

# Google Chrome Tips

## 1. **Built In Calculator:**

Perform simple calculations and unit conversions using Google Calculator by typing the expression in Google Chrome's address bar (or "omnibox"). To copy the answer, select the suggestion.

## 2. **Quick Windows:**

Detach a tab and open it in a new window – just drag the tab outside the active window. You can also add it back to the original window using drag and drop.

## 3. **Find Downloads Easily:**

After downloading a file, you can copy it to the desktop or to any other folder by using drag and drop directly from Google Chrome. The file is in the lower left corner.

## 4. **Zoom In & Out:**

Google Chrome remembers zoom settings for each domain. Use **Ctrl +** or **Ctrl -**.

## 5. **History Editing:**

Remove individual items from the history. Go to the History tab (**Ctrl+H**), click on "Edit items", select the pages you want to remove and click on "Remove selected pages".

## 6. **Surprisingly Handy Keyboard Shortcuts:**

Google Chrome offers some unique shortcuts that go beyond the typical CTRL + T for opening new browser tabs. Here is a link to all of Google Chrome keyboard shortcuts:

<http://www.google.com/support/chrome/bin/static.py?page=guide.cs&guide=25799&topic=28650>

And here are three unique shortcuts when compared to those offered by Firefox and IE.

**CTRL + SHIFT + N** automatically opens a Chrome "incognito" window which allows you to surf on a PC without leaving behind any digital footprints.

**SHIFT + Escape** allows for fast access to Chrome's Task Manager utility that allows you to nix browser processes that have gone awry.

**CTRL + SHIFT + T** will open recently closed browser tabs

## 7. **Additional Search Engines:**

1) Right-click inside address bar and select "Edit search engines."

2) With that dialogue box remaining open, go to a website you would like to create a custom search for. For the sake of example try Dictionary.com

3) Once you visit the site look at your "Search Engines" configuration window, notice under the "Other search engines" field Dictionary.com has been added.

4) Next you'll want to change the "Keyword" to something short and easy to remember such as DIC. Now when you want to look up a word at Dictionary.com all you have to do is type in Chrome's Omnibox "DIC" followed by the word you want to look up.

## 8. **Go Incognito on the Fly:**

Not sure what awaits you when you contemplate clicking on that link? If you want to make sure your Web tracks are covered just right-click the link and select "Open link in incognito window."

9. **Jumping to different opened tabs:**

You can switch the currently opened tabs by using **Ctrl + 1**, **Ctrl + 2**, **Ctrl + 3... Ctrl + 9**. Ctrl + 1 means the first tab, Ctrl+2 means the second tab and so on. Ctrl+9 takes you to the last tab. In this way, you can easily switch the tabs easily.

10. **Bookmarks enabling and hiding:**

By using **Ctrl + Shift + B**, you can easily enable Chrome's bookmarks bar. If you press **Ctrl + Shift + B** again, the bookmark bar will be automatically disabled.

11. **Easy Bookmarking:**

You can easily bookmark a site by clicking the star icon at the left of the address bar. Now, select a folder to add it to or arrange and save your bookmark according to your own wish.

12. **Add a Home Button to the Toolbar:**

Chrome boasts a minimalist design that many love, but there are some users who just need to have a "home" button to click. Adding a home button to Chrome is easy — just click on the wrench icon at the top-right, select "Options" and under the Basics tab you'll see a check box for "Show Home button on the toolbar." Select it and you'll never be homeless again.

13. **Favicon Bookmark Bar:**

You can get Chrome to display your bookmarked sites in the toolbar. By deleting the site's name from the bookmark settings, the browser will just show the site's favicons, making for a colourful display along the top of your window.

As you add new sites to your bookmarks, be sure to delete the text in the name box for a favicon-only list. Alternatively, to edit existing bookmarks so that they display favicon-only, go to wrench icon and use the "Bookmark Manager", right-click on the bookmark, select "Edit", delete the text in the name box.

For additional tips try:

<http://www.techradar.com/news/internet/web/30-google-chrome-tips-tricks-and-shortcuts-462663>

<http://www.techinfo-4u.com/2010/08/27/the-ultimate-list-of-google-chrome-tips-and-tricks/>

<http://mashable.com/2010/09/09/chrome-tips-tricks-shortcuts/>