

LESSON 97

A WORD ON AUTOCOMPLETE IN INTERNET EXPLORER

Microsoft Internet Explorer, versions 4.0 and 5.0, includes a feature called "autocomplete" that tries to fill in the rest of a Web address as you type in the first few characters. My problem is that the autocomplete feature only works for Web sites whose addresses end with .com, .org or .edu. Here's how to include Web sites with .net and .gov endings in autocomplete.

Click on start and then on Run. Type in "REGEDIT" (without the quotes) and press Enter or click O.K. Double-click on HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE. Double-click on Software and continue double-clicking on Microsoft, Internet Explorer, Main and UrlTemplate.

You may see the following settings:

"www.%s.com"

"www.%s.edu"

"www.%s.org"

"%s.com"

"%s.edu"

"%s.org"

Let's add .net and .gov to the list.

Click on Edit and then on New. Select String Value and then New. On the right side of your screen you'll see NEW VALUE#1. Look at the last number used. It will appear directly above. Type in the next number. For example, if the number above is 7, type in an 8. Press the Enter key. Right-click on the new entry and select Modify. In the Value data: box type "www.%snet". Be sure to use the quotes. Repeat the process and add "www.%s.gov", "%s.net" and "%s.gov". Again, be sure to include the quotes.

Click on the X in the upper right corner of your screen. Now, Internet Explorer will recognize and autocomplete Web sites with .net and .gov endings.

