

01 Navigation + Mouse Activities

This lesson contains instructions on navigating through the computer, 2 mouse activities, a mouse game.

For those of you who have excellent mouse skills, you may want to opt out of some of the activities in this lesson.

PDF

A pdf is a universal document format that can be opened on any computer with a free Adobe Acrobat Reader application.

By default, the computer Operating System, Windows 10, opens pdfs in the Microsoft Edge browser.

Internet Links

The internet links are identified as a **blue underlined text** as shown below. When you **click** the link, your default web browser (Google Chrome) will launch and take you to the **internet page** it is linked to.

You will notice after you click a link, it will **change colour** to indicate the internet site has been **visited**.

Mouse Activity 1

Open the first mouse activity by clicking the link below:

[GCL - Mouse Activity](#)



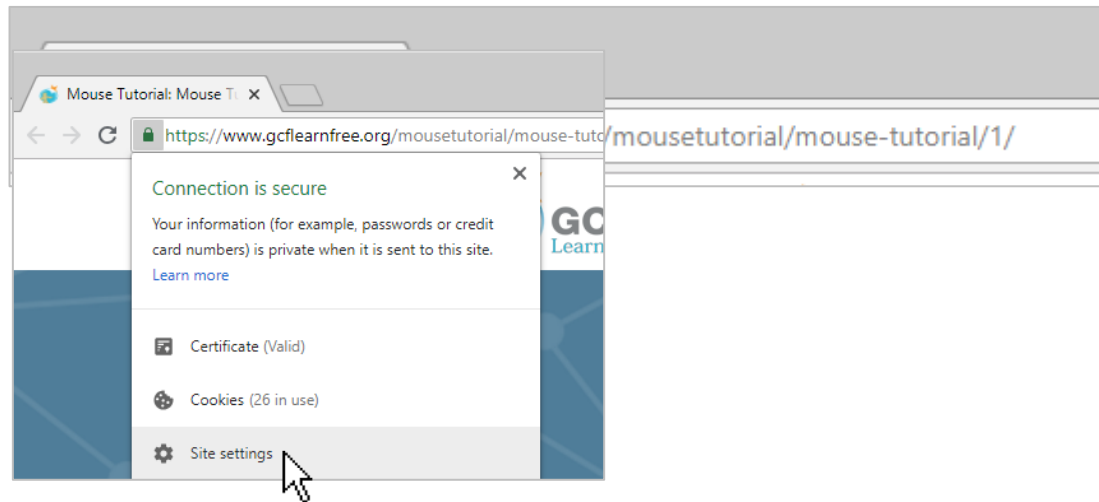
- A **security warning** may pop up before opening the web page **Click Allow**
- On the web page, you will see the **Get Flash Player** message. In the instructions below, you will set the web browser to enable the Flash player to play on this website. **Page | 1** This activity and others on this website are animations that need the Flash application to play.

You must have Adobe Flash Player version 10 or higher to view this lesson.

[Get Flash Player](#)

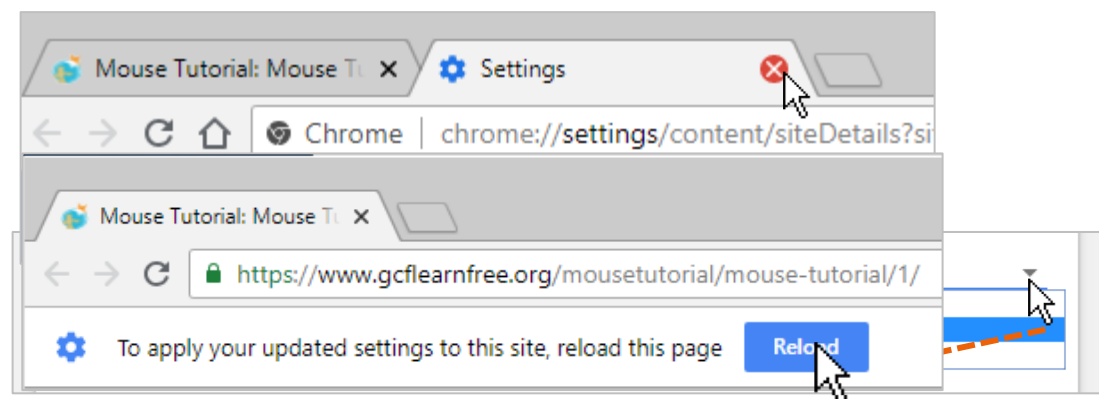
- In your web browser window, click on the **Lock** in the web address.

Note: By following the steps below, you are enabling the Flash player **on this website only**. If you go to another website and need to enable Flash, follow the same steps.

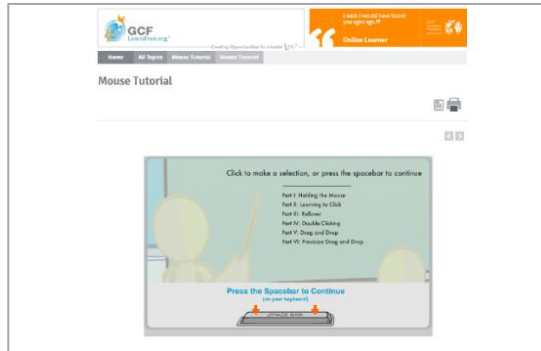


Click **Site Settings**

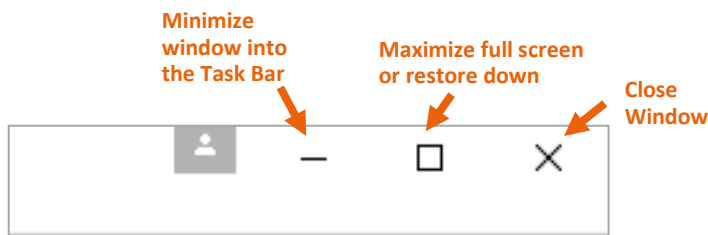
- Next to the **Flash** title, click the **Ask (default)** drop down menu **then** click **Allow**
- Close the **Settings** Tab
- Click **Reload** to reload the web page with the new settings.



- The mouse tutorial webpage will pop up - it may take several seconds to load.



- On the top right corner of the internet page, you will see the **options** to adjust your page - full screen, minimize and close.



- Click the **Minimize tool** to minimize the Google Chrome Web Browser into the Task Bar.

The following instructions will take you through some steps to practice using the task bar to **switch between documents and windows**:

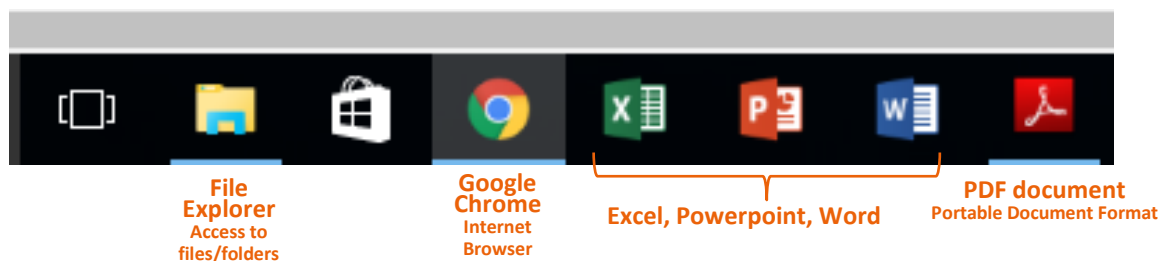
Currently you have several windows open:

- File Explorer
- Google Chrome Web Browser (The Internet)

The way to manage these open windows is to use the **Task Bar Icons**.

A **blue underline** under the icon indicates that there are files open in that application.

A **shaded box** around an icon indicates the file you currently see on your screen.



- On the task bar, **Hover** your mouse on the **File Explorer** icon.

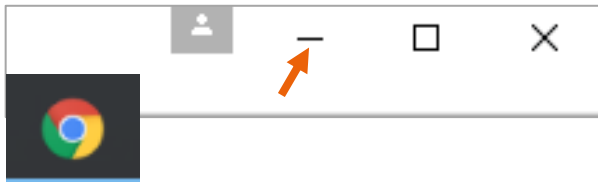


- The **File Explorer** window will pop to the forefront on your computer screen.

When you **hover your mouse** on any icon in the task bar, you will see the **mini previews** of all the files/windows you have open in that application.

If you have more than 1 document/window open in an application, you will have the option to click on the mini preview of your choice.

- Minimize the **File Explorer** window into the task bar by clicking the **minimize icon** on the top right corner of the window.



- Click on the Google Chrome Web Browser icon to bring the Mouse Activity to the forefront of your screen

As you can see, the Task Bar is a good tool to use to switch between documents and applications without having to close them.

Students not doing the mouse activities:

Move onto 02 Typing or, if you don't want to learn or practice typing, Move onto 03 What is a Computer?

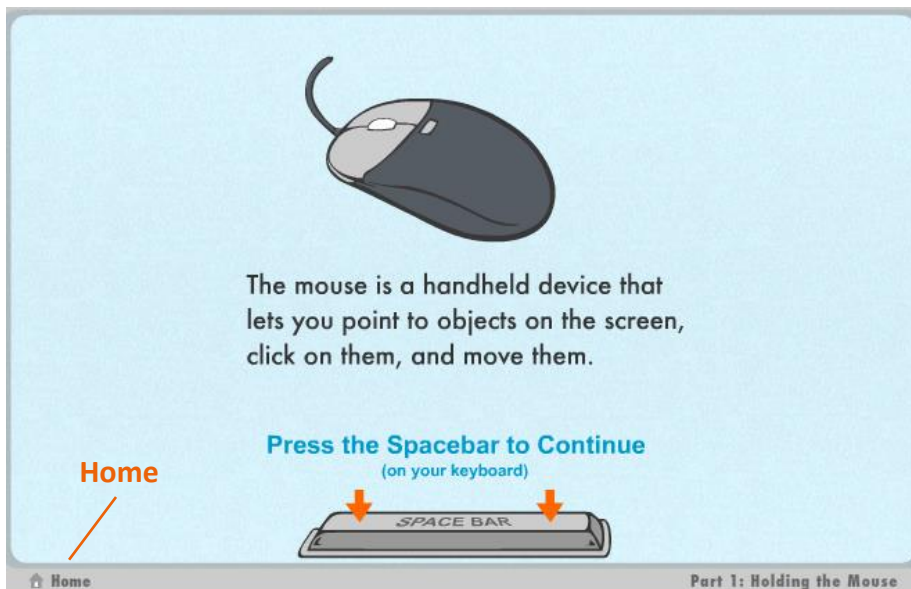
Students doing the mouse activities:

Continue with the instructions below:

- Click **Part 1: Holding the Mouse** or move ahead to any of the other sections.



- Move through the instructions by clicking the **spacebar** on your keyboard.
- At any time, you can go back to the main menu by clicking **Home**.

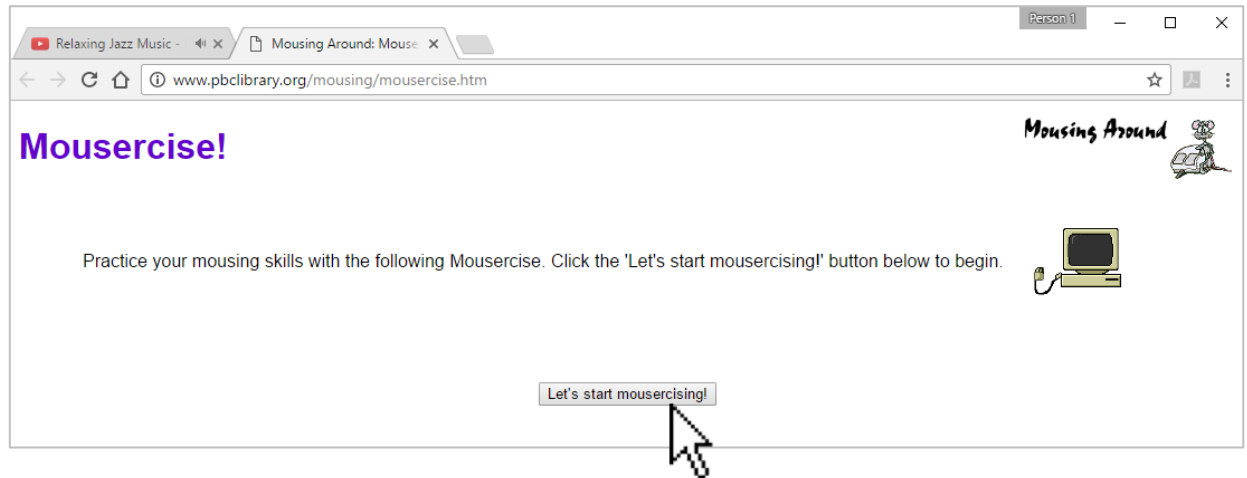


You will now move onto the second mouse tutorial:

To open the second mouse activity, click the link below:

-  Play Activity: [PBC Library - Mouse Practice](#)

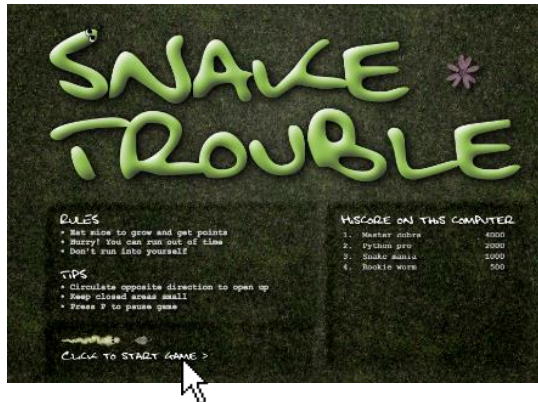
Click **Let's start Mousercising on the web page** and follow the instructions.



To open the snake game, click the link below:

Note: you may have to enable the Flash Player on this webpage to play the game.
Go back in this lesson, for the steps.

▶ Play a mouse game: [Snake Game](#)



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