
eT4L - Setting the Home Page on Chrome / Internet Explorer

It is possible to customise the **default home page** that appears on *Google Chrome* and *Internet Explorer* browsers on eT4L Windows computers across your school. The home page can be set to apply to all users, or you can set a different home page for Staff users and for Student users.

These home page options are set in one of the eT4L server's configuration files. To modify the file and set a default browser home page at your school, you must be ticked **as a member of the DIP Management** group in **AMU...eT4L**. If required, instructions for AMU can be found [here](#).

Finding the Home Page configuration file:

The configuration file that you need to edit is called **Drive_Mappings.txt**. This configuration file is in the following path. Copy the entire path in the box to your clipboard and paste into the **Windows Search box** at the bottom-left. **BEFORE** you press ENTER, you must **change** the **xxxx** in the path to **your school's 4-digit code**.

`\\detnsw.win\xxxx\Mapping_Resources_SiteConfig_Global\Drive_Mapping.txt`

When you press the **Enter** key, **Notepad** will launch and the contents of the configuration file will be displayed. This file also sets drive mappings and other network resources for your school. For the purposes of this exercise, it's best to make **NO CHANGES** to the top section and only add the desired line(s) to the bottom of the file.

Setting your Home Page URL(s):

It is possible to set two different home page URLs. One applied to Staff users and another applied to Student users. Some schools have created and published a **simple webpage of commonly used links using Google Sites**, and set these as the browser home pages for school users. A staff page with links that staff use and a separate student page used by all students. **You can ONLY specify ONE URL** to be used as the home page for either Staff, Students or ALL users. Multiple tabs cannot be opened as a browser Home Page.

- Scroll to the bottom of the file and press Enter to add new blank lines
- If it doesn't already exist, create a new grouping name by entering `;IE Home Page` then press the Enter key to go down to the next line
- If you want **the same Home Page for all staff and students**, type this on the next line:
`IEHomePage = <the website URL for your desired home page>/#all`
e.g.: `IEHomePage = https://www.google.com.au/#all`
- If you want **separate Home Pages for staff and students**, enter TWO lines like these:
`IEHomePage = https://www.google.com.au/#staff`
`IEHomePage = http://bit.ly/WPSLinks/#student`
- When the required changes have been added to the file, **save** and **close** the file.
- The changed home page will only apply after users log out and log back in.
- If **Streamlined.Logon** is switched on for your school, the Home Page setting will apply to Chrome and Edge Chromium, as well as to Internet Explorer.