How To Use TabCycle

TabCycle is an extension designed to help you automate tab-related processes. It allows you to automatically rotate tabs, schedule tabs with your URLs to open at specific times and dates, and close these scheduled tabs after a set duration. Here's a step-by-step guide to get you started with all of TabCycle's features.

1. Installing the TabCycle Extension

1. Visit the Chrome Web Store.

2. Search for TabCycle or click this link.

3. Click Add to Chrome to install the extension.

4. Once installed, you'll see the TabCycle icon appear in your browser's toolbar.

5. Click on the Extensions icon and click on TabCycle. You can pin the TabCycle icon to the toolbar for quicker access.

2. Accessing the Options Page

1. Click on the **TabCycle icon** in your browser's toolbar.

2. Select **Configure Tabs** from the popup menu to open the settings page where you can configure schedules and tab cycling preferences – you can also select the gear icon in the popup to open the settings page.

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TabCycle Settings

Here you can customize tab cycling and add scheduled tabs to open at specific times and days

Scheduled Tab Configurations

💾 Save   Changes are saved automatically.

Active	Name	URL	Time & Days	Auto-Close (seconds)	Cycle Interval (seconds)	Actions
🔵	Tab 1	https://chromawet 🔗	10:30 AM 🕐 ☐ Sun ☑ Mon ☑ Tue ☑ Wed ☑ Thu ☑ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Autofocus ☐ Autodisable ☑ Repeat 1 Hours ⌄	20	0	Open X Delete
🔵	Tab Name	https://example.co 🔗	11:00 AM 🕐 ☐ Sun ☑ Mon ☑ Tue ☑ Wed ☑ Thu ☑ Fri ☐ Sat ☑ Autofocus ☐ Autodisable ☑ Repeat 1 Days ⌄	60	0	Open X Delete
🔵	Tab Name	https://example.co 🔗	08:00 AM 🕐 ☐ Sun ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Autofocus ☐ Autodisable ☐ Repeat Interv Seconds ⌄	0	0	Open X Delete
🔵	Tab Name	https://example.co 🔗	08:00 AM 🕐 ☐ Sun ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Autofocus ☐ Autodisable ☐ Repeat Interv Seconds ⌄	0	0	Open X Delete

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3. Cycling Through Tabs

1. To start cycling through tabs, open the **TabCycle popup** from the toolbar.

2. Set the default cycle interval (in seconds). To set per-tab cycle intervals, open the popup and click Configure Tabs. Then in the **Tab Cycling Settings** section, choose the time interval for each tab you want to cycle at an interval different from the default interval you set.

3. Click the ▶**Play Button** to begin tab cycling.

   ○ The extension will switch between open tabs at the specified interval.
   ○ A **countdown timer** will display the time remaining until the next switch.

4. To **pause cycling** when a scheduled tab opens, TabCycle will automatically pause cycling and resume once the tab is closed.

   If auto-close is disabled, TabCycle will restart cycling using either the default interval or the tab's unique cycle interval if it has one.

4. Scheduling Tabs to Open

Step 1: Create a New Schedule

1. In the **Options** page, click +**Add New Tab**.

2. Enter the **URL** of the tab you want to open in the provided input field.

3. Select the **time** and **day(s)** of the week for the tab to open. You can set multiple schedules for different times or days.

Step 2: Set Auto-Close Time (Optional)

1. After setting the open time, specify the **auto-close** time (in seconds) if you want the tab to close automatically after being opened. If you would like the tab to not auto-close, set the auto-close time to 0.

Changes will save automatically. You can also immediately save all of your changes by clicking **Save** at the top.

4.1 Schedule Local Files to Open

You are not required to upload files online to open them in a scheduled tab — you can use TabCycle to directly open files saved in your computer via their local URLs.

1. Open the file using Chrome, or drag and drop the file into a Chrome window to obtain the file's link from the URL bar.
2. Copy and paste it into the URL box of the scheduled tab.
3. Your local file should now open at your scheduled time in a new tab.

4.2. Open Scheduled Tabs Immediately

1. Click on the calendar icon in the popup to view your scheduled tabs – you should see an Open button beside each scheduled tab.
2. Clicking the open button will immediately open the scheduled tab, so you can verify that the URL is correct before it opens at its scheduled time.
3. There is also an Open All button in your popup so you can open all the tabs at once.

5. Get in Touch

If you encounter any issues or have feedback on the TabCycle extension, feel free to reach out through the issues section in the TabCycle project page on [GitHub](#).

Enjoy smooth and organized tab automation with TabCycle!