Internet Browser – Customisation (Homepage, Bookmarks)

We all have our favourite webpages that we visit regularly using our internet browser of choice. Instead of manually navigating to these webpages, you can instead set them as your home or startup pages. This way, these pages will load automatically whenever you open your browser.

This guide will show you how to set a homepage and one or multiple startup pages for each popular web browser. You will also learn how to create and modify your browser bookmarks.

Google Chrome

1. Open **Google Chrome**, click the **three vertical dots** in the top right (below the X to exit) and select **Settings**
2. Select the **Appearance** tab on the left; here you can change your browser Theme, Homepage, Bookmark and Font settings
3. Next to **Show home button**, **flip the switch** to blue to enable the **Home button** in the top left of your browser
4. Select the **radio button** to the left of the **Enter custom web address** box and enter the **web address** of your preferred homepage
   a. For example, https://www.google.com.au/, https://duckduckgo.com/, https://mail.google.com/ or https://www.openaccess.edu.au/students/student-links
   b. To set your own homepage, **open that page** in your browser, **highlight** the **web address** at the top of the browser window, **right-click + copy** it and **right-click + paste** it in the **custom web address** box
5. Next to **Show bookmarks bar**, flip the switch **on** so it turns **blue** to enable the bookmarks bar at the top of your browser
   a. To create bookmarks, click the small **Star button** in the top right of your browser window
   b. To create bookmark folders, **right-click** the **Bookmarks bar** and select **Add folder**; you can then **left-click, hold and drag** bookmarks and folders around as you see fit
6. Now select the **On startup** tab on the left; here you can set one or several pages to automatically load whenever you open Google Chrome
7. Select the **radio button** to the left of **Open a specific page…**, click **Add a new page** and **copy-paste** the **web address** you want as in **Step 4b**; repeat this step to add as many startup pages as you desire
   a. Alternatively, open all the pages you want as separate tabs in your browser then click **Use current pages**

Mozilla Firefox

1. Open **Mozilla Firefox**, click the **three horizontal lines** in the top right (below the X to exit) and select **Settings**
2. Select the **Home** tab on the left; here you can set the home and new tab pages for your browser
3. In the **Homepage and new windows box**, enter the **web address** of your preferred homepage
   a. For example, https://www.google.com.au/, https://duckduckgo.com/, https://mail.google.com/ or https://www.openaccess.edu.au/students/student-links
   b. To set your own homepage, **open that page** in your browser, **highlight** the **web address** at the top of the browser window, **right-click + copy** it and **right-click + paste** it in the **custom web address** box
   c. You can enter multiple homepages by separating them with a pipe; this key looks like **|**, and can be entered by holding **Shift** on your keyboard and hitting the backslash **** key above **Enter/Return**
   d. Alternatively, open all the pages you want as separate tabs in your browser then click **Use current pages**
4. Click the **three horizontal lines** in the top right again, select **Bookmarks** and click **Show bookmarks bar** to enable the bookmarks bar at the top of your browser
   a. To create bookmarks, click the small **Star button** in the top right of your browser window
   b. To create bookmark folders, **right-click** the **Bookmarks bar** and select **Add Folder**; you can then **left-click, hold and drag** bookmarks and folders around as you see fit

Microsoft Edge

1. Open **Microsoft Edge**, click the **three horizontal dots** in the top right (below the X to exit) and select **Settings**
2. Select the **Appearance** tab on the left; here you can customise your toolbar and browser buttons
3. Below **Customise toolbar**, locate the **Show favourites bar** option, open the drop-down menu on the right and select **Always**
   a. To create favourites, click the small **Star button** in the top right of your browser window
   b. To create favourites folders, **right-click** the **Bookmarks bar** and select **Add folder**; you can then **left-click**, **hold and drag** favourites and folders around as you see fit
4. Below **Select which buttons to show…**, **flip the switch** to blue beside **Home button**, **Favourites button** and any other buttons you wish to enable
5. Select the **Start, home and new tabs tab** on the left; here you can set your startup, home and new tab pages
6. Under **When Microsoft Edge starts**, select the **radio button** to the left of **Open these pages** and click **Add a new page** to enter your preferred startup page
   a. For example, https://www.google.com.au/, https://duckduckgo.com/, https://mail.google.com/ or https://www.openaccess.edu.au/students/student-links
   b. To set your own startup page(s), **open that page** in your browser, **highlight** the **web address** at the top of the browser window, **right-click + copy** it and **right-click + paste** it in the **custom web address** box
   c. Alternatively, open all the pages you want as separate tabs in your browser then click **Use all open tabs**
7. Under **Home button**, **flip the switch** to blue beside **Show home button on the toolbar** to enable the home button in the top left of your browser
8. Select the **second radio button** (left of **Enter URL**) and enter your preferred homepage in the box
   a. For example, https://www.google.com.au/, https://duckduckgo.com/, https://mail.google.com/ or https://www.openaccess.edu.au/students/student-links
   b. To set your own homepage, **open that page** in your browser, **highlight** the **web address** at the top of the browser window, **right-click + copy** it and **right-click + paste** it in the **custom web address** box