

Internet Browsing Tips

How to choose your Home Page

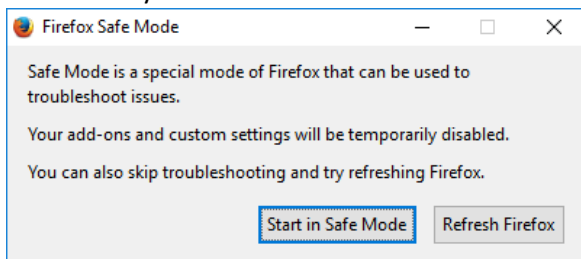
- For Firefox see info [here](#)
- For Google Chrome see info [here](#)
- For Microsoft Edge see info [here](#)

Resetting your browser

This may be necessary if your Browser has become infected or you get bombarded with popups. The instructions are at the links below.

- [Firefox](#)
- [Chrome](#)
- [Internet Explorer](#)
- [Microsoft Edge](#)

Note: A quick way that often works to cleanup Firefox to hold the Shift key while launching the program. You'll be asked if you want to start in the Safe mode as shown below. Try both of these to see what works best.



Dealing with Google Privacy

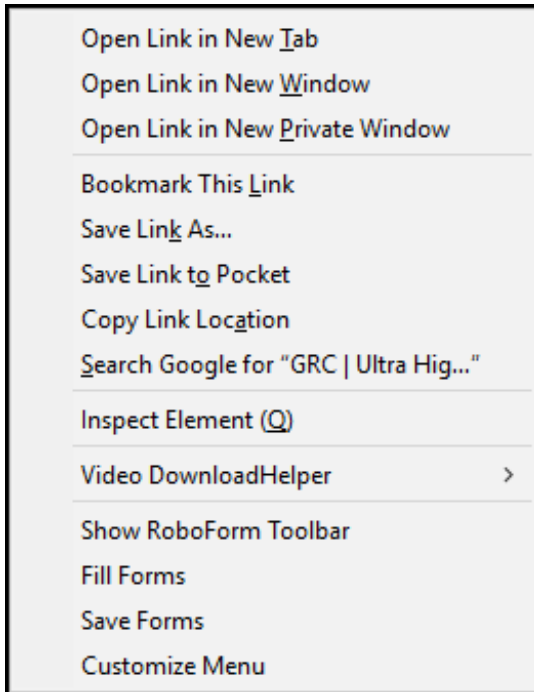
- How to delete your Google search history – click [here](#).
- Delete your Google Chrome browsing history – click [here](#).
- Delete searches & other activity from your account – click [here](#).
- Manage the Apps that are connected to your account – click [here](#). These Apps have access to one or more Google Apps such as Google Drive, YouTube, Gmail, etc.

Change your default search engine

- For Firefox – click [here](#).
- For Google Chrome – click [here](#).
- For Microsoft Edge – click [here](#).

Using Links

- Right-click a link to get the menu below. Your options may vary depending on the plug-ins that you have installed.



Use Google Advanced Search

- I use this all the time, here how it works.
Let's assume that you want to limit your search results to one site. For example, you're looking for an iPad Pro on Amazon – just enter the following into a Google search box

iPad Pro site:amazon.com or
how water heater site:homedepot.com

Don't forget the colon (:) after the word site

Stop writing your passwords on scraps of paper

- Use a password managers
 - [RoboForm](#)
 - [LastPass](#)

Download almost any video with a Firefox Plugin

- Install the plugin named Video Download Helper from [here](#). See the Help [here](#). There's a converter that works with this Add-on and it can be found [here](#).

Improve your security by changing your DNS

- Use OpenDNS – read more [here](#)
- See instructions [here](#)

Internet Shortcuts

- Press **Alt + D** or **Ctrl + L** to move the cursor into the [address bar](#).
- Hold down the **Ctrl key** and **press the + or -** to increase and decrease the size of text. **Ctrl + 0** will reset the text.
- Press the **backspace key** or press **Alt key + left arrow** to go back a page.
- Press **F5** or **Ctrl + R** to refresh or reload a web page.
- Press **F11** to make the Internet browser screen full screen. Press F11 again to return to the normal view.
- Press **Ctrl + B** to open your Internet bookmarks.
- Press **Ctrl + F** to open the find box to search for text within the web page you are reading.
- Press the **Spacebar** to go down a page. Hold the **Shift Key** to go up a page.
- **Ctrl + Tab** – Switch between open tabs
- **Middle click** a Tab to close it

Saving Inter links or web sites

Using Email

On a mobile device

1. Navigate to a web site
2. Tap the share icon and tap the Mail icon and send it to yourself or someone else.
3. Open your email anywhere and click the link

On a PC

1. Open Firefox and click File, Email link

Using the Notes App on a mobile device

1. Navigate to a web site
2. Tap the Share icon
3. Tap the Notes App
4. Save the link to a new or existing note
5. To share these links, open the Notes App, tap the Share icon and Tap Mail
6. Address the message to yourself or anyone else
7. When you open the message, you will see the links

Using the Pocket App?

Pocket, previously known as Read It Later, is an application and service for managing a reading list of articles from the Internet. It is available for OS X, Windows, iOS, Android, Windows Phone, BlackBerry, Kobo eReaders, and web browsers. For an overview, read the article [here](#).

Its main benefit is that you can collect webpages, articles and links from your mobile device and have them show up on your PC. You can also save articles to read offline later.

Setting it up

To sync between a PC and mobile device you must add it to both. Here are the steps:

1. Add the Pocket button to Firefox, read the information [here](#). You can also add it to Google Chrome by following the instructions [here](#).
2. Add it to your iPad or iPhone by searching for it on the App Store.

3. Sign in on all devices with the same user name and password. The free version provides many features so you don't have to pay for the Premium version.
4. On a mobile device, you must enable the Pocket Share Extension as explained [here](#).
5. Set up account the first time you use it, it's free. You can choose to sign in with your Google account.
6. Make sure that the Bookmarks Bar is enabled on your PC's browser. For Firefox, see the instructions [here](#).

The Pocket paradigm

- When you add a web site to Pocket, it's placed in your List. Items in your List are always available, even when offline.
- If you choose to Archive an item, it's only available when you're online. The Premium version keeps these available offline.
- You can easily return items from your Archive to your List provided you're online.
- You can delete items from your List or Archive either individually or in bulk.

Using Pocket on a mobile device

1. Open Safari and go to a web site
2. Tap the Share icon and tap the Pocket icon. This will add the site to Pocket. Be sure to tap the Saved icon when it pops up if you want to tag it with a Category.



3. To view the saved site or sites, open the Pocket App
4. From the List view, tap and hold an entry to bring up a menu. This brings up a menu at the bottom (iPhone) or top (iPad) where you can do the following using the icons from left to right as shown below.
 - a. Add a tag
 - b. Move it to your Archive
 - c. Add to Favorites
 - d. Delete



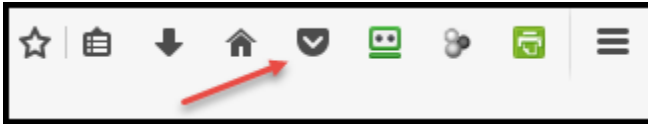
5. From the Archive view, tap and hold an entry to bring up a menu. This brings up a menu at the bottom (iPhone) or top (iPad) where you can do the following using the icons from left to right as shown below.
 - a. Add a tag
 - b. Move it back to your list

- c. Add to Favorites
- d. Delete



Using Pocket on a PC

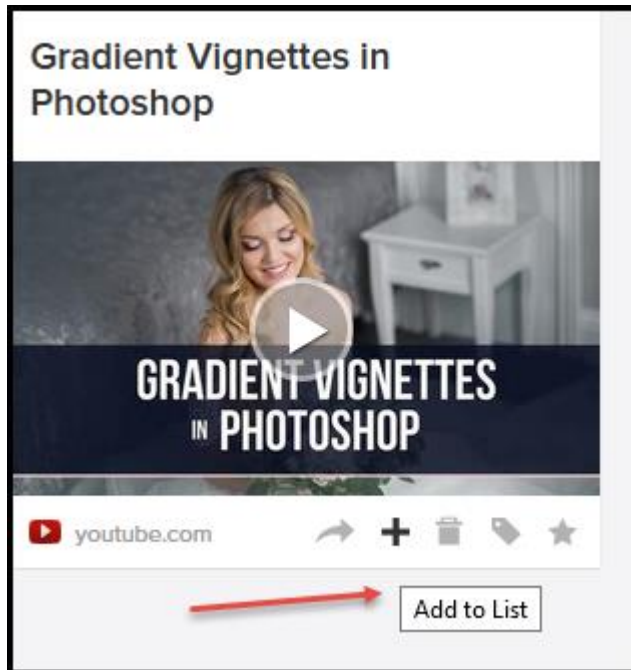
- 1. Open a web site
- 2. Click the Add to Pocket icon



- 3. To view your Pocket list, open the Bookmarks menu and select View Pocket List.
- 4. From either the List or Archive view, hover over an entry to bring up a menu as shown below.



5. Hover over any icon to see its function as shown below.



Security Checkup

Google Security

- If you're a Google user go to the site [here](#) and perform a Security Checkup. It's a good idea to check your account permissions since they add up fast. Remove the ones you don't need.

Check the strength of a password

- [GRC Website](#)
- [Password Meter](#)

Use Google backup codes

Basics of backup codes

If you lose your phones or otherwise can't receive codes via SMS, voice call, or Google Authenticator, you can use backup codes to sign in. Follow the instructions below to generate backup codes. You can also use these codes to sign in if you don't have your Security Key.

The codes come in sets of 10, and you can generate a new set at any point, automatically making the old set inactive. In addition, after you've used a backup code to sign in, it will become inactive.

We recommend you store your codes wherever you keep your other valuable items. Like the codes on your phone, backup codes are only valuable to someone if they manage to also steal your password.

To get these codes, go [here](#) and go to the **Backup Codes** section. Print them and carry in a safe place. Check off the codes as you use them since they're only good once.

Here's how to use the codes:

1. Locate your backup codes
2. Go to the sign-in page of the Google service you want to use (for example, Gmail).
3. Enter your username and password.
4. When asked for your verification code, click Try another way to sign in.
5. Click Enter one of your 8-digit backup codes.
6. Enter your backup code.

Glossary

- DNS (Domain Naming Server or Domain Name System) - read info [here](#)
- See more info [here](#)