

## **LESSON 200**

### **TWEAKS FOR MS INTERNET EXPLORER**

One of the things that slow Internet Explorer down as it loads Web pages is the time it takes to load pictures and then redraw text to fit around those pictures. Internet Explorer has a feature called "Image Placeholders". The image placeholder allows a Web page to display in the correct format, even before it finishes loading. You'll be able to read the text while graphics download and the placeholder prevents the text from being redrawn around the graphics. The result is a faster Web page load.

To enable this feature, from within Internet Explorer, click on Tools and then on Internet Options. Click on the Advanced tab and, using your down arrow, scroll down to the Multimedia section. Click on the small box next to Show Image Download Placeholders. Click on Apply and then on OK.

While in Internet Explorer you can run programs. For example, if you wanted to run the Microsoft Paint program, click on the Address bar (which displays the URL of the currently displayed Web page) which will highlight the text. Type the line "C:\PROGRAMFILES\ACCESSORIES\MSPAINTE.EXE" (without the quotes) and click GO or press the Enter key. An even faster way to run this program from within Internet Explorer is to click on Start, then on Run, and then type "MSPAINTE" (again, without the quotes) and press the Enter key.

Type a subject in the IE Address bar using key words. Click Go or press Enter and IE will search for related topics, which will be displayed for you to work with.

Finally, when you type a URL in the IE Address bar, pressing the Enter key will get you there faster than taking your hand off the keyboard and using your mouse to navigate to and click on the Go button located to the right of the Address bar.

