Overview

Maxthon is a Chinese company known mainly for producing web browsers for [Windows](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Windows). It is headquartered in [Beijing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing), with offices in [Shanghai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanghai), [Hong Kong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong), and [San Francisco](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco), US. Most of Maxthon's engineers are based in the corporate headquarters in Beijing, which develops and maintains versions of the Maxthon browser for Windows, [macOS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MacOS" \o "MacOS), [Android](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_(operating_system)), [iOS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IOS), and [Windows Phone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Phone).

Maxthon has also created other products including a Chinese language news and information portal *i.maxthon.cn*, a Chinese language casual gaming portal and humor website, a ‘[Kid Safe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Content-control_software)’ web browser for Android and s, a free online account system named *Maxthon Passport*, and an English language news and information web portal i.maxthon.com.

## Corporate history[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Maxthon&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Corporate history)]

In 1999, current CEO Ming Jie "Jeff" Chen ([Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_language): [pinyin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinyin): *Chén Míngjié*) founded [Hong Kong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hong_Kong)-based Mysoft International Limited to distribute the MyIE browser. In 2005, the firm received [seed funding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seed_funding) from [venture capital](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venture_capital) firm WI Harper Group and [Morten Lund](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morten_Lund_(investor)), the first [Skype](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skype) investor, and Chen moved the company to [Beijing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beijing). In 2006, Maxthon received further investment from the US-based [venture capital](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venture_capital) firm [Charles River Ventures](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_River_Ventures).

On April 10, 2007, *[TechCrunch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TechCrunch" \o "TechCrunch)* reported that [Google](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google) had invested at least US$1 million in Maxthon; this was denied the following day by Chen. However, in an interview with the Chinese [web portal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_portal) [Sina.com](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sina.com), Chen did not rule out future "cooperation" between the two businesses.

Maxthon won [CNET](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CNET) WebWare 100 Awards in 2008 and 2009, and was #97 in *[PCWorld](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PCWorld" \o "PCWorld)*'s list of the 100 Best Products of 2011.

Maxthon was one of the twelve browsers [Microsoft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft) presented in 2010 at [BrowserChoice.eu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BrowserChoice.eu), a website allowing users of [Windows](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Windows) residing in the [European Economic Area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Economic_Area) to choose which default web browser to use on their computer. In late 2010, Maxthon began releasing new compatibilities, including browsers for Android Mac, [iPhone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPhone)and [iPad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPad" \o "IPad). As of August 2012, Maxthon is still in the first tier of browsers in BrowserChoice.eu after the removal of [Apple Safari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_Safari). The Maxthon Cloud Browser was released on December 10, 2012.

### Maxthon Cloud Browser[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Maxthon&action=edit&section=11" \o "Edit section: Maxthon Cloud Browser)]

Also named Maxthon Cloud, Maxthon 4 was released on December 10, 2012. At the same time it released Passport and its cloud features. Maxthon Passport allowed users to sign-in and register for free membership, and their avatar remains in that space for future visits. Registering also gives users access to cloud syncing services like online favorites. New features include:

* *Cloud Push*: supports sending text, images, websites/links and tabs to Mac, Android and Windows operating systems.
* *Cloud Share*: supports sharing text, images, websites/links and files online.
* *Cloud Download*: supports downloading files in various formats and uploading them to [My Cloud](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Cloud) for backup on any device.
* *My Cloud Tabs*: lets users remember previous sessions, by automatically syncing tabs to Android, iOS, or Windows devices.
* *Cloud Sync*: Syncs account data (Favorites, Settings and Magic Fill data) to other devices.
* *Reader Mode*: adjusts font sizes and removes ads on articles for visibility, with a "*night mode*" option for low light.
* *Magic Fill*: Maxthon securely saves names and passwords of visited websites, then fills in that information upon return.
* *Ad Hunter*: removes advertisements with one click, and automatically blocks pop-up windows.
* *New Session*: users and gamers can simultaneously log into the same website with different accounts.
* *Source Sniffer*: extract all photos, embedded videos and audio files from a web page and download them.
* *SkyNote*: save and access text notes anywhere, and sync them across Windows and Android.
* [*Do Not Track*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Do_Not_Track): privacy from ad networks and beacons.
* [*Google Safe Browsing*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Safe_Browsing): identifies websites and warns if they are not safe and not secure before visiting.
* [*Privacy mode*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privacy_mode): disables browsing history.

### Version 5.x[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Maxthon&action=edit&section=13" \o "Edit section: Version 5.x)]

Maxthon 5 (also known as MX5) was released on October, 2016. In the 5.2.x versions, the core of the browser is updated to the Chromium 61 branch point which suggests that the core is using [Blink](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blink_(web_engine)), a fork of [WebKit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WebKit" \o "WebKit). Aside from a series of new added and improved features, Maxthon 5 also introduces a few major built in functions, such as Maxnote as "your collecting button for the web", Passkeeper as "your smart password manager", and UUMail as "the guardian of your inbox". Through this new version, Maxthon 5 is aiming to become an information assistant for users. New features included:

* *UUMail:* enhances the email experience by creating unlimited virtual email IDs to keep the real email address safe and filtering out spams to make sure the inbox stays clean and organized.
* *Maxnote:* the original 'Favorites' feature upgraded to 'Maxnote'. Users can collect everything, read anywhere, and record anytime.
* *Passkeeper:* help users remember all passwords securely and smartly. Synced users passwords to the Cloud and then accessed on all different platforms & allows people to add and edit “Accounts” and “Private Notes”. It also helps users to auto-generate random complicated passwords when registering on a website so there's no need to worry about passwords being cracked anymore.
* *Customization:* support customization for proxy and core switch button, UEIP data feedback in setting-Privacy & Content, and auto-sync setting
* *External Tool:* support external tool
* *Guest Mode:* add guest mode
* *Interception:* add popup window interception prompt
* *New Favorite Method:* support dragging URL in a webpage to shortcut bar and make it favorite
* *Shortcut bar:* add “add to this folder” for a folder in shortcut bar, support dragging to manage and organize entries, and support “delete” to recycle bin
* *Traffic Calculation:* add upload traffic calculation in Infobox-menu