

**CS 10001 Computer Literacy - CHAPTER 3**  
**USING THE INTERNET: MAKING THE MOST OF THE WEB'S RESOURCES**

**WEB PROJECT: ALTERNATIVE WEB BROWSERS**

If you ask someone what Web browser they use, they'll probably say Internet Explorer (IE). Although IE currently rules the browser market, we're starting to see more competition among alternate browsers.

This project has two parts. For the first part you will research browsers on the Internet using the suggested web sites provided below (you may use additional web based information but if you do you must provide the URL where you obtained the information). Find at least three browsers other than Internet Explorer (or SAFARI if you are a MAC user) and write a few paragraphs that list the specifications of each browser. What are the features that make the alternative browsers stand apart from IE? Are they all free? Which one do you feel provides the most information on what you get if you use that browser.

For the second part of this project, choose one of the free browsers you investigated in part one and attempt to download and install it on your own computer (if you do not own a computer or have access to one that you can install software on please contact the instructor for details on an alternative project). Write up any problems you encountered while you were installing the browser. Use the browser for any web based activities you engage in for at least a 24 hour period of time - write up any problems you encountered and how the browser you chose to use compares to the browser you normally use.

Your write-up for both part one and part two should be submitted electronically as an attachment in an email sent to [volkert@cs.kent.edu](mailto:volkert@cs.kent.edu) include any instructions that might be needed to open your attachment (e.g. the attachment is in WORD format - use MS WORD to open and view). Your email containing your project write-up must be sent no later than Friday, September 19, 2008, 5:00pm EDT.

**Suggested Web Sites:**

<http://reviews.zdnet.co.uk/software/productivity/0,1000001108,39284445,00.htm>  
<http://www.alternativebrowseralliance.com/>  
<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,1990859,00.asp>  
[http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/web\\_browser\\_faceoff.php](http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/web_browser_faceoff.php)  
<http://www.w3.org/WAI/References/Browsing>

**Suggested Browsers to Try:**

Opera - <http://www.opera.com/>  
Firefox/Mozilla - <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>  
Safari - <http://www.apple.com/safari/>  
Google Chrome - only available for Windows machines - <http://www.google.com/chrome/>  
Camino - only available for Mac OSX machines - <http://caminobrowser.org/>

**Suggested Keywords you might try when searching for information on web Browsers:**

Browser Comparison, Alternative Web Browsers, Browser Market Share