

# RHP Computer Applications

## 6-3 Internet Shopping



Yes, for some of you, it's your dream assignment! You will be asked to shop for the best price on certain items.

First, let's list the advantages and disadvantages of shopping for items over the Internet.

**Advantages:** The most obvious advantage is that it is very easy to find an item that you are looking for without driving all over town. It also easy to compare prices between stores for the best price. Another advantage is price. You can find great deals on the Internet as opposed to shopping at a mall or store. Online stores can afford to charge less because they don't have to pay money for a store front, sales people, etc.

**Disadvantages:** The disadvantages include having to wait for your merchandise, having to submit your credit card number (which by the way is safer than using it at a store), and having to pay shipping charges. In fact, many companies will charge an excessive fee for shipping which will push the cost of the item over the amount you would have paid had you gone to a local store. There are also some companies that just charge more.

There are a number of Internet sites that do the comparison pricing for you. Listed below are a few of the sites that do this for you:

[Dealtime](#)

[Price Grabber](#)

[Froogle](#)

[MySimon](#)

There are also the old "superstore" stand bys which you have probably heard of:

Amazon (amazon.com)

Buy (buy.com)

Walmart (walmart.com)

Look up the following products. Make sure you match the brand name. You will email the instructor with the lowest price you could find for the product, and the URL: of the page that contains that price (the URL is the web address of the page that is displayed, found in the address window). To copy the URL, hit the F6 key in your browser (this will highlight the URL), then hit Ctrl-C to copy the address to the clipboard. Paste the address into the table that you downloaded with the products to look up.

To start, download the document 6-3a.doc. This will contain a table with the products you need to look up, a column for the best price, and a place to paste the URL. When you are done, save this document and email it to me to [rhp@denovodental.com](mailto:rhp@denovodental.com). The subject line is **compapp 6-3 lastname**.