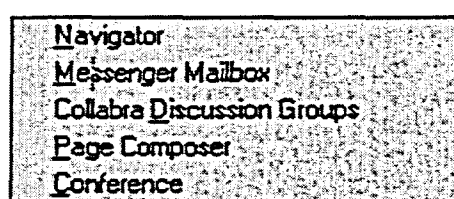


## Connecting to the Internet with Netscape Communicator

Netscape Communicator is a suite of computer programs that lets you access the World Wide Web, send and receive e-mail, design and develop Web pages, join and participate in discussion groups, and collaborate by participating in online discussions.

### Identifying the Components of Netscape Communicator

Each component of Netscape Communicator lets you interact with the Internet in a different way. Although each program has a distinct and unique function, all programs operate together to help you get the most out of your Internet experience. Figure 1-2 shows you the components listed on the Netscape Communicator menu. Table 1-4 explains the function of each component.



**Figure 1-2:** *Components Listed on the Netscape Communicator Menu*

Component	Purpose
Navigator	View Web pages.
Messenger Mailbox	Send and receive e-mail messages.
Collabra Discussion Groups	Access and participate in newsgroups.
Page Composer	Create and modify your own Web pages.
Conference	Allows two users to speak, type messages, and view a common whiteboard across the Internet.

**Table 1-4:** *Netscape Communicator Component Programs*

You can start any of the Communicator components through the Programs submenu on the Start menu. Once you start any component, you can easily switch to any of the others.