**Internet Computing Assignment**

This assignment will get you used to using common internet computing components including web browsers, search engines, and email. These are all very basic tools that you are probably already very familiar with. However, they are the foundation for much of how we see and use the Internet. As you work through this assignment and later ones you will learn about other components of Internet Computing.

Follow the directions below to complete this assignment. Fill in the required information as you work through the assignment. Highlighted areas like this: [highlighted area] require that you type in a response. This assignment is worth 25 points.

1. Open up your favorite web browser.
	* Name of the browser you are using: [browser name]
2. Select one of the search engines below and then browse to and review the website listed below it which contains information on tips, tricks, and advanced search options for that particular search engine:
	* Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com))
		+ Google – Inside Search: <http://www.google.com/insidesearch/tipstricks/>
	* Bing ([www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com))
		+ Bingtricks – Bing Advanced Search: <http://bingtricks.com/bing-advanced-search>
	* Yahoo (<http://search.yahoo.com/>)
		+ Yahoo! Help: <https://help.yahoo.com/kb/search/SLN2242.html>
3. Now that you have reviewed some of the advanced features of your chosen search engine, let’s use that skill set to do some research. Using a search engine and the search help you read about, complete the following:
	* Define the following terms:
		+ Informatics: [definition]
			- [reference – website where you got the information for your definition]
		+ Internet Systems: [definition]
			- [reference – website where you got the information for your definition]
		+ Internet Computing: [definition]
			- [reference – website where you got the information for your definition]
	* Find a website that has the following information for the web browser you are using:
		+ Steps for creating a bookmark:
			- [website link]
4. Students at Rensselaer use Gmail as their student email client. Research one other email client and compare it’s features and functions to Gmail. (**You do NOT have to sign up for an account for whatever other email provider you research for this assignment.**)
	* What email provider did you research?
	[answer]
	* Where can a user go to learn how to do common tasks such as send an email, reply to an email, etc?

[answer]

* + Are there any major differences between Gmail and the provider you researched?
	[answer]