

TELUS- Finding Things Online

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[TELUS Wise employee] Now that you're connected to the internet, let's look at how you can find things that might be useful or interesting to you.

For now, we're going to be talking about using a browser to look at websites.

Every website has a web address or URL.

This tells your browser how to find it.

Each browser has a little box at the top that shows you the web address of the website you are on. [Web browser open with the web address bar empty]

If you type a web address into that box, the browser will show you that site. [Web address bar with "www.google.com" entered]

Each web address has two basic parts separated by a "." like google.com.

To the left of the dot is the name of the website, in this case Google. That's usually the part of the address that you'll recognize, youtube, [Web address bar with "www.youtube.com" entered] facebook, [Web address bar with "www.facebook.com" entered] Telus [Web address bar with "www.telus.com" entered] and so on.

To the right of the dot is the domain. In this case ".com".

The two most common domains are: ".com" and ".org".

".com" means it's a business and ".org" means it's some other kind of organization, but these are general rules only.

Some domains can even tell you where in the world the website is from.

For example, a ".ca" domain stands for Canada and most websites with that domain are Canadian.

Some sites have more than one address.

Google and Amazon, for instance, have both ".com" and ".ca" addresses.

With Google, it doesn't make a big difference, but using amazon.com or amazon.ca can make a difference when it comes to things like: what's for sale, if the prices displayed are in U.S. or Canadian dollars and how much you pay for shipping.

Some websites will redirect you to another address.

If you enter telus.ca for example, you'll be sent to telus.com. [Web address bar with "www.telus.ca" entered and www.telus.com opens]

A lot of websites have subpages with more text after the domain.

For example, the website address for Google Maps is www.google.com/maps.

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