# Ford's Colony Computer & Technology Club

"Mastering Your Internet Browser"
February 21, 2022



- at Swim & Tennis Club AND simulcast via ZOOM.
- Zoom Logon Credentials Check "Talk of the Colony" or the Club's website **FCCT.CLUB** for information.
- Next Month's Meeting Monday, March 21
  - Apple CarPlay & Android Auto How to Upgrade Your Auto's Infotainment System - Rick Chase
- Tonight's Presentation
  - Mastering Your Internet Browser Rick Chase

## WHAT'S THE CURRENT BROWSER PLAYING FIELD?

- Google Chrome has ~ 70% of the D/T browser market; and 60% of the mobile market.
- Speed and compatibility are now the basic selection criteria.
- Firefox, Edge, Safari, Brave, TOR and Opera all have features not found in Google's browser.
- Linkage between your desktop browser and your phone/tablet has become increasingly important.
- Almost all browsers now can remember passwords for you and sync them (in encrypted form).
- Chrome, by default, signs you into Google services like Gmail and YouTube, which some consider presumptuous.

- There is NO single test to determine which browser is the best.
  - Speed of loading results is often the first consideration. But that's not the whole story....
- Other considerations include but are not limited to:
  - Feature sets
  - Synchronization of settings
  - GPU/CPU resource loads
  - RAM usage
  - Security
  - Privacy

#### **FEATURE SETS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER**

- Customization of GUI (Graphical User Interface)
- Mobile integration
- Reader views
- Synchronization of bookmarks and browsing history across devices
- Bookmark (Favorite) tools
- Importing/Exporting of Bookmarks
- Remembering web credentials (username & passwords) for you and sync them (in encrypted form)
- AD blockers



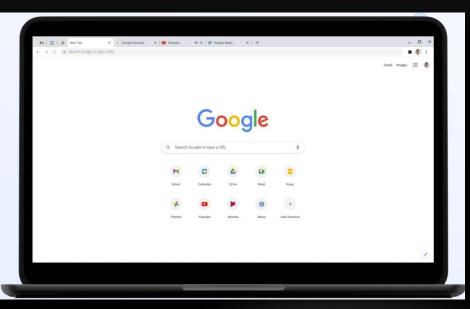








### **CHROMIUM BASED BROWSERS**



- Chromium
- Google Chrome
- Microsoft EDGE
- Opera
- Vivaldi
- Brave
- Blisk
- Colibri
- Epic
  - Iron

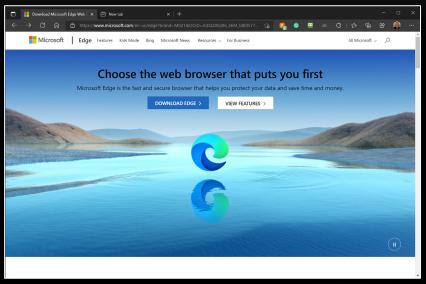
- Privacy & Security

- Customization
- Convenience features
- Tab and start-page tools
- Mobile integration

- Speed
- Standards support

**Basic Requirements** 

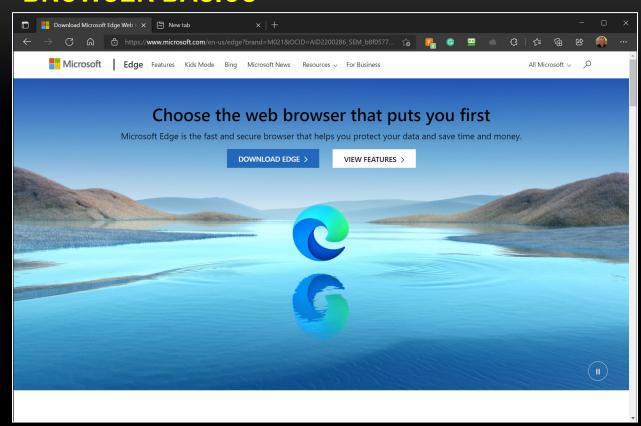
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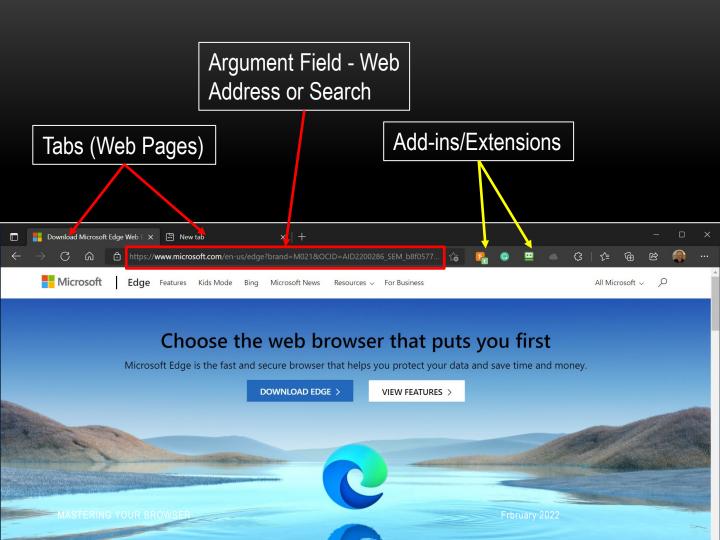


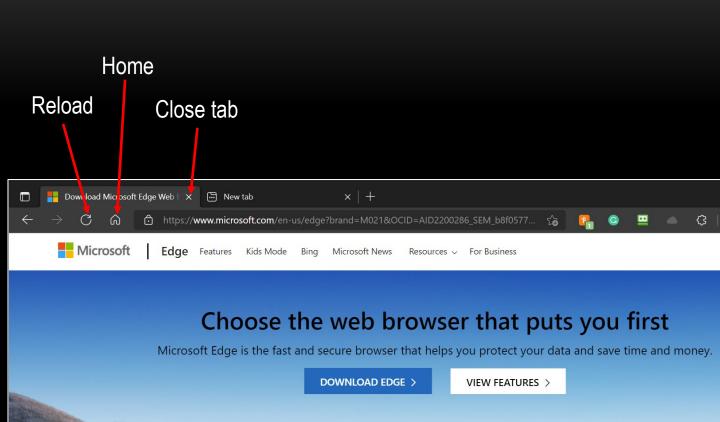
- Chromium based
- Versions available for Windows, Mac, Android and iOS
- Ability to synch settings (e.g. Favorites, browsing history, encrypted web credentials, etc.)
- Collections
- Immersive Reader (F9)
- Sharing
- Supports most Chrome extensions

https://www.microsoft.com/ en-us/edge/features

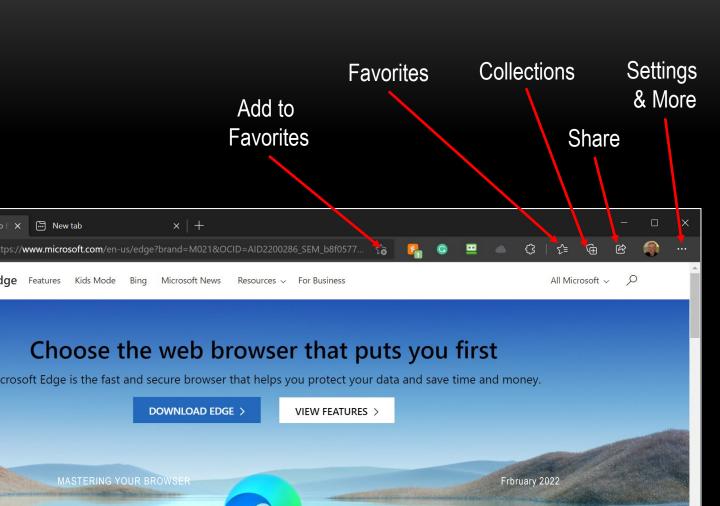
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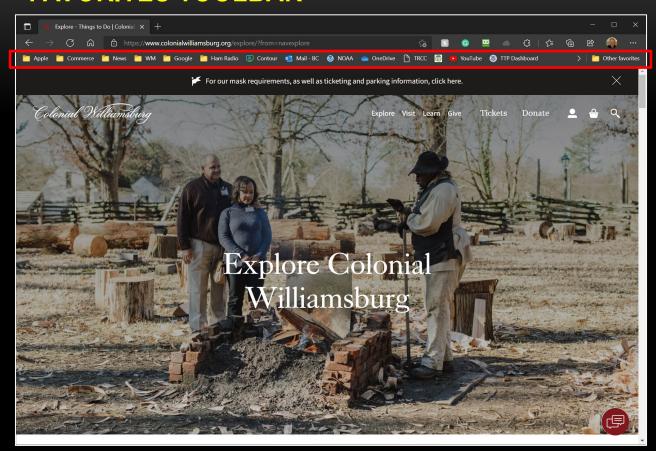


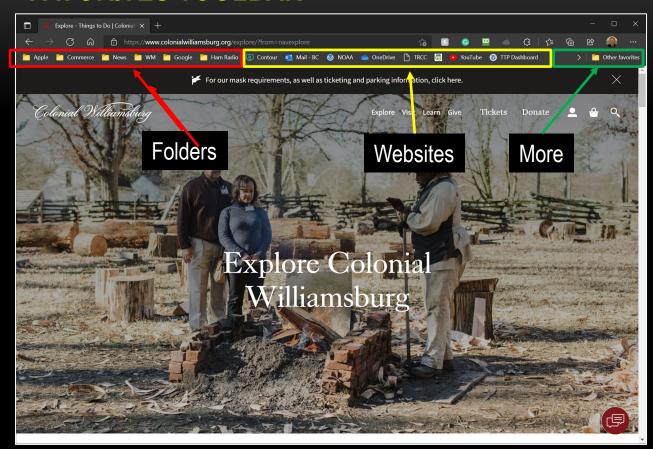
## **FAVORITES VS. COLLECTIONS - EDGE**

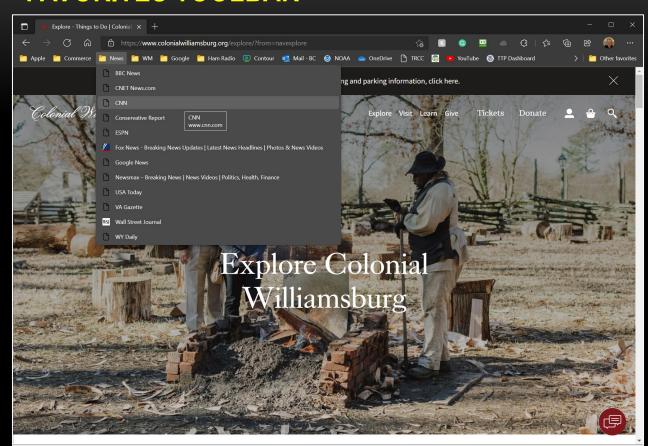


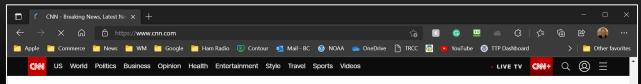
- Favorites (aka Bookmarks) used to save and make handy most frequently visited Websites
- Favorite Toolbar can be enabled as a ribbon on your browser page
- Folders of Favorites used to group like or related websites; helps keeping browser uncluttered
- Need occasional pruning and/or reordering to maintain usefulness

- **Collections** used for specific articles or content of a website
- Web pages from a variety of websites can be grouped together in a Collection
- Oftentimes, content may have limited shelf life
- Useful when researching information for a presentation, project, or other deliverable









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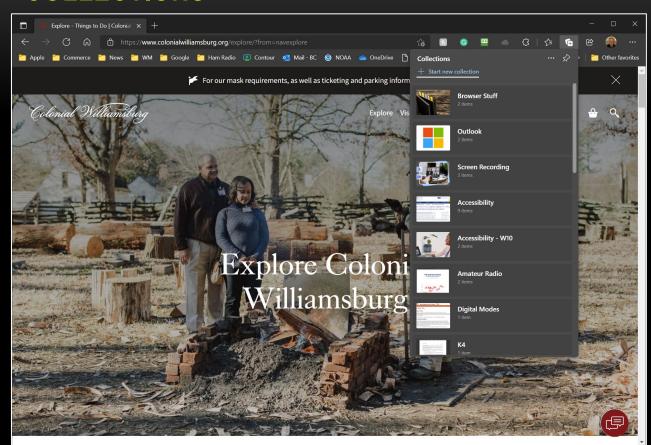
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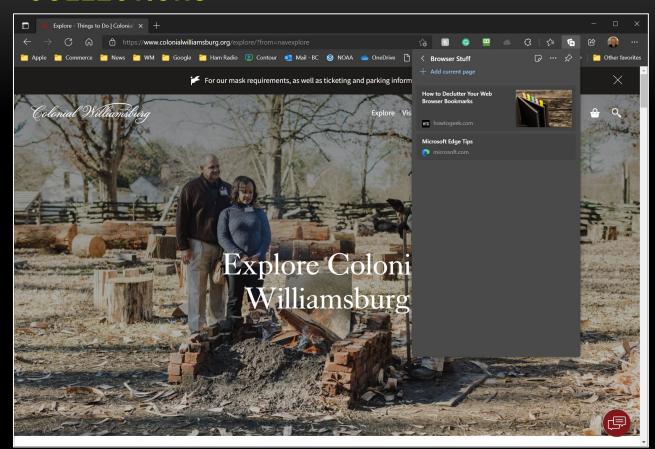
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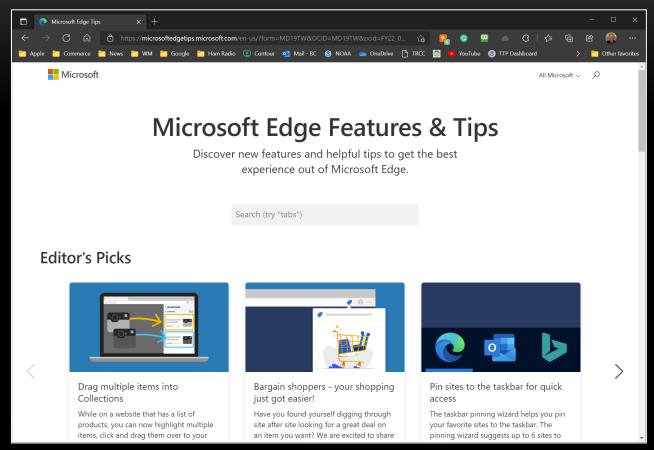
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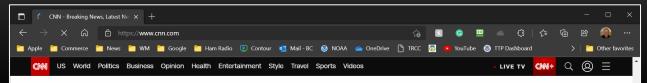
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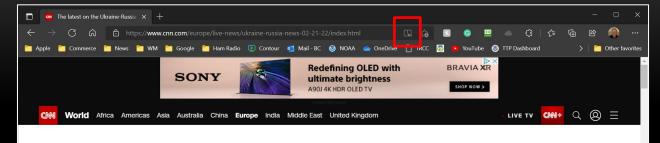
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LIVE UPDATES

#### The latest on the Ukraine-Russia crisis

By Helen Regan, Brad Lendon, Rob Picheta, Melissa Macaya, Mike Hayes and Maureen Chowdhury, CNN

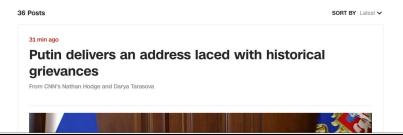
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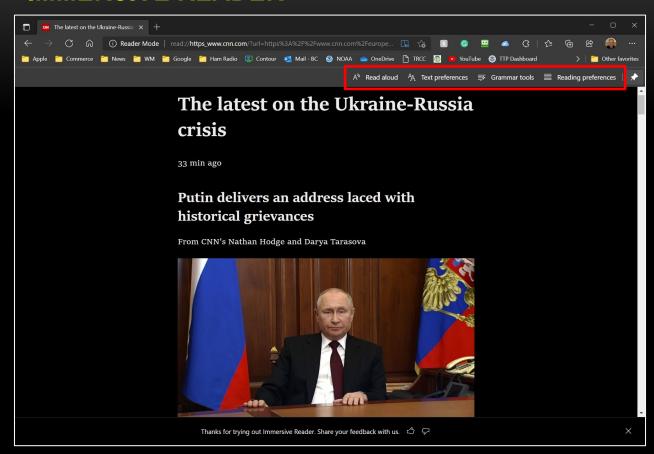
'Incredibly threatening': CNN military analyst shows Russian forces surrounding Ukraine 06:53

#### What you need to know

- NOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin is delivering an address as the Kremlin reports he will recognize separatist regions in Ukraine.
- US President Joe Biden has agreed "in principle" to a meeting with Putin, as long as Russia does not further invade Ukraine



#### **IMMERSIVE READER**



## **SUGGESTED EDGE INITIAL"SETTINGS"**



## Enable <u>synchronization</u> across all devices using Edge

Settings>Profile>Sync

#### Enable password management within Edge

Settings>Profile>Passwords

## Change <u>search engine</u> used in Edge browser

Settings>Privacy, search & services>
 Address bar and search>Search engine used in the address bar

#### Favorites toolbar settings

 Settings>Appearance>Customize toolbar>Show favorites bar

#### Browser behavior when started

Settings>Start, home, and new tabs>When Edge starts

#### Home button settings

Settings>Start, home, and new tabs>Home button

#### Setting Edge as **default browser**

Settings>Default browser

#### Set download destination

Settings>Downloads

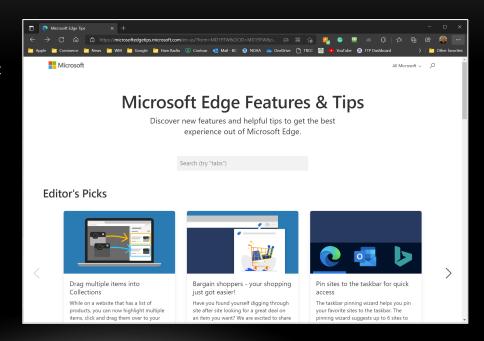
#### **BROWSER BEST PRACTICES**

- Keep your browser up to date
- Be wary of adding extensions from 3rd parties – research before installing
- Graphics and media intensive pages can put a hurt on your PC's performance – even when browser is minimized
- Bookmarks (Favorites)
  - Create folders to consolidate like websites (e.g. news, restaurants, sports, search engines, etc.)
  - Prune your bookmarks periodically
- Use Favorites & Favorites Bar (Ribbon) for frequently visited websites
  - Consider truncating bookmark names

- Use Collections (MS Edge) and Reading List (Safari) to store web pages that have limited shelf life or need
- Use synchronization tools to replicate and keep current bookmarks, user credential, favorites, etc. across multiple devices
- When traveling or when using public WiFi, use a VPN to ensure privacy and security
  - Also use Private feature of browser, if available
- Don't use the same password for multiple logons
- ALT + F4 (PC); Command + Q (Mac)

### **BROWSER TIPS & TRICKS**

- Zoom browser content
  - Hold down Ctrl+Alt, then zoom in and out with mouse wheel
- Settings & More Menu
- Print from Immersive View
- Create a MS account and use Sync across multiple devices
- Truncate New Favorites Names when adding to Favorites Toolbar
- Use Favorites tools to remove duplicates
- Check out Microsoft Edge Features & Tips



https://microsoftedgetips.microsoft.com/

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#### **SETTINGS & MORE**

