

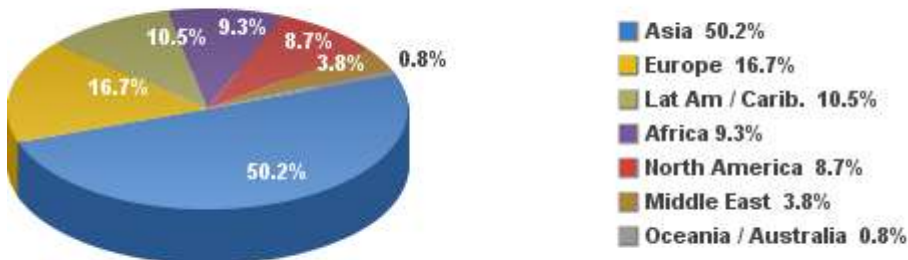
# USEFUL WWW Links

## Information, Utilities, Free Software

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### Internet Users in the World by Regions June 2016



Source: Internet World Stats - [www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm](http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm)  
Basis: 3,675,824,813 Internet users on June 30, 2016  
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<b>WORLD INTERNET USAGE AND POPULATION STATISTICS JUNE 30, 2016 - Update</b>						
World Regions	Population ( 2016 Est.)	Population % of World	Internet Users 30 June 2016	Penetration Rate (% Pop.)	Growth 2000-2016	Table % Users
<a href="#"><u>Asia</u></a>	4,052,652,889	55.2 %	<b>1,846,212,654</b>	45.6 %	1,515.2%	50.2 %
<a href="#"><u>Europe</u></a>	832,073,224	11.3 %	<b>614,979,903</b>	73.9 %	485.2%	16.7 %
<a href="#"><u>Latin America / Caribbean</u></a>	626,119,788	8.5 %	<b>384,751,302</b>	61.5 %	2,029.4%	10.5 %
<a href="#"><u>Africa</u></a>	1,185,529,578	16.2 %	<b>340,783,342</b>	28.7 %	7,448.8%	9.3 %
<a href="#"><u>North America</u></a>	359,492,293	4.9 %	<b>320,067,193</b>	89.0 %	196.1%	8.7 %
<a href="#"><u>Middle East</u></a>	246,700,900	3.4 %	<b>141,489,765</b>	57.4 %	4,207.4%	3.8 %
<a href="#"><u>Oceania / Australia</u></a>	37,590,820	0.5 %	<b>27,540,654</b>	73.3 %	261.4%	0.8 %
<a href="#"><u>WORLD TOTAL</u></a>	<b>7,340,159,492</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>3,675,824,813</b>	<b>50.1 %</b>	<b>918.3%</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

We exceeded 1 billion websites again sometime in 2015 and to stabilize the count above this historic milestone in 2016.<sup>[20]</sup>

## Tech Talk

HTTP Hypertext Transport Protocol (the computer language your browser uses)

URL Universal Resource Locator (another name for website address)

Home Page: default page you assign as the browser opens

Cookies: mini computer program code to help work with websites

Hyperlink: Active link to a website that can be embedded in any document, email or text.

## Types of Websites

Informational

Service

Financial

Search

Mail

1. [Personal Websites](#)
2. [File/Photo Sharing Websites](#)
3. [Writers / Authors Websites](#)
4. [Community Building Websites](#)
5. [Mobile Device Websites](#)
6. [Blogs](#)
7. [Informational Websites](#)
8. [Online Business Brochure/Catalog](#)
9. [Directory Websites](#)
10. [E-commerce Websites](#)

## Cautions before you Search

Validate the website you are accessing

Install personal Firewall

Be cautious if you are asked for personal information

Use encryption to protect sensitive data transmitted over public networks and the Internet

Install anti-virus, perform scheduled virus scanning and keep virus signature up-to-date

Apply security patching timely

Backup your system and data, and store it securely

Don't download data from doubtful sources

Don't visit untrustworthy sites out of curiosity, or access the URLs provided in those websites

Don't use illegal software and programs

Don't download programs without permission of the copyright owner or licensee (e.g.

## Functional Websites (for everyday Victoria Life)

<http://images.drivebc.ca/bchighwaycam/pub/html/www/index-Northern.html>  
<http://www.timescolonist.com/>  
<http://www.dogpile.com/>  
<http://www.yellowpages.ca/>  
<http://speedtest.shaw.ca/>  
<https://www.tide-forecast.com/locations/Victoria-British-Columbia/tides/latest>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)  
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/weather/british-columbia/victoria>  
<https://app.bchydro.com/.bchydro.com>  
<http://www.webvic.com/movies/whatsplayingwhere.html>  
<http://gvpl.ca/>  
<http://www.cloudtop.co/betaca/freemusic/>  
<http://download.cnet.com/windows/>  
<https://www.office.com/>  
<http://hoaxbusters.org/>

## Anti-Malware

### Ad-Aware SE Personal

**Remarks:** Ad-Aware scans your computer for known data-mining, aggressive advertising, Trojans, diallers, malware, browser hijackers, and tracking spyware, and removes them.

<http://www.javasoftusa.com/software/adaware/>

### Advanced SystemCare Free

**Remarks:** A comprehensive PC maintenance tool with a one-click approach to optimize your system, clean your registry, and repair and speed up your computer.

<http://www.iodit.com/> (Then click on Downloads)

### Malwarebytes Anti-Malware

**Remarks:** When your computer becomes infected, Malwarebytes can provide the needed assistance to remove the infection and restore the machine back to optimum performance.

[www.malwarebytes.org/](http://www.malwarebytes.org/)

### Spybot – Search and Destroy

**Remarks:** Spybot – S & D scans your computer for spyware, adware, hijackers and other malicious software.

<http://www.spybot.info/en/download/index.html>

## Anti-Virus

### AVG (Rated highly)

**Remarks:** AVG provides excellent anti-virus protection for your home computer. **Caution! You should not have more than one anti-virus program on your computer as they may conflict with each other.** AVG also provides a maintenance and cleanup add-on program that removes unwanted files, cleans up the registry and removes invalid links or startup programs.

<http://www.grisoft.com/doc/71/lng/us/tpl/tpl01>

## Microsoft Security Essentials

**Remarks:** Microsoft Security Essentials provides real-time protection for your home PC that guards against viruses, spyware, and other malicious software. **Caution! You should not have more than one anti-virus program on your computer as they may conflict with each**

[http://www.microsoft.com/Security\\_essentials/](http://www.microsoft.com/Security_essentials/)

## AVAST (Rated highly)

Another really good virus checking program

[https://www.avast.com/en-ca/lp-ppc-win-01c?utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=EN-CA\\_Search\\_Brand\\_Bing&utm\\_term=%2Bavast%20%2Bfree&utm\\_content=free\\_avast\(broad\)](https://www.avast.com/en-ca/lp-ppc-win-01c?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=EN-CA_Search_Brand_Bing&utm_term=%2Bavast%20%2Bfree&utm_content=free_avast(broad))

## Hoaxes and other bad software reports:

<http://hoaxbusters.org/>

## Browser Add-Ons

### Google Toolbar

**Remarks:** The Google Toolbar allows you to do a Google search from any web page. It blocks pop-ups and has other optional features.

<http://toolbar.google.com/>

## Browsers

### Firefox

**Remarks:** Firefox is a web browser like Internet Explorer. It is reputed to be less vulnerable to hackers.

<http://www.mozilla.com/>

### Google Chrome

**Remarks:**

[www.google.com/chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome)

## Chat

### Skype

The most accepted full video, audio, chat communication program.

<https://www.skype.com/en/download-skype/skype-for-computer/>

### Windows Live Messenger

**Remarks:** With Windows Live Messenger you can chat online via text, voice, mobile phone or even video conversation -- in real time -- with your friends, family, or colleagues.

<http://messenger.msn.com/Xp/>

## Genealogy

### Legacy Family Tree – Trial Version

**Remarks:** Legacy is used by genealogists to record details about their ancestors. It can also be used just to store family information like birthdays, anniversaries, addresses, photos, and phone numbers.

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Download.asp>

### RootsMagic Essentials

**Remarks:** RootsMagic is used by genealogists to record details about their ancestors. It can also be used just to store family information like birthdays, anniversaries, addresses, photos, and phone numbers.

<http://www.rootsmagic.com>

## General Utilities

### Adobe Reader

**Remarks:** Adobe Reader allows you to view, print, and search Adobe PDF files.

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

### Alarm Clock

**Remarks:** Talking Alarm Clock lets your computer remind you of important dates and events. It uses Microsoft Agent to show a talking animated alarm.

<http://www.cinnamonsoftware.com/freeware.htm>

### AM-DeadLink

**Remarks:** AM-DeadLink detects dead links and duplicates in your Internet Explorer Favorites or Mozilla Firefox Bookmarks.

[http://download.cnet.com/AM-DeadLink/3000-2370\\_4-10056655.html](http://download.cnet.com/AM-DeadLink/3000-2370_4-10056655.html)

### Belarc Advisor

**Remarks:** Belarc Advisor builds a detailed profile of your installed software and hardware, including Microsoft Hotfixes, and displays the results in your Web browser.

[http://www.belarc.com/free\\_download.html](http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html)

### CCleaner

**Remarks:** CCleaner removes unused files from your system - allowing Windows to run faster and freeing up valuable hard disk space.

<http://www.ccleaner.com/ccdownload.asp>

### Desktop Calendar

**Remarks:** Desktop Calendar is an easy-to-use calendar that sits right on your Windows Desktop.

<http://www.desktopcalendar.tk/>

### Desktop Clock

**Remarks:** ClocX adds an analog clock to your desktop. Also works as an alarm clock

<http://www.tensor.cz/clocx/>

### Google Desktop

**Remarks:** Finds any file in your computer instantly. Not needed in Windows Vista or Windows 7

<http://desktop.google.com>

### MWSnap

**Remarks:** MWSnap is used to capture a screen or any part of a screen and save it as an image file.

<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/mwsnap.html>

### Stickies

**Remarks:** Create sticky notes to write down ideas and reminders right on your computer desktop.

<http://www.zhornsoftware.co.uk/stickies/download.html>

### WeatherEye Desktop Gadget

**Remarks:** Put a weather station on your desktop.

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/> - Click on "Desktop Downloads" – "WeatherEye (For PC..)"

## WordWeb

**Remarks:** A dictionary and a thesaurus that lets you look up words. Hold down the CTRL key and right-click on a word. Definitions, synonyms, antonyms, and web links pop up.

<http://wordweb.info/>

## Internet Security

### Zone Alarm

**Remarks:** Zone Alarm is an internet firewall that blocks hackers, spyware, and Trojans. It also blocks your computer from connecting to web sites and sending information without your permission.

<http://www.zonelabs.com/store/content/company/products/znalm/freeDownload.jsp>

## Photography Programs

### IrfanView

**Remarks:** IrfanView is an easy to use photo editor.

<http://www.irfanview.com/>

### MAGIX Xtreme Photo Designer

**Remarks:** MAGIX Xtreme Photo Designer can be used to edit photos or create a panorama.

<http://www.magix.com> Click on Free Downloads and then click on Xtreme Photo Designer.

### Paint.net

**Remarks:** Paint.net is free image and photo manipulation software. It supports layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools.

<http://www.getpaint.net/>

### Picasa

**Remarks:** Picasa helps you find, edit, and organize all the pictures on your PC.

<http://picasa.google.com/>

### PIXresizer

**Remarks:** A simple photo resizer.

<http://pixresizer.en.softonic.com/>

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