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## cVim Google Chrome Browser Addon



What features does cVim add to Chrome?

- Google/IMDB/Wikipedia/Amazon/Duckduckgo/Yahoo/Bing search completion.
- Support for custom search engines.
- History and Bookmark search/completion with bookmark folder support.
- Caret/Visual mode.
- Efficient link hints (with support for custom mappings).
- Support for custom keyboard mappings.
- Regex page search with highlighting.
- Command bar with tab-completion.
- Smooth scrolling.

## Installing cVim

Acquire it by either:

1. Installing it through the [Chrome web store](#).
2. Downloading the `.zip` file [here](#)
  - Enabling it by going to the `chrome://extensions` URL.
  - Checking developer mode.
  - Then pointing Chrome to the unzipped folder via `Load unpacked extensions`.

## Using cVim

Here's how to use the addon including an example of the configuration settings and bindings by group.

### Settings

You can sync with a Gist file in the settings of the browser addon.

<https://gist.github.com/sleightz/01275b93fb53a5e53135>

### Keybindings

**Note:** Uppercase bindings are triggered with `SHIFT` + `KEY` as normal.

## Basic

- `j`, `s` – scroll down.
- `k`, `w` – scroll up.
- `h` – scroll left.
- `l` – scroll right.

## Page

- `gg` – scroll to top of the current page.
- `G` – scroll to the bottom of the current page.
- `zi` – Zoom page in.
- `zo` – Zoom page out
- `z0` – Zoom page to original size.

## Links

- `f` – open a link in a new tab by pressing the marked keys in the page elements.
- `G` – scroll to the bottom of the current page. (`SHIFT` + `g`)
- `W` – open a link in a new tab by pressing the marked keys in the page elements.
- `W` – open a link in a new window by pressing the marked keys in the page elements.
- `mf` – open multiple links in a new tab by pressing the marked keys in the page elements.
- `gy` – Copy a URL from a link to the *clipboard*.

## Tabs

- `x` – Close the current tab.
- `X` – Open the last closed tab.
- `t` – Alias for `:tabnew` .
- `a` – An alias to `:tabnew google` .
- `<` – Move current tab left.
- `>` – Move current tab right.

## Tab Navigation

- `gt`, `K`, `R` – Navigate to the next tab.
- `gT`, `J`, `E` – Navigate to the previous tab.
- `H`, `S` – Go back a page in current tab.
- `L`, `D` – Go forward a page in current tab.

## Caret/Visual Mode

- `v` – Toggle between visual/caret mode.
- `h`, `j`, `k`, `l` – Move the caret position/extend the visual selection
- `y` – Copies the current selection.
- `ESC` – Exit visual mode to caret mode/exit caret mode to normal mode.

## Keybindings Continued

### Core

- `:` – Open the command bar.
- `.` – Repeat the last command entered.
- `r` – Reload the current tab .
- `gR` – Reload the current tab + local cache.
- `yy` – Copy the URL of the current page to the clipboard.

### Searching

- `/` open search bar
- `n` – Next search result .
- `N` – Previous search result.
- `b` – Search through bookmarks.

### Misc

- `I` – An alias to `:history` that let's you search through browser history.
- `zr` – Restart Google Chrome.
- `gd` – An alias to `:chrome://downloads`
- `P` – Open the clipboard contents in a new tab.
- `gq` – Stop the current tab from loading

## Command Mode

### Core

- `:tabnew` (autocomplete) – Open a new tab with the typed/completed search.
- `:new` (autocomplete) – Open a new window with the typed/completed search.
- `:open` (autocomplete) – Open the typed/completed URL/google search.
- `:quit` Close the current tab
- `:qall` Close the current window
- `:duplicate` – Duplicate the current tab.

### Searching

- `:history` (autocomplete) – Search through browser history.
- `:bookmarks` (autocomplete) – Search through bookmarks.

### Misc

- `:tabattach` (autocomplete) – Move the current tab to another open window.

`:tabdetach` – Move the current tab to a new window.

`:restore` (autocomplete) – Restore a previously closed tab (newer versions of Chrome only).

`:mksession` – Create a new session from the current tabs in the active window.

## Tips

- You can use `@%` in `open` commands to specify the current URL. For example, `:open @%` would essentially refresh the current page.
- Prepend a number to the command to repeat that command *N* times.
- Use the up/down arrows in command/find mode to navigate through previously executed commands/searches.
- You can set directives like `reloadAllTabs` in the settings to a binding.

## Sources

- [cVim - Vim bindings for Google Chrome](#) – cVim Github page.

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