

IE7 Tips & Tricks

The menu bar is easy to activate. Right-click the gray area at the top of the window. On the pop-up menu, select Menu Bar. You'll see the familiar menus from IE 6.

The keyboard shortcuts you used in Internet Explorer 6 should still work. But, there are additional shortcuts to work with different tabs. If you're not using the tabbed browsing feature in IE 7, you're missing out.

With tabbed browsing, you can have several different Web pages open in the same window. It's easy to switch between tabs. And your desktop won't be cluttered with tons of open windows.

If you don't like tabbed browsing, you can turn it off. Simply click Tools>>Internet Options. On the General tab, click Settings in the Tabs section. Deselect Enable Tabbed Browsing. Click OK>>OK. You'll need to restart Internet Explorer.

Now, on to the shortcut keys:

Ctrl + click – Opens a link in a new tab behind current page
Ctrl + Shift + click – Opens a link in a new tab in front of current page
Ctrl + T – Opens a new tab
Ctrl + W – Closes current tab (or window if tabbed browsing is disabled)
Ctrl + Tab – Switches between tabs
Ctrl + Alt + F4 – Closes other tabs
Ctrl + Q – Displays thumbnails of open tabs
Ctrl + number – Switches to a specific tab (number must be between one and eight)
Ctrl + 9 – Switches to the last tab

IE 7 also includes a new search feature. You can search from any site. The search feature is located in the upper-right corner of the window, just below the window controls. There are a few shortcut keys associated with it.

Ctrl + E – Takes you to the search box
Alt + Enter – Opens search query in a new tab
Ctrl + Down Arrow – Opens the search box menu

The shortcut keys from IE 6 will still work. I wrote about them not too long ago. You can read the tip [on my site](#). And if you're sticking with [Firefox](#), I also have [a list of shortcuts](#) for it, too.