Course Description
This courseware is designed to introduce what being online means and what can be accomplished using a computer. The participant will be introduced to what the Internet is and what makes it so popular for communicating and sharing information with others.

This courseware is targeted towards people who are new to computers or have limited exposure to a computer prior to taking this course. The intent of this courseware is to introduce computer knowledge and skill sets that a participant can acquire and then apply to tasks he/she may want to perform while online using a computing device.

Course Prerequisites
This courseware series was designed to provide the essential skills for being online and collaborating with others through electronic communications. It is intended for those who have not used a web browser or email program previously, or have minimal experience. Some familiarity with using a mouse and keyboard can be helpful.
Course Objectives

Living Online

The Living Online exam covers aspects of working in an Internet or networked environment, including basic knowledge of networks and the Internet, skills in specific applications such as electronic mail software and Web browsers, skills required to find and evaluate information, and an understanding of issues related to computing and the Internet being used at work, home and school.

In the module you will:

- prepare to browse the Internet by reviewing how web sites are organized, and identify common web page elements, and then learn how to perform basic tasks using a web browser.
- examine the hardware, media and configuration settings that are required to connect to an organization's network or to the Internet.
- be introduced to different communication methods and means of sharing information, with an emphasis on using electronic mail.
- examine the practices of good digital citizenship and online safety.
- conduct research and evaluate the information you find on the Internet.
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