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Manage OpenClaw's browser control server and run browser actions (tabs, snapshots, screenshots, navigation, clicks, typing).

Related:

Browser tool + API: [Browser tool](#)

Chrome extension relay: [Chrome extension](#)

Common flags

```
--url <gatewayWsUrl> : Gateway WebSocket URL (defaults to config).  
--token <token> : Gateway token (if required).  
--timeout <ms> : request timeout (ms).  
--browser-profile <name> : choose a browser profile (default from config).  
--json : machine-readable output (where supported).
```

Quick start (local)

```
openclaw browser --browser-profile chrome tabs  
openclaw browser --browser-profile openclaw start  
openclaw browser --browser-profile openclaw open https://example.com  
openclaw browser --browser-profile openclaw snapshot
```



Profiles

Profiles are named browser routing configs. In practice:

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openclaw : launches/attaches to a dedicated OpenClaw-managed Chrome instance (isolated user data dir).

chrome : controls your existing Chrome tab(s) via the Chrome extension relay.

```
openclaw browser profiles  
openclaw browser create-profile --name work --color "#FF5A36"  
openclaw browser delete-profile --name work
```

Use a specific profile:

```
openclaw browser --browser-profile work tabs
```

Tabs

```
openclaw browser tabs  
openclaw browser open https://docs.openclaw.ai  
openclaw browser focus <targetId>  
openclaw browser close <targetId>
```

Snapshot / screenshot / actions

Snapshot:

```
openclaw browser snapshot
```

Screenshot:

```
openclaw browser screenshot
```

Navigate/click/type (ref-based UI automation):



```
openclaw browser navigate https://example.com  
openclaw browser click <ref>  
openclaw browser type <ref> "hello"
```

Chrome extension relay (attach via toolbar button)

This mode lets the agent control an existing Chrome tab that you attach manually (it does not auto-attach).

Install the unpacked extension to a stable path:

```
openclaw browser extension install  
openclaw browser extension path
```



Then Chrome → chrome://extensions → enable “Developer mode” → “Load unpacked” → select the printed folder.

Full guide: [Chrome extension](#)

Remote browser control (node host proxy)

If the Gateway runs on a different machine than the browser, run a **node host** on the machine that has Chrome/Brave/Edge/Chromium. The Gateway will proxy browser actions to that node (no separate browser control server required).

Use `gateway.nodes.browser.mode` to control auto-routing and `gateway.nodes.browser.node` to pin a specific node if multiple are connected.

Security + remote setup: [Browser tool](#), [Remote access](#), [Tailscale](#), [Security](#)

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