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Computer Requirements

What Computer and Internet skills do I need to participate in the Netd@ys online project and forums?

- A basic knowledge of computers.
- Skills using a web browser like Internet Explorer or Netscape.

What hardware/software requirements do I need?

- Any PC or Macintosh computer configured for either a modem dial-up or network connection to the Internet. Your Internet connection speed should be at least 28,800 for best results but it will still work (though slower) at a lower speed connection. You will also need www browser software like Internet Explorer v3.x or better, Netscape v3.x or better.

Using Bookmarks and Favourites

You can use bookmarks and favourites to maintain a list of frequently used websites. This will save students considerable time in entering URLs directly into the web browser.

How to use Bookmarks/Favourites

1. Connect to the Internet through the browser (eg. Internet Explorer or Netscape Communicator)
2. Type in the address of the website eg. <http://nedays.edna.edu.au/>
3. Let the website load
4. Go to favourites (Internet Explorer) or Bookmarks (Netscape Communicator)
5. Click on Add
6. Follow prompts

To open a website in the bookmark or favourite menu

1. Connect to the Internet
2. Click on Favourites or Bookmarks depending on the browser you are using
3. Click on the name of the website eg. netd@ys 2003
4. This will load the website

We recommend you bookmark

Australian Netdays website	http://netdays.edna.edu.au/
European Netdays website	http://netdayseurope.org/
Multicultural Australia	http://www.multiculturalaustralia.gov.au/
Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs website	http://www.dima.gov.au/
Australia 2030 website	http://www.australia2030.gov.au/

Email

Email is a very quick and useful tool for electronic communications. There are many types of email software eg. Outlook Express, Microsoft Outlook, Eudora, Netscape, Dingo, Hotmail, Yahoo etc. If you need help and assistance to use or set up an email account please see:

- Someone in your local school
- Help section in your email software

- One of the Netd@ys project team

Recommendations when sending and receiving emails

You will be communicating with, and from, many sources of information.

- Make sure you know the age group you are communicating with.
- We encourage you to share all e-mails with others in your class and if you are worried about messages please talk with your teacher.
- Never give out direct personal information such as full name, address or phone number. We recommend that you use the school/teacher for any contact.
- Implement an email strategy over the project as you may receive up to one or more emails a day.

Please note during Netd@ys you will be receiving emails possibly on a daily basis. It is a good idea to think about an email management strategy for you and your class.

Contributions to email should not:

- use obscene language;
- insult or attack others;
- be defamatory;
- involve or advocate illegal activities
- violate human rights;
- violate copyright laws;
- display offensive and pornographic material;
- harm or disturb students;
- have depictions that condone or incite violence, particularly sexual violence;
- portray persons in a demeaning manner;
- be aware that emails may contain viruses and attachments; need to have up to date virus protection and regular scanning.

Online Forums

What are web-based Discussion Forums?

Web-based discussion forums are another form of group communication. They are web-hosted services and you require a web-browser to participate. The Netd@ys event will use the EdNA Online <http://www.edna.edu.au/> hosted discussion forum software at <http://forum.edna.edu.au>.

How to use web-based discussion as a communication tool for your project?

Post (key-in) written messages on an electronic notice board that people can read and reply to at whatever time they like. It is sometimes called asynchronous discussion meaning it is time independent. For more information on how to use the EdNA discussion tool visit <http://forum.edna.edu.au/> read the online tutorial. Please note, to contribute to the forums and chats you must register. Please allow 5 minutes prior to an event to do this.

For Netd@ys most Forums will run for a length of one week. So remember your username and password so you can come back and visit and re-post.

Chat

What is Chat?

Chat is a real-time communication option that enables you to converse with others who are connected at the same time as you are. The Netd@ys event will use the EdNA Online <http://www.edna.edu.au/> hosted chat software at <http://forum.edna.edu.au/>. These chat facilities are web-based and therefore are not as restrictive as other chat programs that conflict with network security services such as fire-walls. Chat is sometimes called synchronous (real time) discussion. For more information on how to use the EdNA chat

tool visit <http://forum.edna.edu.au/> and read the online tutorial. Please note, to contribute to the forums and chats you must register. Please allow 5 minutes prior to an event to do this. For Netd@ys most Chats will run between ½ - hour. Please check the Forums and Chat link for further details.

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