Using the Internet - IE 9

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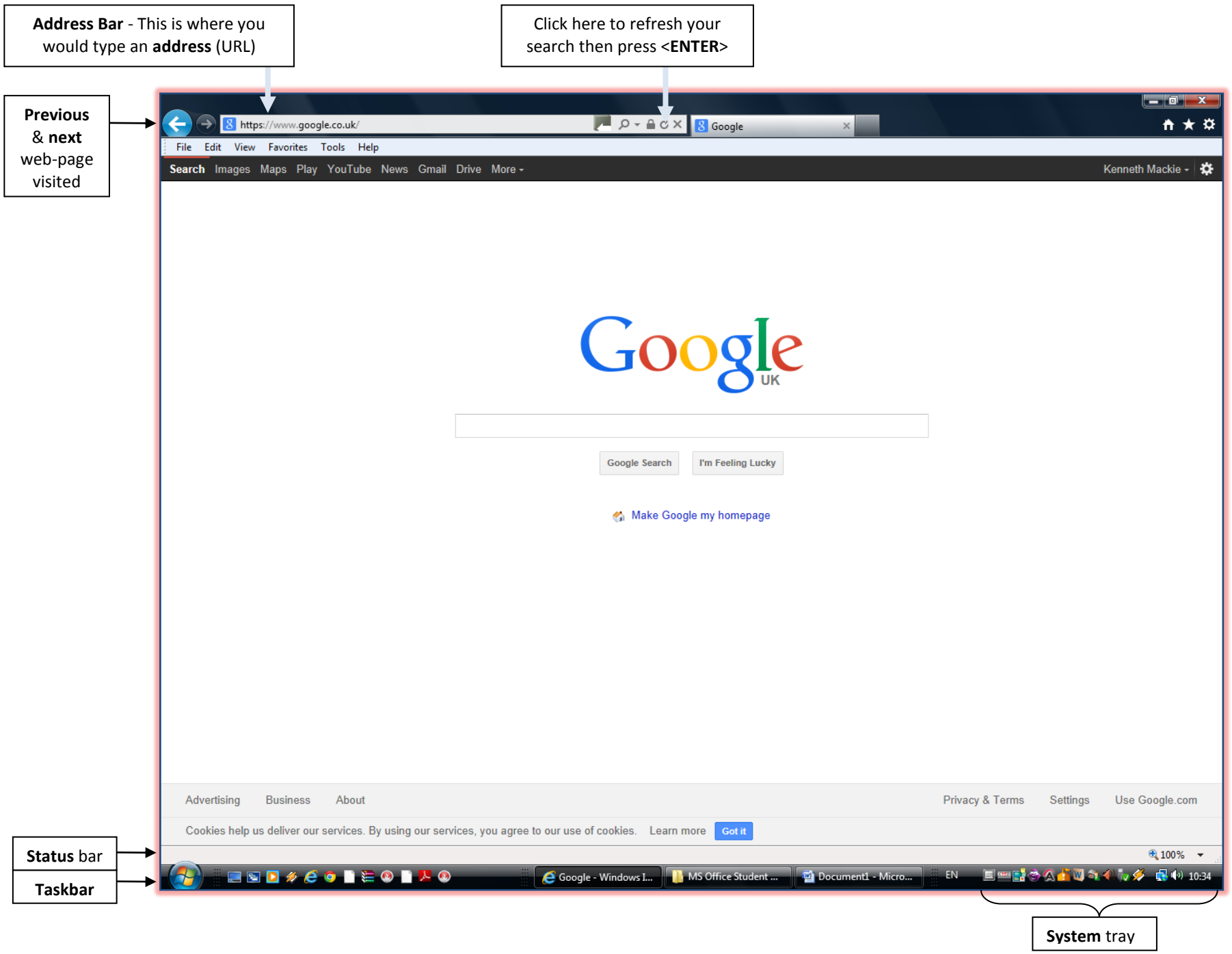
The Main Internet Explorer Screen

If you are using **Internet Explorer** version **8.0** or **9.0** you should be presented with a window similar to the one depicted below.
To ascertain which version of **IE** you are using, click the **HELP** menu at the top of your Internet Explorer window and click **About Internet Explorer**.

You may notice that some of the website pages that appear on your browser are not quite the same as the ones I have depicted in my illustrations.
This is simply due to changes of design or enhancements to a site and will not affect the purpose of this tutorial and should be of no concern.


Address Bar - This is where you would type an **address** (URL)
Click here to refresh your search then press <**ENTER**>
Previous & **next** web-page visited
https://www.google.co.uk/
Google
File Edit View Favorites Tools Help
Search Images Maps Play YouTube News Gmail Drive More
Kenneth Mackie
Google UK
Google Search
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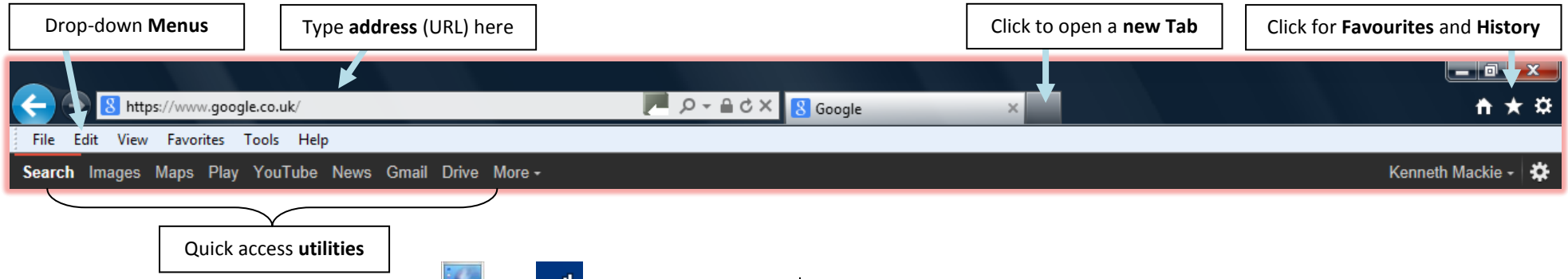

Once you are connected, an icon similar to or should appear somewhere on the right end of the taskbar in the system tray.

The Web-site address (URL) breakdown

An Internet or **Web-site address** (known as a **URL**, or Uniform Resource Locator) typically comprises four sections.
For example, the address **http://www.yale.edu/** provides the following information:

http: This Web server uses Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).
www: This site is on the World Wide Web.
yale: The Web server is at Yale University.
edu: This is an educational institution.

Tip: You do not have to worry about the '**http://**' part of the address. Simply type in **www.yale.edu** and the rest will be completed automatically after you press <**Enter**>.

Home Page

When you use Internet Explorer for the first time, certain software defaults are set, which you can change to your own preference.

To change your **Home Page** to your preference:

- Click the **Tools** menu and select **Internet Options…**
- Now click the **General** tab.
- In the '**Home Page'** section, type e.g. www.google.co.uk **or** your chosen search engine address into the address box.
- Now click **Apply** and **OK.**

Your site will be accessed automatically every time you open Internet Explorer (**IE**).

Other useful search engines include:

If you wanted to try a different search engine to see what additional information you can gain on a particular subject, type some of the following popular search engines into the address bar and press <**ENTER**>:

www.google.com	www.bing.com	www.askjeeves.com
www.yahoo.com	www.excite.com	www.aol.com
www.dogpile.com	www.youtube.com	www.microsoft.com

Once the home page of the search engine appears you can search for your chosen topic by typing into the search box or select a **hyperlink** (link) from those on the page, should it be related to the subject that you seek.