What is a browser ?

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A web **browser** is basically a software application (**app** or **program**) that allows you to get onto the internet, and view web pages such as our Home page at <u>www.theramblers.ie</u> or the Members Area page at<u>www.theramblers.ie/members-area/</u>

Every web page has a unique **address** or **URL** [which stands for Universal/Uniform Resource Locator].

The full URL for our Members Area page is **https://www.theramblers.ie/members-area/** but the **https://** and even the **www.** can often be omitted

If you click on a link to a URL then Windows will open the default browser [unless it has already been opened] and load the page.

So if you receive an email which asks you to

".... please click on this link <u>www.theramblers.ie</u> to get to our Home page..." you will see your default browser in action.



The default browser here is Microsoft Edge which comes with Windows 10

The most common browsers and their icons are



You can click here to find out which browser you are using.

Tabs

All browsers will allow you to have two or more different pages open in different **tabs** making it quick to switch from one page to another

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	Changing your password As with all guides it's a good idea to read through all the steps to find the process - printing out the guide is also helpful if not essential. Step 1 When you see a screen asking you for your log in details i.e Username + Password, just click on Lost Password ? There is no need to enter any details. Step 2 Wait until you see this screen with the WordPress logo - it may take a little time so be patient.	30/12/16 out what to expect before starting Username Password Lost Password? Log IN

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