

Chapter 6

USING A WEB BROWSER

In the previous chapter, we learnt about

- Internet
- Browser
- Website
- Domain Name
- URL

While internet **connects** two or more system across world with each other, the *web-browser* acts as a *medium* to view websites on the internet.

Web Browser

A **web browser** is a type of software that allows you to find and view websites on the Internet.

It is also commonly referred as **internet browser**. Even if you didn't know it, you have used web browser to access emails, search something on google etc. There are many different web browsers, but some of the most common ones include **Google Chrome**, **Internet Explorer**, **Microsoft Edge**, and **Mozilla Firefox**.

- **Internet Explorer**



- **Microsoft Edge**



- **Firefox**



- **Google Chrome**



No matter which web browser you use, you'll want to learn the basics of browsing the Web. In this lesson, we'll talk about **navigating** to different websites, **using tabbed browsing**, creating **bookmarks**, and more.

Important Note:

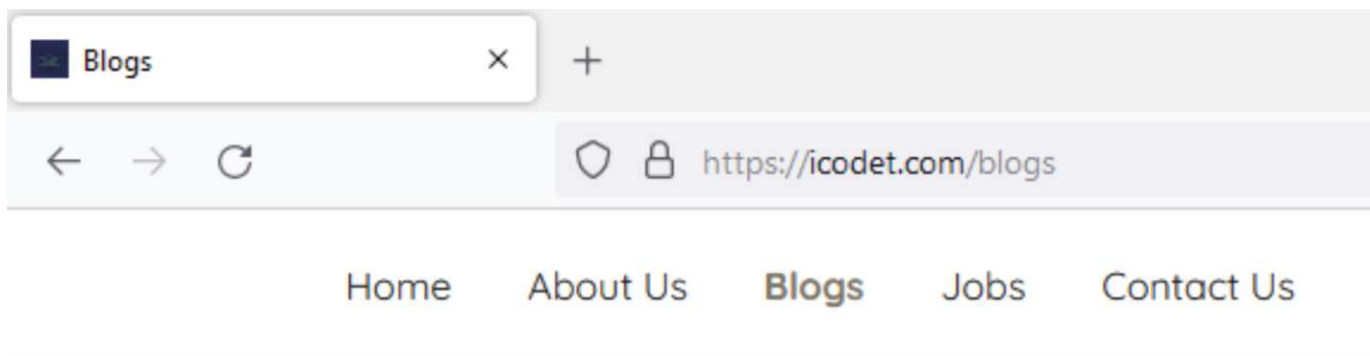
We'll be using the **Google Chrome web browser** throughout this lesson, but you can use any browser you want. Keep in mind that your browser may look and act a bit differently, but all web browsers work in basically the same way.

Lets Recall URL

Each website has a unique address, called a **URL** (short for **Uniform Resource Locator**).

It's like a street address that tells your browser where to go on the Internet. When you type a URL into the browser's **address bar** and press **Enter** on your keyboard, the browser will load the page associated with that URL.

In the example below, we've typed <https://icodet.com/blogs> into the address bar.



Links

Whenever you see a word or phrase on a website that's **blue** or **underlined in blue**, it's probably a **hyperlink**, or **link** for short.

Links are used to *navigate the Web*. When you click a link, it will usually take you to a different webpage.

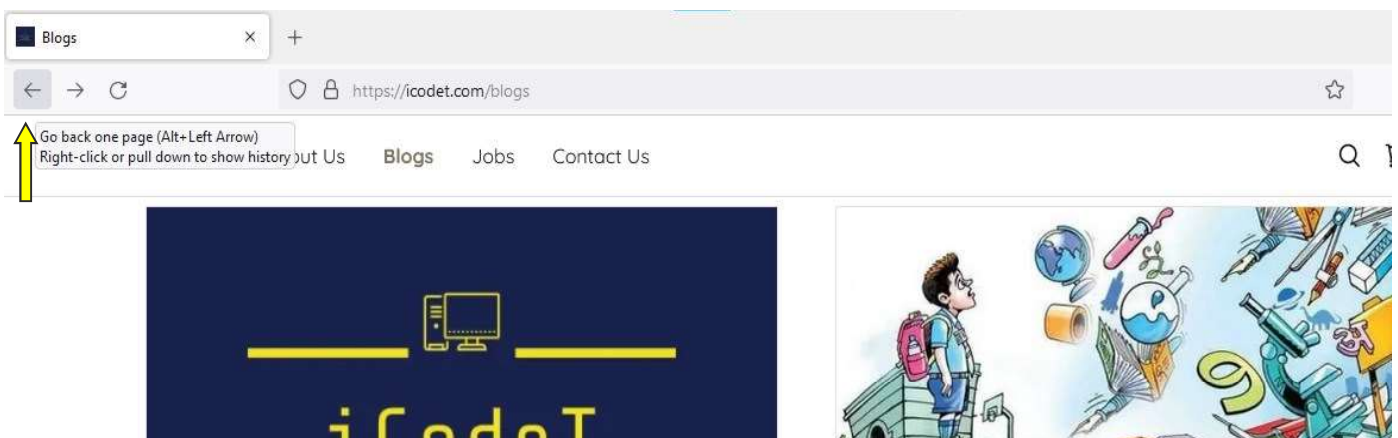
For Example:

- Open Wikipedia main page:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- Click on any link like "[Contents](#)" on left hand side of the page which is blue in colour.
- Explore more links like these



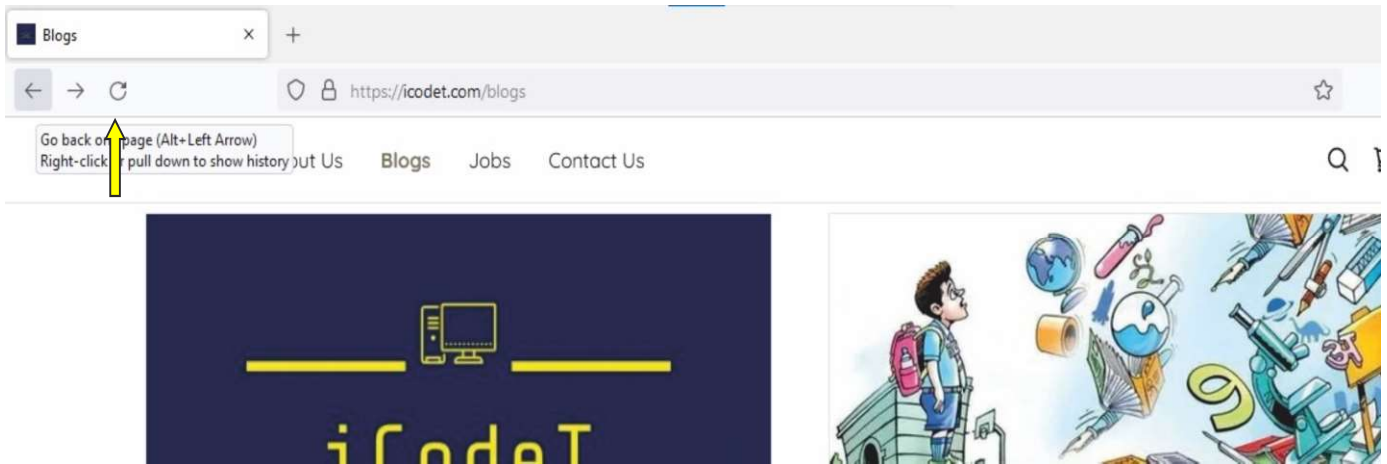
Navigation buttons

The **Back** (←) and **Forward** (→) buttons allow you to move through websites you've **recently viewed**. You can also click and hold either button to see your recent history.



Refresh button

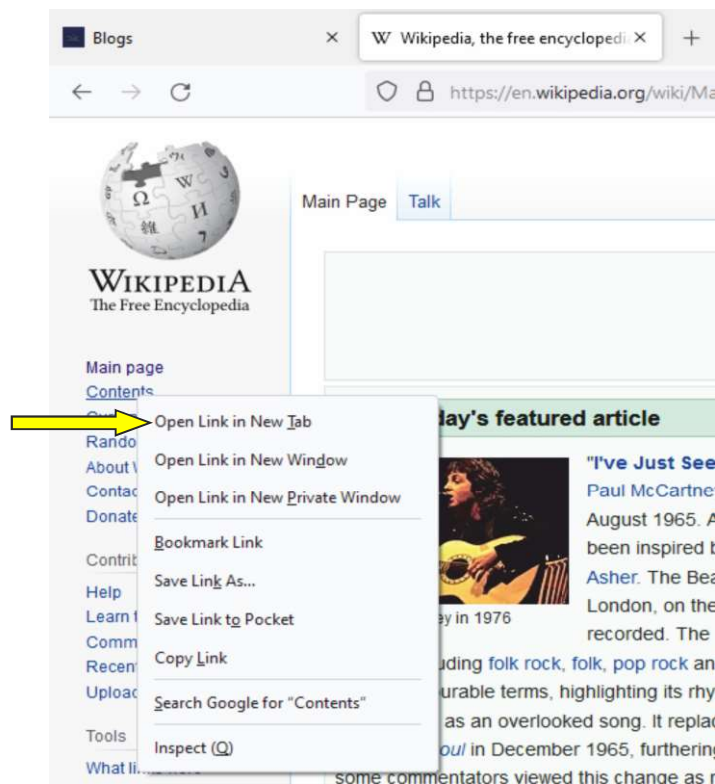
The **Refresh** button will **reload** the current page. If a website stops working, try using the Refresh button.



Tabbed browsing

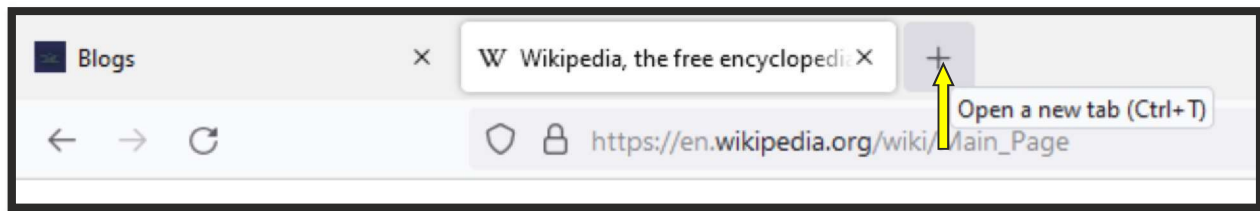
Many browsers allow you to open links in a new **tab**. You can open as many links as you want, and they'll stay in the **same browser window** instead of cluttering your screen with multiple windows.

To open a [link](#) in a new tab, **right-click** the link and select **Open link in new tab** (the exact wording may vary from browser to browser).

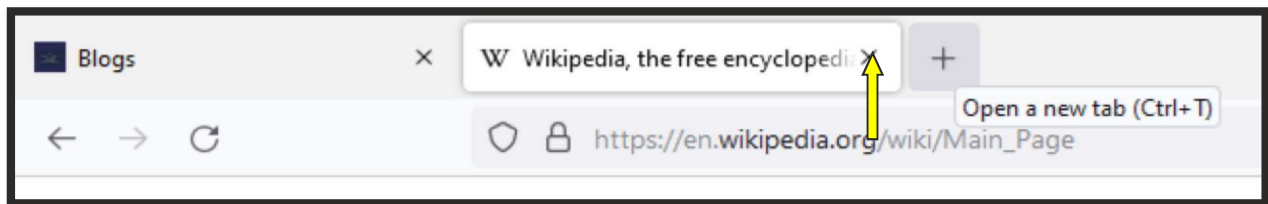


Open and Close a Tab

To create a **new blank tab**, click the button to the right of any open tabs.



To **close** a tab, click the **X**.

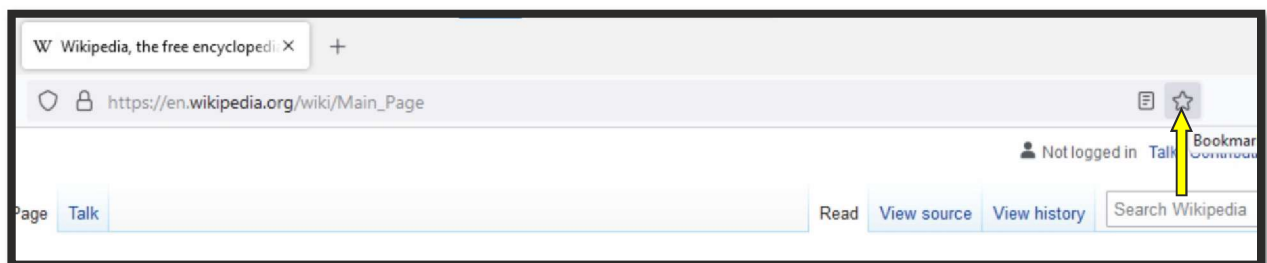


Bookmarks and History

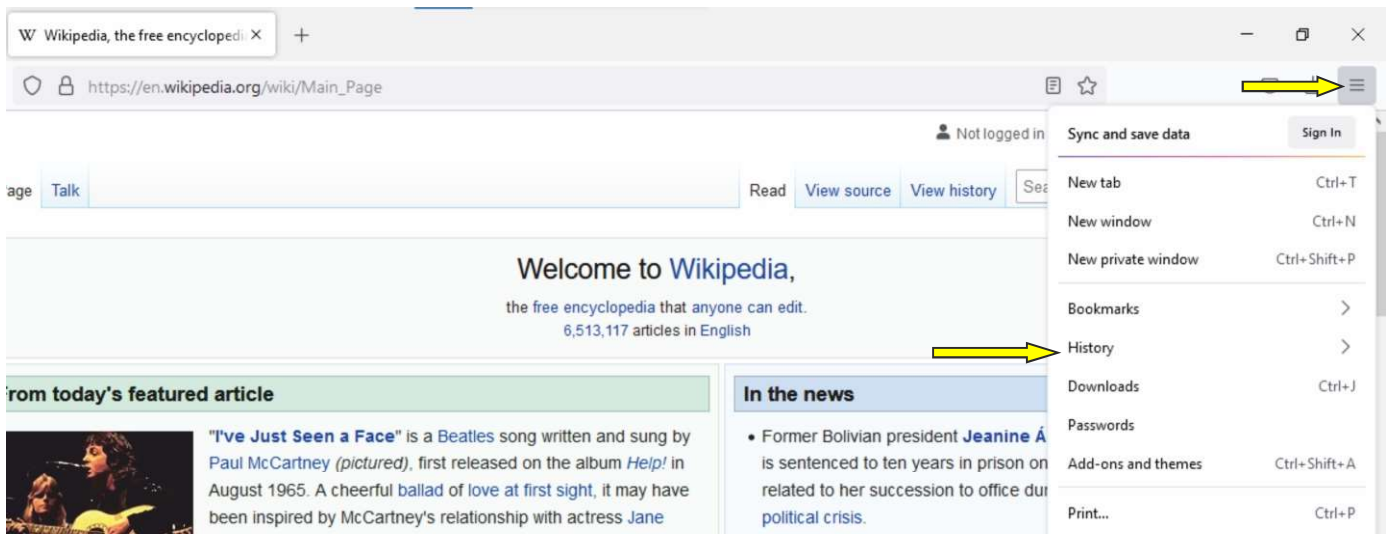
If you find a website you want to view later, it can be hard to memorize the exact web address.

Bookmarks, also known as **favourites**, are a great way to save and organize specific websites so you can revisit them again and again.

Simply locate and select the **Star** icon to bookmark the current website.



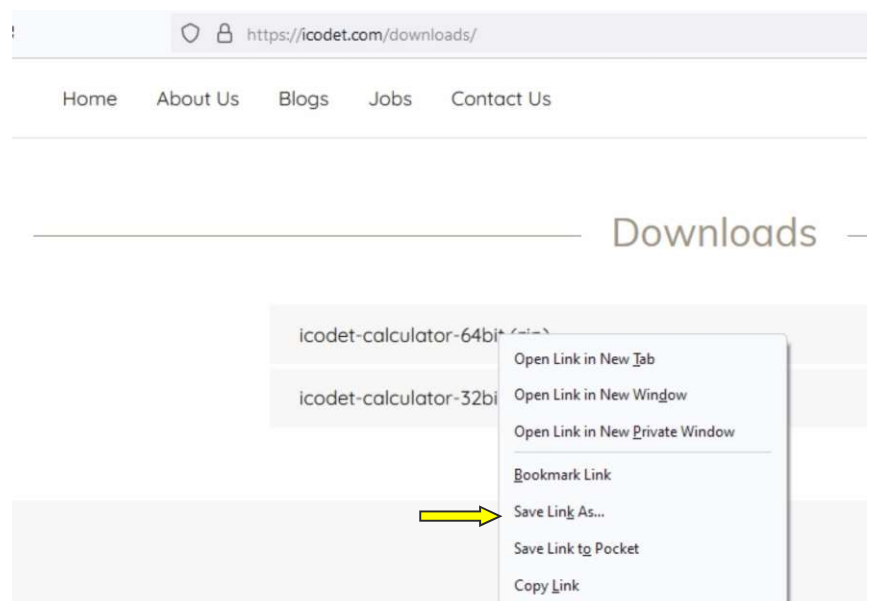
Your browser will also keep a history of every site you visit. This is another good way to find a site you visited previously. To view your history, open your browser settings—usually by clicking the icon in the upper-right corner—and select **History**.



Downloading Files

Links don't always go to another website. In some cases, they point to a **file** that can be **downloaded**, or saved, to your computer.

If you click a link to a file, it may download automatically, but sometimes it just **opens within your browser** instead of downloading. To prevent it from opening in the browser, you can **right-click** the link and select **Save link as** (different browsers may use slightly different wording, like **Save target as**).



Saving Images

Sometimes you may want to save an image from a website to your computer. To do this, right-click the image and select **Save image as** (or **Save picture as**).

