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10 Useful Browser Shortcuts You Ought To Know

Of the hours and hours we sink into using our computers and laptops, chances are, we're spending a large portion of that time on the internet. And to make sure that we don't lose any time checking on our beloved idols or getting back to playing our favorite games, here are 10 useful browser shortcuts you should know.

1. Open New Tab

Starting off with one of the most basic actions, use these shortcuts to open fresh new tabs or windows for all your ~~stalking~~ browsing needs.

Press: **Control + T** to open a new tab

Control + N to open a new window

2. Close Current Tab

For all those, uh, emergency situations where we'd like to avoid either embarrassment or an awkward conversation about the thing we were most definitely *not* just looking at out of curiosity, here's a quick tactical escape in the form of a couple keystrokes.

Press: **Control + W** to close the current tab

Control + Shift + W to close the current window

3. Reopen Last Tab Closed

Pick your poison: a slow computer that lags, a faulty mouse that double-clicks, or just plain old indecision. Any number of reasons that result in an accidentally closed webpage can be remedied with this simple solution.

Press: **Control + Shift + T**

4. View Next Tab

There's a special kind of people out there who are somehow able to function with an innumerable amount of tabs open. Here's one shortcut that would hopefully ease the pain of tab navigation for you (or at least lighten it up for the people who have to watch you in horror).

Press: **Control + Tab** to view the next tab

Control + 1, Control + 2, etc. to view a specific tab (only works for the first 8 tabs)

5. Open Hyperlinked Text In New Tab

Instead of right-clicking on links to view the drop down menu to open them elsewhere, combining your regular clicks with a couple of buttons are very handy alternatives. If your mouse has a scroll wheel, clicking the links using that works too but only for opening links in a new tab.

Press: **Control + Click Link** or **Middle Click** to open the link in a new tab
Shift + Click Link to open the link in a new window

6. Reload Current Page

Refresh your pages (or even your desktop) with this shortcut so you can be exasperated at nothing loading from your bad internet, now more efficiently!

Press: **Control + R** or **F5**

7. Save Current Page As Bookmark

For when you want to save things for, uh, future reference. Just make sure to keep your bookmarks organized with the bookmarks manager.

Press: **Control + D** to bookmark the page you're currently on
Control + Shift + D to bookmark all pages currently open
Control + Shift + O to open the bookmarks manager

8. Put Cursor In Search Bar

In times when you're too lazy to open a new tab and have no qualms with leaving the site you're currently on, use these keys to go straight to the search bar at the top of your browser.

Press: **Control + L** to select the search bar
Control + Backspace to erase the current search

9. Open Downloads Page

Got a lot of downloads going on and want to check their progress quickly? Open your downloads page with this shortcut to view them and your download history (which you might want to erase).

Press: **Control + J**

10. Drag Tab Out Of Strip To Open In New Window

If you want to separate any tabs from its original window for the sake of organization, look no further than your mouse. No keys needed here!

Press: **Just click on a tab and drag it out of its current window.**

Those are just some of many keyboard shortcuts that your browsers have to offer, but they should be enough to make your online experience that much smoother. So the next time you're surfing the internet, at least you can do it in **style**. *Go get 'em, tiger.*