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Getting More out of the Web: Using Safari, Google and Macintosh resource sites presented by Ronald Gehrmann

INTRO

- focusing on Safari
- Firefox as alternative when sites incompatible
- skip Internet Explorer; it's defunct

APPLICATION MENUS & PREFERENCES

- review all menu commands
- review all preferences
- block pop-ups, but some sites depend on them
- tabbed browsing
- RSS newsfeeds

NAVIGATION

- · tabbed browsing vs. multiple browser windows
- shortcuts: tab, arrow, space bar, shift as modifier, delete
- command-click to load in tab
- command-click group to open all in tabs
- shortcuts for moving between tabs
- shortcuts, don't need www or .com
- snapback
- cursor turns to finger = link
- status bar and blue bar for indication about page loading
- customize title bar of browser window
- add bookmarks

MULTIMEDIA

- radio & TV stations, video, podcasts -- it's all online
- RealPlayer
- Flip4Mac
- Windows Media Player
- Flash Player
- the above can handle most multimedia content

DOWNLOADS

- ways save content for offline reading: web archive, PDF, screenshots
- download images via drag & drop or right-click
- save text via copy/paste or click/hold and drag to create text clipping
- mailing URLS, must use angle brackets

ORGANIZATION

- organize your bookmarks
- search bookmarks & history
- in save dialog, rename bookmarks for brevity & clarity

TROUBLESHOOTING

- empty browser cache to remedy performance problems
- sometimes refresh page or empty cache to see newest version of page
- spinning beachball of death: force quit via command-optionescape or control-option click on dock icon
- some website problems caused by plug-ins
- one of the reasons to upgrade browser and system is because sites change so quickly

MAC NEWS SITES

- MacFixit
- MacSurfer
- Macosxhints
- Versiontracker
- Macworld news

OTHER SITES

- Google advanced searches & features
- Google Maps
- Wikipedia
- travel sites
- using public computer to check email, make sure history is cleared, and you are logged out. Perhaps quit & restart browser, too.