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**If "C" is My First Local Hard Drive, Where is A & B?**

Good question. The answer is as simple as a football player's number. Years ago PC computers had both an A and B drives. They were floppy configurations with external access. "A" was a 3.5 inch plastic enclosure with a thin disk inside. "B" was made of cardboard and was 5.25 inches. Eventually the B drive was no longer needed, leaving that letter retired. Recently the A drive has become a thing of the past and it too is retired. Just like a football jersey, Microsoft chose to leave the letters unassigned. The alphabet progression on your usable drives begins with C and continues on to include all drives that your computer has installed. Check yours out by clicking on (My) Computer.

**Which Internet Browser Is Best?**

You must use a browser to access the web. There are pros and cons to all.. Your PC came with Internet Explorer (Microsoft), some people like Chrome (Goggle-based) and the geeks like Firefox. You can download any or all of them. Check them out for stability, speed, options and they way they look and feel. They all behave the same just like one car will look and feel different; it is up to the driver to pick what they like. There is constant competition to out-do each other so as each one upgrades itself, you may find you change your mind. Try them all out. You decide. I like Firefox. Any browser does the same job of taking you from page to page. Use your search engine to find the free downloads.

**Belarc:**

May I suggest you go to Belarc.com and download this easy analyzer for your computer and its components? This free application will look through your entire computer system and give you a print out of everything that is installed on your PC. It will point out malfunctions as well. There may be a time when you need to know how many slots you have available for more ram, what software is installed, and what type of motherboard you have. This will be 10-15 pages of details. Print it out and keep in a safe place. You will appreciate the information. A technician will find it invaluable.

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