EDGE, THE NEW BROWSER

To launch Microsoft Edge (Windows + F1), select the **Microsoft Edge** button (it's the solid blue E) on the Windows Taskbar.

Edge Replaces Internet Explorer

Internet Explorer is no longer the default browser. In its place is a modern browser named Edge. Microsoft's Edge browser should be more standards-compliant and perform better. It also no longer supports ActiveX controls, so all those old Internet Explorer toolbars and browser plug-ins will no longer function. If you've been using Internet Explorer, this is the browser you'll probably be using instead. If you have used Internet Explorer before upgrading to Windows 10 and were satisfied with it, you don't have to use Edge. It's easy to place Internet Explorer on your Taskbar and use it as your default browser. If you were using Chrome or Firefox before the upgrade, you will want to continue browsing normally with one or the other.

If you want to use your familiar Internet Explorer browser, click on Start >All apps > Windows Accessories > right-click on Internet Explorer > Pin to Taskbar.

Edge is not a finished product

Expect more from Edge in the future as Microsoft continues adding features to their new browser. In particular, browser extensions will be arriving at some point, making Edge more competitive with Chrome and Firefox.

Search faster in the address bar

Enter your search in the address bar that appears either at the top of the page or the middle of the page, depending on how you have your home page organized. You'll get search suggestions, results from the web, your browsing history, and favorites right on the spot.

HUB ≡ IS A COLLECTION OF ALL YOUR WEB THINGS

Think of the Hub as the place where Microsoft Edge keeps the things you collect on the web. Select **Hub** ≡ (a set of three horizontal lines near the upper right corner of the window) to view your **favorites, reading list, browsing history,** and **current downloads.**

Save Articles to Read Later

Reading list gives you a place to save web articles you want to read later. Just select ☆ from the Menu bar, then **Reading list**, and then **Add**. Later, when you're ready to read, go to the **Hub** ☰ , and select **Reading list** ☰. This new feature will let you separate your web reading list from your web favorites.

A clean and simple read in the font size you prefer

For a clean and simple layout, select 📖in the address bar to turn on reading view. This will bring whatever you're reading front-and-center. You can even change the reading view style and font size to suit your mood—**select (…** identified by three dots in upper right corner of the window) followed by **Settings**. From there, scroll down to Reading section.

Sharing Web Pages

The Edge browser has an integrated sharing feature with a Share button (indicated by three small circles on the outer edge of a larger circle) on its toolbar. Tapping the Share button will open the system Share panel. You can extend the list here and share to more services by installing the appropriate apps from the Windows Store.

For example, if you want to share on Facebook, install the Facebook app. If you want to share on Twitter, install the Twitter app. This provides you with an easy way of sharing web pages without any browser extensions.

You can also tap the title of the page in the Share panel and choose to share a screenshot of the current web page rather than a link to it.

More Tips

✓ **PRIVATE BROWSING**: Open the menu (designated by … three dots in the upper right corner) from the toolbar and select New InPrivate window to open a private-browsing mode window. In this mode, your browser history data won't be saved.

✓ **PIN TO START**: Edge allows you to open the menu (designated by … three dots in the upper right corner) and select Pin to Start to pin the current web page to the Start menu as a tile, allowing you to open it quickly. Clicking the tile will open the web page in Edge, not its own browser window.

- ✓ **OPEN WITH INTERNET EXPLORER**: If you do need to open a web page with Internet Explorer, you can just click the menu button (three dots in the upper right corner) and select Open with Internet Explorer. As mentioned earlier, Internet Explorer is also buried in the All Apps menu under the "Windows Accessories" folder. For example, you may need to do this if you need to use a legacy web app that requires a browser plug-in like Java or Silverlight.

- ✓ **Dark Theme**: Like many other modern Windows 10 apps, Edge includes a dark theme as well as its default light theme. To activate it, open the menu (three dots in the upper right corner), click on Settings, and then select "Dark" under "Choose a theme."

- ✓ **DISABLE FLASH**: Microsoft Edge includes an integrated Flash Player, just as Google Chrome does. This is the only browser plug-in that works in Microsoft Edge. If you'd like to disable it for security reasons, you can do so by opening the settings menu (three dots in the upper right corner), clicking View advanced settings, and setting "Use Adobe Flash Player" to "Off."

- ✓ You'll find a variety of other ways to customize Edge's interface in its Settings menu, too. For example, **you can enable a Home button to quickly take you back to your preferred home page.** You can activate the "Show the favorites bar" setting to get an always-present toolbar for easier access to your favorite web pages.

- ✓ You can also configure which web pages Edge opens when you launch it, and what exactly appears when you open a New tab page. For example, you can make the New tab page largely blank without the "suggested content."

CHANGE YOUR DEFAULT SEARCH ENGINE

To change your search provider, open Microsoft Edge and click the menu button (that's the button with three horizontal dots at the top-right corner of the Edge window). Select "Settings" in the menu. It is located at the bottom of the list.

Scroll down in the Settings panel and click the "View advanced settings" button near the bottom.

Scroll down again in the Advanced settings list and you'll see the "Search in the address bar with" box. Click it and select "Add new."

You'll see a list of available search providers. Select the search engine you want to use and click "Add as default."

If the search engine you want to use doesn't appear here, be sure you've visited the search engine's homepage first. If you have and it still doesn't appear, that search engine doesn't support OpenSearch yet. You may want to contact the search engine and ask it to support OpenSearch so you can use it as your default search engine in Microsoft Edge.

CHANGE YOUR HOME PAGE

To change your home page, open Microsoft Edge and click the menu button (that's the button with three horizontal dots at the top-right corner of the Edge window). Select "Settings" in the menu. It is located at the bottom of the list.

Scroll down in the Settings panel and click "A specific page or pages." At custom, enter the web address for your preferred home page and then click the + sign.

Scroll down in the Settings panel and click the "View advanced settings" button near the bottom.

Turn on "Show the home button", then Save.

Click outside the menu bar to close it.

CHANGING THE DOWNLOAD LOCATION OF A LINK

Changing the download location in Edge just happens to be one of those options that just isn't part of the program - at least, for now. There is, however, an easy way to get around the problem. Otherwise, you would have to go to your Download folder to find and open the link.

By far the easiest way to change the download location is to right click a link to a file you intend to download, then choose "Save Target As". You will then be prompted with a "Save as" window, which will allow you to navigate to any folder on your system to save the file.