

## **Webpage Error Codes**

**Q: I often get error codes when I'm using my computer. What do all of those mean?**

**A:** It happens to all of us. We're just surfing along and up comes an error. What do all of those error codes mean? Here's a quick rundown of the most common.

**400** - Bad Request – You probably typed in a URL wrong and the server has no clue what you're looking for, or you aren't allowed to have access. Usually, it's a matter of the URL being typed in wrong. Maybe you mixed upper and lowercase letters or something like that.

**401** - Unauthorized Request – You tried to get to something on the Web server you're not allowed to play with. In other words, you ain't on the party list.

**403** - Forbidden – You can't access the page. You may not have access (it may require a password), or it may be blocked from your domain.

**404** - Not Found – The page you were trying to look at was not found on the server. This is probably the most common error you'll come across. What has probably happened is that the Web page you were going to has been removed or renamed.

**500** - Internal error – Usually caused by a CGI error (CGI is short for Common Gateway Interface. Basically, a CGI script is a program that runs on a web server. These scripts can do anything from counting hits on a web page to processing forms). You fill out a form, but the script used to process it is not working properly.

**503** - Service Unavailable – The server may be overloaded, down or have other similar problems. Try later.