



# Technology Tracks

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## Internet Explorer 8

Microsoft released Internet Explorer 8 on Thursday, March 19 through their web site. New features include Accelerators, In Private Browsing, Web Slices, Search Suggestions, Smartscreen Filter

Accelerators allow you to use data (text) from one web page and invoke features within a window, like mapping, E-mailing, or Searching with the selected text. In Private Browsing allows you to go shopping without leaving a trace. Web Slices can be used to track updates to selected web pages, such as an Ebay auction, stock price or weather. Instant Search provides detailed suggestions based on partially entered text. The Smartscreen filter will track what's coming from the web site and trap deceptive and malicious web sites.

It might be a bit premature to upgrade to it. We would advise that one waits until it's been released for a couple of months so that there is time to address any issues that arise during the initial deployment. If you want to migrate to it, it can be downloaded from Microsoft via the following location –

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer/worldwide-sites.aspx>

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## Display Recently Opened Documents

To display your recent documents folder in Windows XP follow these steps:

1. Right click on the **Start** button and select **Properties**, or if the Start menu is already up, simply right click on any blank area and select **Properties**. Either way is fine!
2. From the **Properties** menu, select the **Start Menu** tab at the top and then select **Customize**. Click the **Advanced** button.
3. Under **Recent Documents**, check the “**List my most recently opened documents**” check box, then click **OK** until you exit the window. The next time you swing the Start Menu out My Recent Documents should be displayed.

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## Forward that E-mail?

Have you received an E-mail forwarded from someone that looks like it may be questionable or hard to believe? The web site at [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) can be used to check out the E-mail message to see if it might be a contrived E-mail.

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## Web Winner

Need access to a dictionary? It's available online at [www.webster.com](http://www.webster.com) or you can use the site [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com).

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## Tips & Tricks

Here's a nice tip to minimize and maximize all your active windows programs. You can do all using your mouse, but if you want to do it all quickly with the keyboard then simply press **Windows key+M** to minimize all active programs and later maximize all of them using **Windows key+Shift+M**.

If you want to minimize the all active windows programs one by one then use the shortcut by pressing **Alt+Space+N** keys and sequentially maximize the active windows programs using shortcut **Alt+Space+X** keys.

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