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Tabbed Browsing

The last several releases of Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari, Opera, and Google Chrome have a feature we have discovered many people are unaware of.

Tabbed browsing is a very useful feature for things like comparison shopping, comparing news stories, movie reviews or just about anything you can think of you may wish to be able to do all at the same time.

We will be covering how to use this feature while using Firefox and Internet Explorer, as those are by far the most used browsers.

Your first question may be “What is tabbed browsing?”.

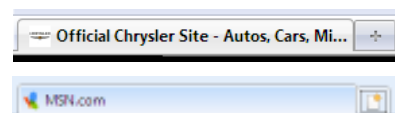
Tabbed browsing allows you to view multiple web sites with only one copy of your browser being open by using tabs across the top. In the screen capture below you will notice there are 3 tabs open, one for each of the three major US car manufacturers.

Which brings us to your second question, “Why would I want to do this”. Well in this case it is an easy way to do comparison shopping when trying to decide what vehicle you wish to purchase.

Another application could be you are reading an article which refers you to another website which you would like to take a look at and not lose your place in the article. So while reading the article you just need to open another tab to view the page you were referred to.

The third and probably the most important question is “How?”

There are basically 3 ways to open an additional tab in either Firefox or Internet Explorer. Below are screen captures from each program showing the appearance of an existing tab.



The first capture is from Firefox. You will notice a “+” mark just to the right of the tab, clicking there will open a second tab. The second is from Internet Explorer, and you will notice an icon that looks like a sheet of paper which is where you would click to open another tab.

To open a new tab using the key board you simply hold down the <ctrl> key and hit the <T> key.

In the “following a link” scenario you would click on the link with your right mouse button, then click on “open in a new tab”, or “open in link in new tab”.

Of the two basic methods we generally find the ctrl T move the easiest. Moving from one tab to another is as simple as clicking on the tab.



Fast Image Resizer - Free

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How often have you sent or received a picture in an email? If it is one you took with your digital camera, chances are the process takes a very long time due to the file size of the original picture. Fast Image Resizer from Adionsoft can't help with a picture someone sends you, but you can certainly speed up the process and reduce sending time for you and receiving time for the recipient. Of course you could suggest your friends also download and use the program before they send a picture the next time.



This totally FREE software is available at: <http://adionsoft.net/fastimageresize>



The author does ask for a donation of \$5.00 but is well worth it if you use the program.

It is very simple to use. In the screen shot to the left you can see there is not much to the program. Really all you have to do is decide what resolution you want to save the picture in and then drag the picture to where it says "Drop files here".

What the program then does, is create a new directory in the folder your original picture was located and names it "Resized" and then writes the now smaller file there. This process does not change the picture quality very much at all, it just makes the size of the file smaller.

As a test we took a picture that was originally 891KB and resized it to a resolution of 1024 X 768 ending up with a file that was only 94.7KB in size which is a much more manageable size for sending as an attachment. This will greatly reduce the time it takes you send the attachment as well as reduce the receiving time for the recipient. Keep in mind the lower the resolution the smaller the file size, but the 1024 X 768 size seems to be perfect.

We would not recommend keeping the resized picture as your only copy as there is some reduction of picture quality which will be noticeable should you decide to have the photo printed.

If you are involved in website development this is an excellent product to use for resizing pictures for that project as well. Generally a web graphic resolution is only 300 X 300

Password Security - Storing Them Safely

In this world of the internet and identity theft, we all have all sorts of log in names and passwords to keep track of. Hopefully no one still uses the same password for every website, bank account etc. but we know many people do because it is too hard to remember all the different passwords.

Some people keep a word processing, spread sheet, or data base on their computer to keep a list of them... not a good idea because if someone does manage to either hack your computer, or possibly even break in and steal it they will have access to your entire list of passwords and probably account name, account numbers etc.

There is a way to keep a list and keep it safe and secure using a FREE program called KeePass.



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Technical Support

Although we do not offer 24/7 technical support we feel we offer support far superior to any of our “big box” or “mail order” competitors.

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Password Security Cont.

KeePass Password Safe is a FREE, open source, light-weight and easy-to-use password manager for Windows. You can store your passwords and other critical information in a highly-encrypted database, which is locked with one master password or key file. With this program you only have to remember one main password to protect the list of the rest of your passwords. You can download the program from this website.

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/keepass/>

Once you have downloaded and installed the software it is pretty simple to set up and configure.

The first time you run the program it will ask you for a name for your data base, you could just call it passwords, but we would suggest something a little more creative. Then it will ask you for a Master password... this one is REALLY important and you best not forget it, or you yourself will not be able to access the information.

Once the initial file is created it has various predefined categories including General, Windows, Network, Internet, Email, and Homebanking.. The use of those categories is self explanatory, but you can rename them or add others.

There are many more features in this program than we have space to go in to, for instance if you are the type that can never think a strong password, you can have the program generate one for you. For complete documentation for the product you can go to this web address: <http://keepass.info/help/base/index.html> or you can click on help in the program and it will redirect you to the documentation page.



Picture of the Dinosaur and our Hot Dog (Jake) during the Lakewood City Wide Street Sale held on June 26th... If you missed it, you missed out on some great Hot Dogs and some fun!!



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