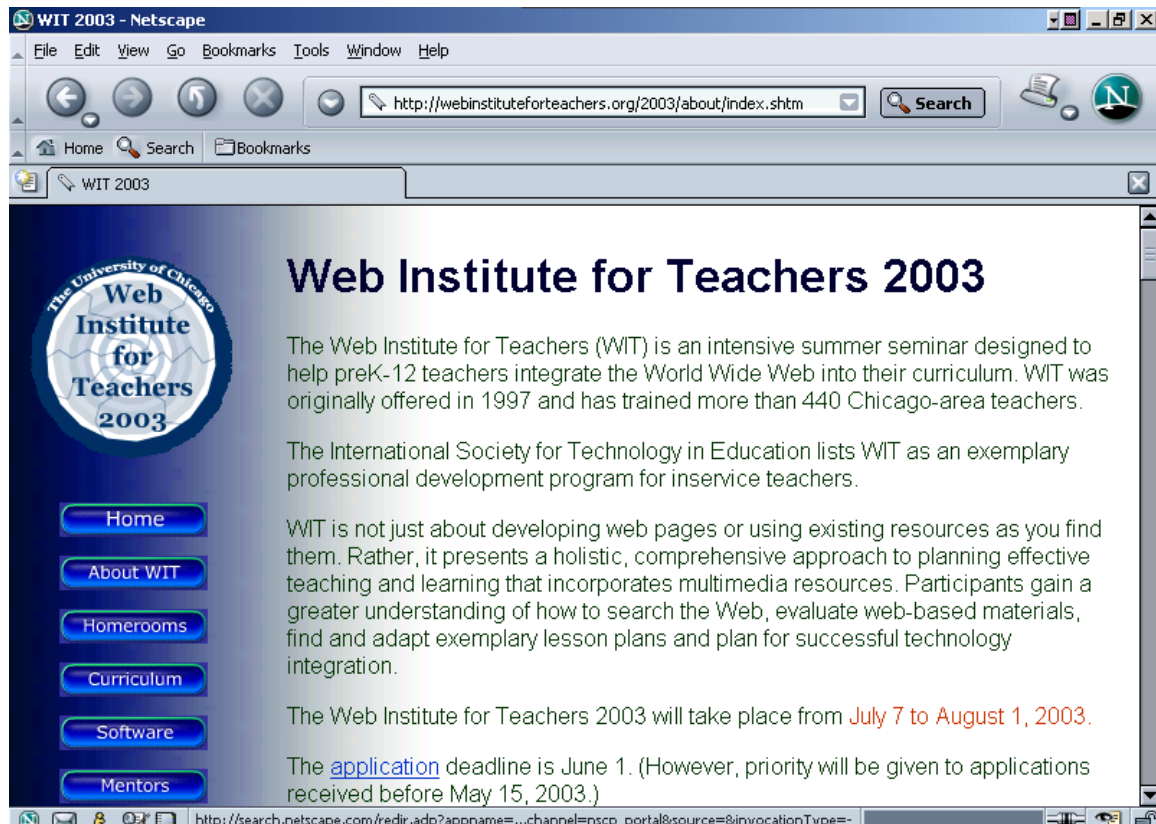


Using A Web Browser

Use this handout as a guide to help you remember the components of a Web browser and how to use them. All screen shots are from Netscape Navigator 7.0

A Web Browser, be it Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer, is made up of the following basic components you can use to find and view information on the Internet.

This is a browser window viewing the **Web Institute for Teachers Home Page 2003**:



The **Title bar** tells you the name of the Web page you are viewing. If you were told to write the title of this web page, what would you write?

Below the Title bar is the **Menu bar**:



The **Menu bar** offers options for managing the browser and viewing web pages and web sites. You can select each Menu by clicking on the options with your mouse.

Below the **Menu bar** is the **Navigation bar**:



The **Navigation bar** is the most important tool for browsing the Web.

Now let's take a look at the buttons we'll use to get around in Netscape.



The first button is the **Back** button. Clicking on this button will return you to the previous page you've visited.



The next button is the **Forward** button. Use the forward button to return to the page you just came from.



Next to the **Forward** button is the **Refresh** button. The Refresh button does just that. It loads the web page again.

Sometimes all the parts of a web page haven't loaded the first time, because the file transfer was interrupted.

If a web page is updated frequently, as may be the case with news, sports or things of that nature, you wouldn't get the most current information. By reloading the page frequently you can be assured that you'll have the most current data on the page you're viewing. you won't get the most current information. By refreshing the page, the data is updated from the web server.



Next to the Refresh button is the **Stop** button. Clicking on this button will stop the current page from loading.

**If you can't connect to a site, use the STOP button and try again later, especially if you are trying to access a popular site.



This is the **Address** or

Location box. You will probably see--"Location," "Go To," or "Address" near the beginning of this box. This box is where you enter the address URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of a website you want to visit. After you enter it, press the return or the Enter key to access the site or click on the search button. Also by clicking the small triangle to the right of the location or address box you will get a drop-down list of the most recent websites you've visited. To revisit a site, just click on the address.

Next we have the scroll bars for moving through the document. They are located at both the right and bottom (they appear whenever a document is too tall or wide for the screen).



The last button is the **Print** button. Clicking on this button will cause

the computer to print all the pages you're currently viewing. If you don't want to print all the pages you should select the drop down menu to the right of the print icon, once the drop-down menu appears you may select the specific text you want printed.



At the bottom of the screen above your task bar we have the Status Bar. You can watch the progress of web page transactions, such as the site you're contacting, whether the host computer has been contacted and the size and number of the files to be downloaded. This status bar is from Netscape 7.0 new themes section (Toy Factory).