Internet Explorer 7

MULTIPLE HOMEPAGES

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Since Internet Explorer 7 can display tabs, you can designate multiple homepages to open all at once each time you open Internet Explorer. It's a great way to save time by calling up one-site after another, because they'll all be loading in the background as you read the first one.

In this lesson, a *homepage* is the webpage that your browser (i.e., Internet Explorer) is set to display when it opens.

For example, Google has been my homepage of choice for a long time. However, of all the sites I have in my Favorites or in my Links, my own homepage is the most likely to be visited after Google. Now I can open both at the same time.

If you're using Internet Explorer 7 with Windows XP, this procedure works only if you are displaying the Links Bar. To read how to add the Links Bar to your ToolBar, see my lesson "MenuBar and Links Added" at http://darryd.com/IE7.

While there is, apparently, no limit to the number of additional homepages that you can have, your system memory (RAM) will limit your choices.

Here's how to do it.

1. Open Internet Explorer 7. Your designated homepage shows (**Figure 1**). Note that there is one tab with the name of the webpage — in this case, "Google" — being shown.

Figure 1

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2. Open a second webpage by holding the Ctrl key, on the keyboard, and Left-clicking on a link (**Figure 2**).
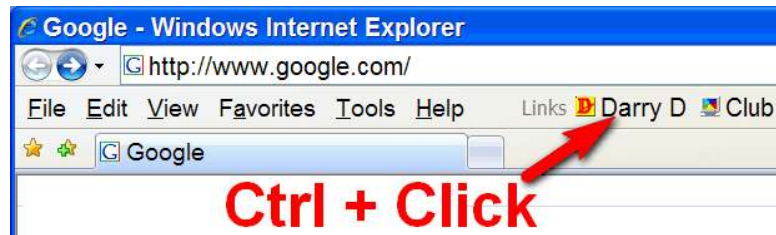
Figure 2

3. You can see the new page, but the original — the homepage — remains available via a tab (**Figure 3**).

Figure 3

4. Select "Add or Change" option from the drop-down menu (Figure 4):
❶ Make sure you're at the webpage shown by the 2nd tab.
❷ Left-click on the downward arrow next to the icon of a home.
❸ Left-click on the "Add or Change Home Page."

Figure 4

5. Add the page (**Figure 5**):
❶ Left-click on "Add this webpage to your home page tabs."
❷ Touch the *Enter* key, on the keyboard, or click on the "Yes" button.

Figure 5

6. You can always add additional tabs to this starter set by choosing "Add this webpage to your home page tabs" for each additional webpage you want showing when you open Internet Explorer 7.

7. When you decide to close Internet Explorer 7, you'll have to select the "Close Tabs" button (**Figure 6**).
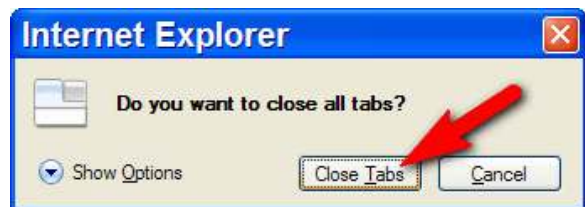
Figure 6

8. If, while using Internet Explorer 7, you want to close only one webpage, click on the "X" next to the name of that webpage on its tab (**Figure 7**).
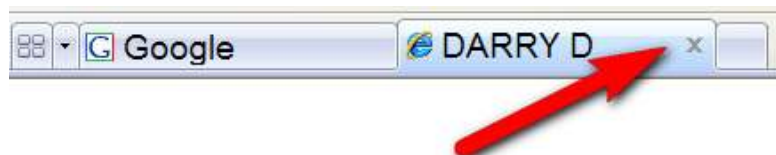
Figure 7