How do you hide the Address bar in Google Chrome for Chrome Apps?

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I want to increase the screen real estate for my Chrome app. The Address Bar is useless in a Chrome App and I was wondering if there was a way to disable it.

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asked Apr 20 '13 at 20:30
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Only way I know to do so would be to enter full-screen mode. – Fabián Heredia Montiel Apr 20 '13 at 20:31

9   `CMD+Shift+F` (not cmd+ctrl+f) – neaumusic Mar 31 '15 at 23:57 ✏

12 Answers

You can run Chrome in application mode.

237   Windows:

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Chrome.exe --app=https://google.com
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✔   Mac:

Linux:

```
google-chrome --app=https://google.com
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This removes all toolbars, not just the address bar, but it will definitely increase your real estate without having to use Kiosk mode.

edited Jun 1 '16 at 3:12	answered Dec 18 '13 at 16:34
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You suggested the same thing that Stead did :) Unfortunately using F11 or "Full Screen" mode limits you to just that being in full screen mode. Application mode allows you to use the browser as normal without all of the (in this case) unnecessary toolbars and drop down menus. – Force Jul 16 '14 at 20:12

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1   i think your solution is more of a permanent fix for specific sites, where mine is more of a situational fix :) – neaumusic Jul 16 '14 at 22:40

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5   For mac, you have to run /Applications/Google\ Chrome.app/Contents/MacOS/Google\ Chrome --app=<url> – Christopher Swasey Oct 29 '14 at 15:34

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1   While using --app how to tell Chrome.exe to run as a single process (not making too many processes in alt+ctrl+del list? so that the CPU and Memory is used but cleaned up) – YumYumYum Mar 26 '15 at 11:09 ✎

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4   It's a shame they dropped the Compact Navigation feature early on. – Jason C May 9 '17 at 15:48

Visit the site you want in Chrome. Click the Chrome menu in your browser toolbar.

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- Select "More Tools" > "Create shortcut…"

- Check "Open as window", press "Add"

Once you launch from that shortcut it will be a window without toolbar.

edited Jul 10 '18 at 19:04	answered Nov 26 '14 at 13:41
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8   This should be the accepted answer. No need to fiddle with shortcuts. **This is a built-in Chrome feature.** – ADTC Feb 3 '15 at 3:41 ✎

3   The new way (late 2015) on ChromeOS is "More Tools", "Add to shelf...", "Open as window" (checkbox). For Chrome browser, it is ... "Add to Applications..." – MarkHu Jan 14 '16 at 21:52 ✎

5   I can't find this feature for the Chrome browser on Mac OS. Anyone know if this is supported? – Jacob Mar 14 '16 at 14:10

7   this answer is obsolete – Richard Sep 14 '16 at 14:35 ✎

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MAC: **CMD+Control+F** goes fullscreen, and **CMD+Shift+F** hides the navbar

WINDOWS: **F11** (possibly **Alt+Enter** too, as with many games like Dota)

Mac used to be CMD+Shift+F

edited Mar 29 '17 at 20:39   answered Jun 19 '14 at 4:37

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15   Uh, it's possible the user simply wants to have the web page in a window with nothing but the page and the window frame (no address bar or tab bar). Entering full screen is not the answer then. – ADTC Feb 3 '15 at 3:40

     This shortcut appears to be broken in Chrome 46 (dev channel). Anyone have any ideas? – advait Aug 17 '15 at 3:06
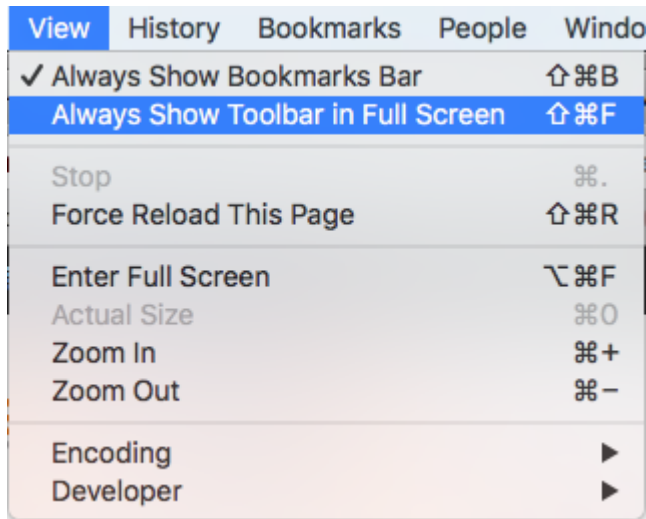
1   `CMD+Shift+F` will hide the navbar once you're in fullscreen mode – neaumusic Jul 14 '16 at 20:01 ✎

2   or ONLY when you're in full screen mode – Dan Rosenstark Nov 16 '16 at 2:13

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Uncheck `Always Show Toolbar in Full Screen` in `View` menu:

View	History	Bookmarks	People	Windo
✓ Always Show Bookmarks Bar			⇧⌘B	
Always Show Toolbar in Full Screen			**⇧⌘F**	
Stop			⌘.	
Force Reload This Page			⇧⌘R	
Enter Full Screen			⌥⌘F	
Actual Size			⌘0	
Zoom In			⌘+	
Zoom Out			⌘–	
Encoding			▶	
Developer			▶	

and go to fullscreen then:

`Alt` + `Cmd` + `F` - on Mac

`F11` - on Windows

edited Nov 29 '16 at 16:51   answered Sep 14 '16 at 7:31

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1   Super ! I just did some tutorial screencasts (using ScreenFlow on Mac) and it worked brilliantly using this Always Show Toolbar in Full Screen mode option. I *disabled* the toolbar as shown, and it displayed a Java web application perfectly for screen capture. Thanks ! – Webel IT Australia - upvoter Sep 22 '17 at 10:43 ✎

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Hitting F11 may work for you.(Full-screen mode)

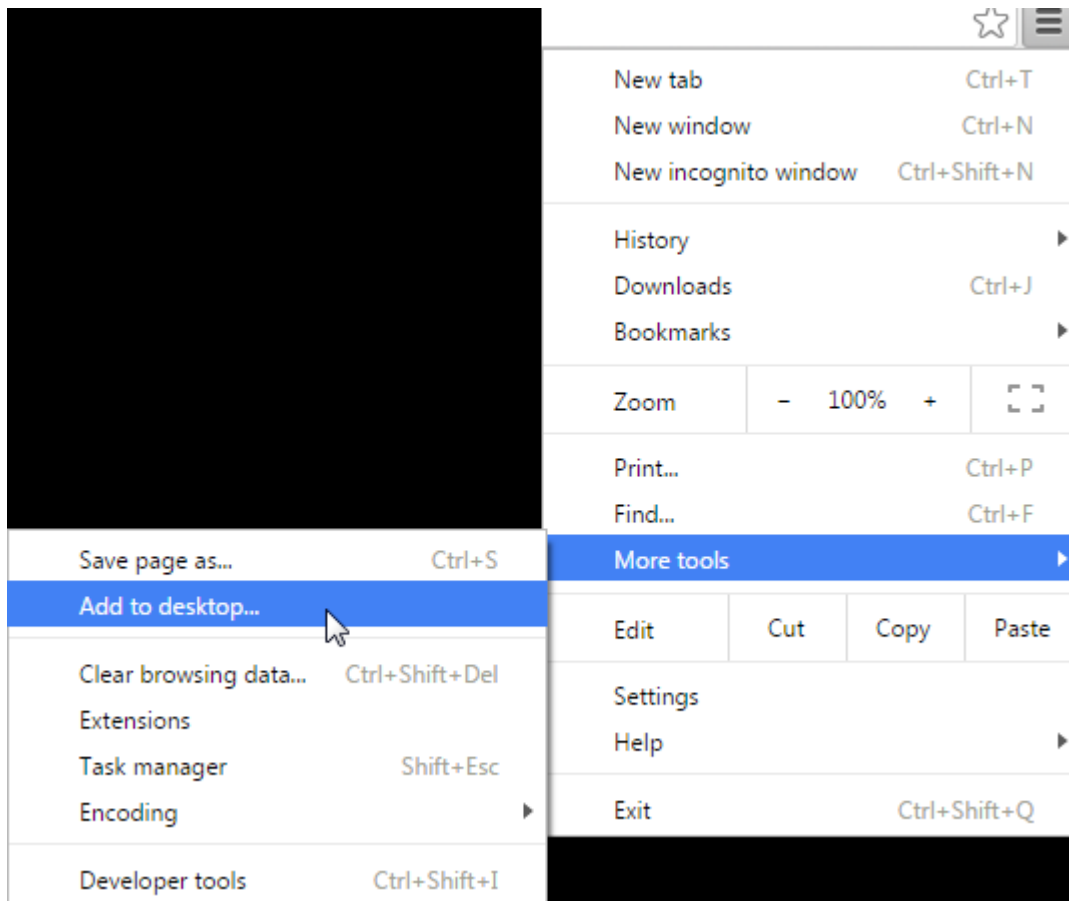It appears that the hiding the address bar without going full screen is no longer an option:http://productforums.google.com/forum/#!topic/chrome/d7LfleRNX7M
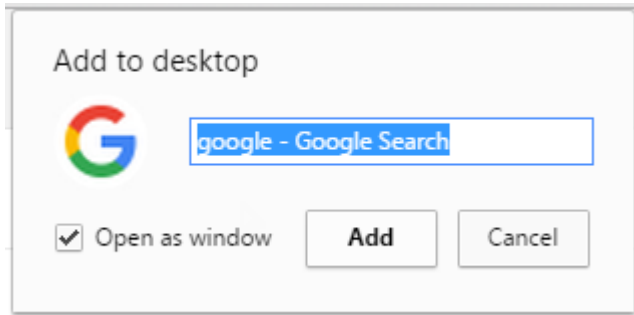
+1 @stead thank you for this – Chris22 Oct 22 '14 at 14:55

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In the latest version of Chrome (Version 50.0.2661.94 m) you can accomplish this by going to the menu and then clicking -> More Tools -> Add to Desktop. You will then want to check off "Open as Window" in the popup that appears and then click "Add". Screen shots below:

New tab	Ctrl+T
New window	Ctrl+N
New incognito window	Ctrl+Shift+N

History	▶
Downloads	Ctrl+J
Bookmarks	▶

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| Print... | Ctrl+P |
| Find... | Ctrl+F |

Save page as...	Ctrl+S		More tools	▶
Add to desktop...			Edit	Cut	Copy	Paste
Clear browsing data...	Ctrl+Shift+Del		Settings			
Extensions			Help			▶
Task manager	Shift+Esc					
Encoding	▶		Exit	Ctrl+Shift+Q		
Developer tools	Ctrl+Shift+I					

Al Belmondo
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Is there a way to be able to open new tab links in full screen mode automatically too? – RhysE96 Feb 28 '17 at 9:46

On macs chrome browser:

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1st toggle on Full screen:

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cmd-ctrl-f
```

2nd toggle on hide address bar, tabs and all

Just repeat to undo or hover above top

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cmd-shift-f
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Undo by repeating backwards:

- `cmd-shift-f` undo hide

- `cmd-ctrl-f` undo full screen

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2016-05-04-03:59A - Windows 7 - Google Chrome [Version 50.0.2661.94]

wanted this done for a 'YouTube Pop-out Player' without Chrome Address / Toolbar or Bookmarks Bar; solution ended up being a small edit of MarkHu's answer (because of new updates, i guess?)

Go to the page you want altered, select Chrome Toolbar's 'Hamburger button' (3 horizontal lines).

From there: **More tools > Add to desktop... > Open as window (tick box) > Add (button).**

... and, simply open your page from the new desktop shortcut, adjust as needed, and enjoy!

answered May 4 '16 at 11:19

Paul Meranda
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If you would like to know how to hide the YouTube search bar that appears at the top of the pop-out: Right-click and choose "Inspect element" to open the developer tools. Locate "masthead-positioner" and press Delete twice. Now you can size the screen so that only the video is visible! –
Steve Pitchers May 4 '16 at 18:23

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Even though the question is about gaining some space removing the address bar, you can also gain some space by toggling the bookmark bar on and off, using Ctrl + Shift + B , or ⌘ Cmd + Shift + B , in Mac OS.

edited Dec 6 '15 at 10:32   answered Aug 12 '13 at 19:10

Manuel Reis   user2676177
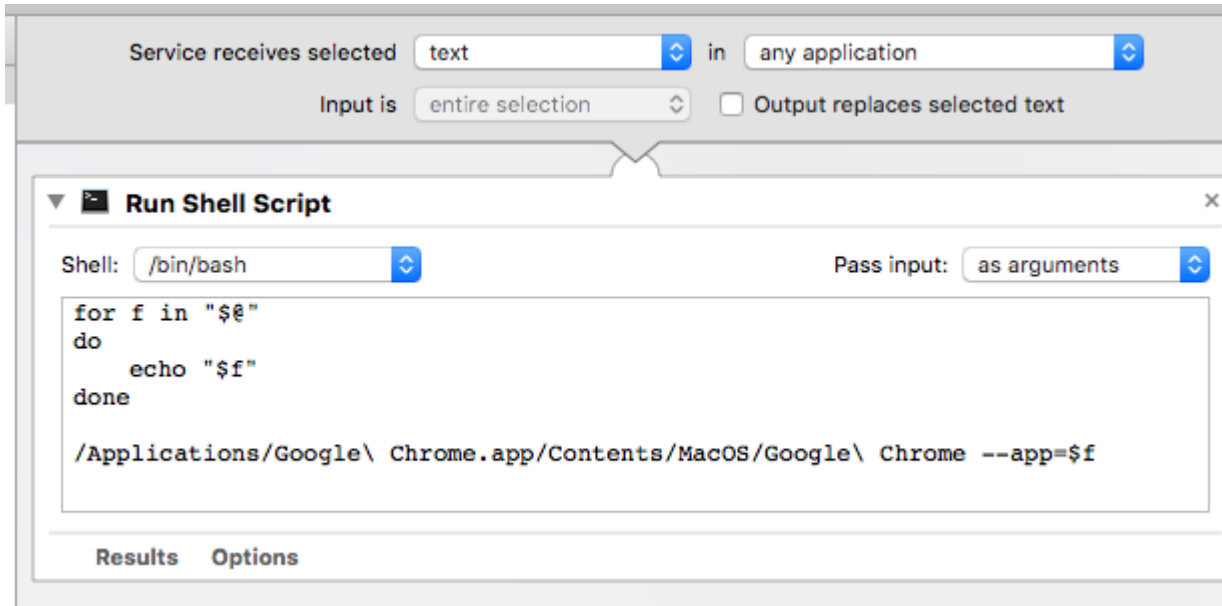**334**   5   25   **87**   2

4   Just commenting, since nobody actually cared to point why this is wrong: the OP was referring to the URL bar, not the favorites bar. – Rodrigo Hahn
May 2 '14 at 14:21

3   I believe this low rated answer was trying to help without giving the answer requested. – jasonleonhard Dec 18 '14 at 3:04

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in macOS make service by automator.

that's it. you can assign short cut.

edited Jan 30 '18 at 3:33   answered Jan 30 '18 at 3:15

Stephen Rauch   user9286731

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For Chrome on Ubuntu (16.04), F11 is the way to go.

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2. From menu select "More tools" > "Create shortcut..."

3. From apps (can visit chrome://apps/), right click site then enable "Open as window"

Now when you open the shortcut it will open in a window without toolbar.

edited Dec 28 '18 at 2:49   answered Dec 27 '18 at 1:47

Michael

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