

How To Change Your Home Page



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Introduction

Your **Home Page** is what you see whenever you open your **web browser**. A web browser is a program or **App** that acts as an interface between your computer and the **World Wide Web** of the Internet. Web browsers such as Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome, typically establish a default **Home Page** when they are first installed or when they are updated. Sometimes, installing new software will result in your **Home Page** being changed (sometimes without your permission). In any case, you have the power to change your **Home Page**.

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Changing your Home Page in Microsoft Edge

Microsoft Edge is the web browser that Microsoft includes with each installed copy of Windows 10. It assumes that you would like to use the default page as your *Home Page*.

- ✓ Open **Edge**.
- ✓ Browse to the web page that you would like to use as your *Home Page*.

You can use *any* web page as your Home Page. In this example the *Bristol Village Computer Club* page will be set to be the new *Home Page*.

- ✓ Enter **bvres.org** in the *Address Box* and then select the **Computer Club** option (or enter your desired *Home Page*).
- ✓ Highlight the *Address Bar text*, then press **Ctrl+C** to copy the address text.

Next, the Edge *settings* option will be used to define the new home page.

- ✓ Select the **Settings and More** option in the upper right corner of the *Edge* window.
- ✓ Select **Setting Options** from the *Settings and More* context menu.

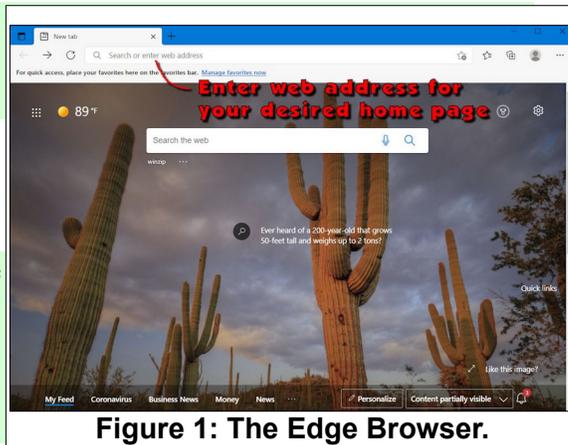


Figure 1: The Edge Browser.

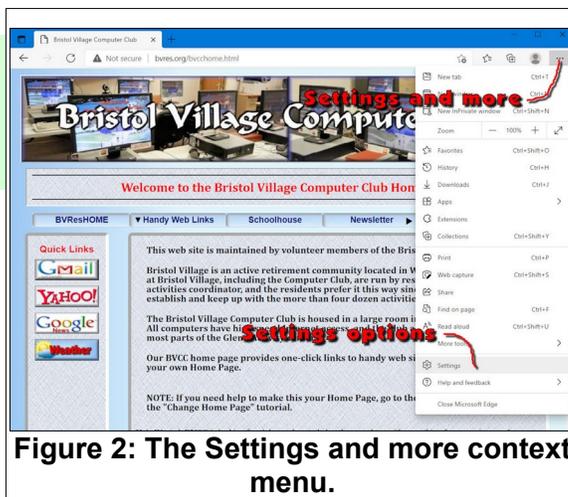


Figure 2: The Settings and more context menu.

This will open *Settings* window TAB in the browser.

- ✓ In the *Settings* window, select **On startup**.
- ✓ Toggle the *Open a specific page* **ON**.
- ✓ In the pop up dialog box, press **Ctrl+V** to paste your desired home page address. Then select **Add**.
- ✓ Close *Edge*.

The next time you open *Edge*, it will open to your preferred *Home Page*.

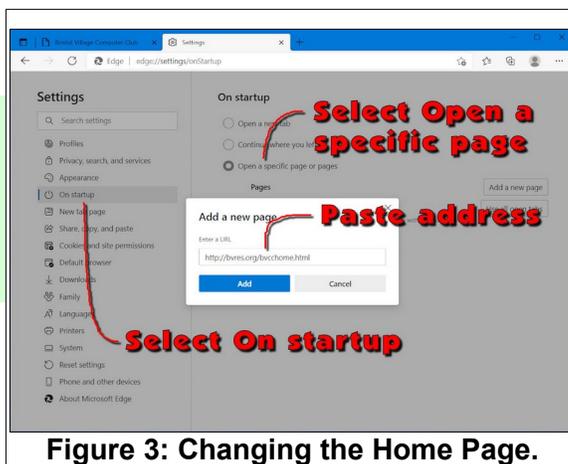


Figure 3: Changing the Home Page.



Changing your Home Page in Mozilla Firefox

Mozilla Firefox is a free web browsing program that is preferred by many Windows users because it does not carry the same baggage and hacking possibilities as Microsoft Edge. **Firefox** comes with a default **Home Page**.

- ✓ First, browse to the web page that you would like to use as your **Home Page**.

In this example the Bristol Village Computer Club page (<http://bvres.org/bvcchome.html>) will be set to be the new **Home Page**.

- ✓ Enter **bvres.org** in the web page **Address Box** and then select the **Computer Club** option (or enter the desired **Home Page**).
- ✓ Select the **Applications Menu** from the upper right corner of the Firefox window.
- ✓ Select the **Settings** option from the **Applications context menu**.

- ✓ In the **Options** dialog box select the **Home** option. Then, select **Use Current Page**.

Any time you want to change your **Home Page** just repeat the above process.

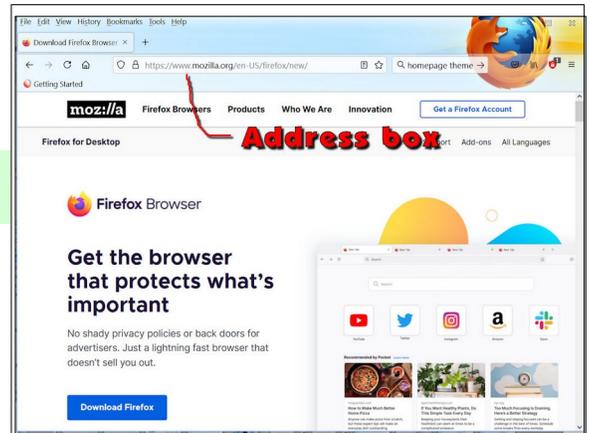


Figure 4: The Firefox download page.



Figure 5: Selecting Firefox Settings.

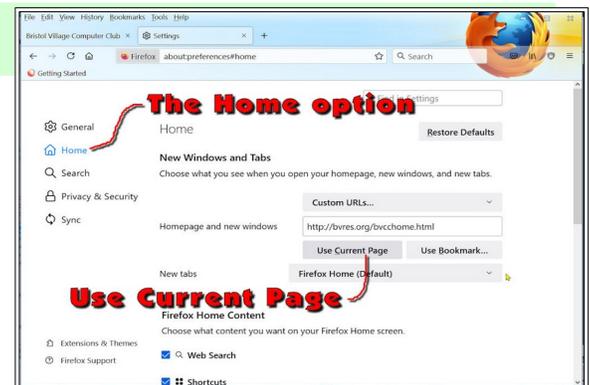


Figure 6: Setting the Home Page.



Installing a Firefox Ad Blocker

There is an important add-on feature available in **Firefox** that will prevent the annoying pop up boxes that appear in some web sites.

If the Firefox **Menu Bar** is not shown on THE Firefox window, **right click** near the top of the window and toggle the **menu on**.

- ✓ From the Firefox **Menu bar**, select **Tools, Add-ons**.
- ✓ In the **Add-ons Manager** tab, select the **Find more add-ons** option.
- ✓ In the **Add-ons for Firefox** tab, enter **adblock** in the **Find add-ons** search box.
- ✓ Select the **AdBlock Ultimate Install** option, then select **Install**.



Figure 7: Toggling the Menu Bar on.

This will stop most annoying pop up ads.

If you navigate to a page where you are willing to accept ads, select the adblock shield icon near the upper right corner of the Firefox window and toggle enable ads on this site on.

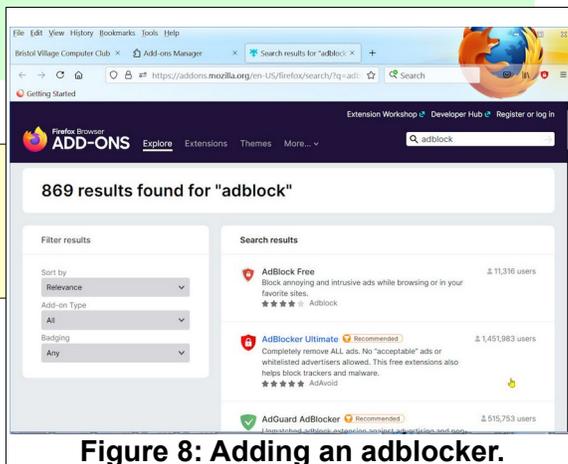


Figure 8: Adding an adblocker.



Changing your Home Page in Google Chrome

Google not only supplies a powerful search engine and other utilities, it provides the *Chrome* web browser. **Google Chrome** is probably the third most used web browser (behind **Microsoft Edge** and **Firefox**).

You can download [Google Chrome here](#).

- ✓ Open *Google Chrome*.
- ✓ First, browse to the web page that you would like to use as your *Home Page*.

In this example the Bristol Village Computer Club page (<http://bvres.org/bvcchome.html>) will be set to be the new *Home Page*.

- ✓ Enter **bvres.org** in the Address Box and then select the *Computer Club* option (or enter the desired *Home Page*).
- ✓ In the upper right corner of the Google web browser window, select the **Customize and control Google Chrome** tool.
- ✓ Select the **Settings** option from the context tool window.
- ✓ Scroll down to the *On startup* area.
- ✓ Select *Open a specific page or set of pages*.
- ✓ Select **Use current page**.

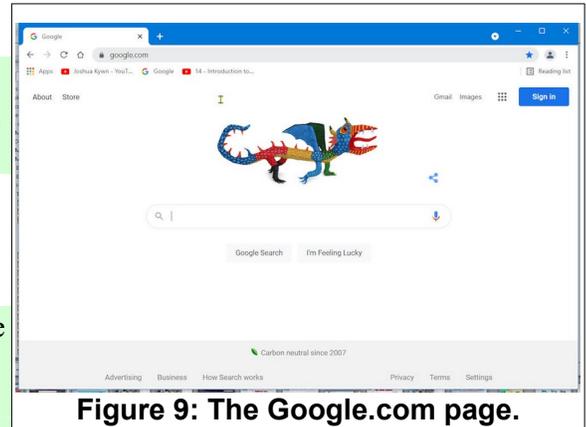


Figure 9: The Google.com page.



Figure 10: Opening the settings options.

This will make the preferred web page become your *Home Page*. The next time you open Chrome this page will open. Any time you want to change your *Home Page* just repeat the above process.

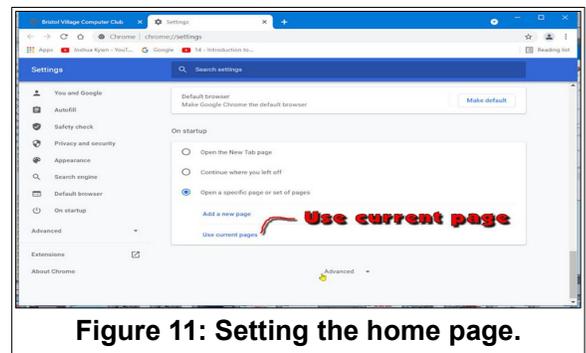


Figure 11: Setting the home page.

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See the BVCC Schoolhouse <http://bvres.org/Schoolhouse-web-page/schoolhouse.html> for other LibreOffice tutorials.