to employ effective search techniques, evaluate sources critically, and uphold academic integrity to avoid plagiarism.

By understanding safe browsing practices, managing bookmarks, and harnessing browser extensions, you'll optimize your digital toolkit for efficient and secure online exploration.



# Links to useful resources



## [Get Safe Online](#)

Get Safe Online is a UK-based platform that offers comprehensive guidance on staying safe on the internet. It covers various topics, including online security, privacy, and safe online practices.



## [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

The UK Safer Internet Centre provides resources and advice to promote a safer online environment for everyone, especially young people. It offers tools for online safety education, advice on reporting issues, and more.



## [Ravensbourne Library](#)

The university library website serves as a valuable resource hub, offering access to academic databases, research materials, and online tools that complement your internet browsing skills, enhancing your ability to find credible information for your studies.