

Title: Bridging the Gap: Technology and the Elderly

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With developments in technology, the world is getting smaller. We make hundreds of connections a day, but not just in the world outside. Technology facilitates the majority of our interactions with others; it is heavily ingrained in our society and shapes our world, our culture and how we communicate.

There is a wealth of information, experience and knowledge there for all to see. At the click of a mouse, we are provided with a platform to express our ideas, opinions and to make our own contribution. So much of what we talk about, see, hear and experience is online. Signing in to Twitter or updating one's status on Facebook is like second nature to most of us.

However, gaps in Internet usage still exist, this is known as the Digital Divide. Internet usage can be affected by a number of different factors such as: age, race, ethnicity, gender, education and income. In this paper I hope to examine the obstacles faced by elderly people, in their attempt to get online.