The following tip was sent to me by Cyn Mackley, who is a very reliable source for computer support.

She previously worked with WorldStart.com, a discount supplier of computer equipment that I dealt with for getting computer equipment at a discount. After they closed, she went on her own and is sending help to those that sign up with her.

Chris Jackson’s title At Microsoft is Principle Program Manager in the Experiences and Devices group specializing in cyber security application compatibility and modernizing software assets. In more everyday terms he is a browser security expert with the Company. He made a pretty bold statement recently in a blog post. He said that people need to stop thinking about Internet Explorer as a browser and look at it more as a compatibility solution, meaning that you should only use IE if the website you’re visiting or program you are using won’t work with anything else.

He warned strongly against selling it as a default browser. While he said that he understood that IE’s ease of use made it very attractive, especially to business users, it was time to let it go unless it was absolutely necessary

He wrote: “You see, Internet Explorer is a compatibility solution. We’re not supporting new web standards for it and while many sites work fine, developers by and large just aren’t testing for Internet Explorer these days. They are testing on modern browsers. So if we continued our previous approach you would end up in a scenario where by optimizing for the things you have, you end up not being able to use new apps as they come out. As new apps are coming out with greater frequency, what we want to help you do is avoid having to miss out on a progressively larger portion of the web!”

While Internet Explorer 11 is still included with Windows 10 and still works, and while there is still security support the company is no longer making any efforts to update it to work with the ever changing digital landscape. As a consequence, IE now only accounts for just over 10% of desktop and laptop traffic to the Internet. It barely edges out Firefox in popularity. Still it’s got twice as many users as the
Windows 10 default browser Microsoft Edge. Chrome is the most popular browser accounting for about 65% of web traffic from desktops and laptops and also about 65% of mobile Traffic.

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