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Welcome to Google Docs!

Google Documents, or Google Docs, is a free application that enables users to create, edit and share programs like Document, Spreadsheet, Draw, Form, and Presentation. It is a free a service by Google!

Why Google Docs is useful:

- There is no charge to the user. The user has full access to all the applications for free.
- Saves automatically.
- Google Docs tracks revisions allowing the user to go back in time.
- Can access remotely. Google Docs exist in the internet which means there is no need to save a local copy.
- There is a program comparable to all major Microsoft Office programs.

Hints:

- 1. Google Docs works best in Safari, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.
- 2. Gmail users or just regular Google users will be more familiar with the organization, symbols and navigation.
- 3. A Gmail account gains the user access to all Google products.

Signing in:

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Going through them all we have a Document which we are going to be talking about most extensively today. Document is Google's answer to Microsoft Word. Then Presentation (PowerPoint), Spreadsheets (Excel), Form (Survey Monkey), Drawing (Paint), and Table Fusion (Access and Excel) which is in beta.

Table: Table is currently in Beta which means that users can expect a lot of changes as Google refines it. Table is a way to manage spreadsheets and examine and organize information into a database.

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