

LESSON 40

MS IE CHANNEL BARS

SET BROWSER HOME PAGE USING CHECK LINK

When you first run Windows 98 you'll likely end up with a "channel bar" on your screen that displays Active Channels, Microsoft's push technology used by some Web sites to automate the updating of information sent to your desktop. You can subscribe to a channel by clicking on its icon. If you use your computer more for work than for pleasure you may want to eliminate the channel bar from your Desktop. Here's how to get rid of the channel bar.

Right-click on a blank space on the Desktop and then click on Properties. Select the Web tab and delete the check mark next to Internet Explorer Channel Bar. The View My Active Desktop as a Web Page must be checked in order for the channel bar to work.

If you use Microsoft Internet Explorer as your Web browser the default site you go to is a Microsoft site. Here's how to change it.

From Internet Explorer go to the Web site you want to come up each time you connect to the Internet. Click on View and select Internet Options. Click the Use Current Button and then click on OK. That Web site will come up every time you use Internet Explorer.

You can do the same thing in Netscape Navigator. Go to the page you want to have as your startup page, click on Edit and then select Preferences. In the Navigator Starts With section select Home Page. Click the Use Current Page button to select the page you are currently viewing.

Sometimes when we delete programs and other files we leave bits and parts of menus and files on the hard disk. Microsoft has a utility in Windows 98 called CHKLNKS.EXE. Here's how to use it.

Place your Windows 98 CD-ROM disk in the drive. Right-Click on My Computer and then select Explore. If the Windows 98 Install screen appears, just click on Browse This CD. Open TOOLS, then RESKIT, and then open DESKTOP. Locate CHKLNKS.EXE on the list and then left click on it. While holding down the left mouse button drag the CHLKNKS icon down to the Start menu and drop it by releasing the mouse button.

Now when you click on Start CHKLNKS will be an option on the top section of the start menu bar. Run the program from time to time to keep your links clean and currant.

Now that wasn't so hard, was it?

