

Top 10 Google Chrome tips

Know your keyboard shortcuts

Like any good browser, Google Chrome has several dozen keyboard shortcuts that can help improve your productivity. Below are a few of our top favorites.

Ctrl+1-8 = Pressing Ctrl and any number 1 through 8 moves to the corresponding tab in your tab bar.

Ctrl+9 = Switch to the last tab.

Ctrl+H = Show history.

Ctrl+J = Open Downloads window.

Ctrl+K = Move the cursor to the omnibox (address bar).

Ctrl+T = Open a new tab.

Ctrl+Shift+T = Undo any closed tab.

- [Full listing of Google Chrome shortcut keys.](#)

Use the omnibox to do more than search

The Google [omnibox](#) does more than displaying the URL and allowing you to search. It is also capable of performing mathematical calculations

Q 1024*64

Q 1024*64 - Google Search

Q = 65536

Pin your favorite tabs to save space on your tab bar without losing quick access to your favorite pages. In the picture above, you can see we have eight pinned tabs, which would have normally consumed our tab bar.


To Pin a tab, **right-click on any open tab** and select **Pin Tab**.



Bonus tip: You can also click-and-drag a pinned tab to the position of your choice.

Use the autofill feature

Use the Chrome **autofill** feature for automatically filling out any online form with common fields such as your name, e-mail, address, etc. To enter the autofill values follow the steps below.

1. Click the **Customize and control Google Chrome**  icon in the upper-right corner of the browser window.
2. Click **Settings**.
3. At the bottom of *Settings*, click **Show advanced settings**.
4. Click **Manage Autofill settings** under *Passwords and forms*.

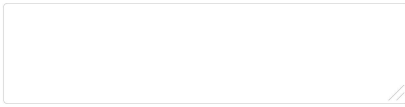
5. In the *Autofill* settings window, click the **Add new street address** button.
6. Fill out all address settings you want to be saved and click OK.
7. Once complete, try out your autofill using the form below.
To enter the values, click on any of the below fields and select the name of your autofill.

First name:	<input type="text"/>	Last name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
City:	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	Zip:	<input type="text"/>
Phone number:	<input type="text"/>	E-mail:	<input type="text"/>

Resize text boxes

Chrome gives you the ability to resize any text field, which is useful for when you're filling out a form that doesn't seem big enough for all the information you're entering. To resize the text field click-and-drag the

bottom right corner of the box. Below is a text field that can be used as an example.




Use the Chrome Task Manager

Since each open tab runs in its own sandbox to help with browser stability, it can be difficult to see the overall system resources being used. For example, in the Windows Task Manager you will see multiple instances of Google Chrome running for each open tab.

Use the Chrome Task Manager to show you how much memory and CPU resources each open tab and extension you have installed is using.

To open the Task Manager press **Shift+Esc** or click on the Google

Chrome menu icon  in the top-right corner of the window, click **Tools**, and then **Task Manager**. If you want to get real geeky, click the **stats for nerds** link at the bottom of the Task Manager.

Quickly close a tab

Any tab can be closed by clicking on the x on the tab. However, there are much quicker ways to close a tab. For example, if you have a mouse

with a wheel pushing in on the wheel anywhere on the tab closes the tab. The shortcut keys **Ctrl+W** or **Ctrl+F4** also close the current open tab.



Bonus tip: Middle-clicking on any link also opens that link in a new tab.

Use Chrome commands

Use the `chrome://` commands to access many hidden features of Chrome. There is a few dozen of these commands available that allows you to do everything from viewing **DNS** information, **GPU** information, look for conflicts, setting flags, and much more. A listing of these commands can be accessed by typing **chrome://chrome-urls** in the omnibox.

Install Extensions

No Internet browser has every feature you want, therefore we suggest visiting the **Google Chrome Webstore** to install free extensions for your browser. Today, there are thousands of available extensions, games, and other add-ons that can be installed into your browser.