

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Free Browser – Google Chrome

As well as Internet Explorer 7, and Firefox there is now Chrome by Google. It has similarities with other browsers (eg Tabs) but a whole lot more functionality. My favourites include; “recent bookmarks” and “recently closed tabs”, both on the same page as your “most visited sites”. There is also your “favourites” that were brought in from IE7. In chrome they are called bookmarks and are managed in a similar way, with a little more flexibility.

But best of all is the fact that there is no longer a separate address bar and search bar – it is all the one. As you type, Chrome tries to pre-empt what you are looking for and is always suggesting answers. Better still it knows your recent searches and web sites so from the very first letter you type in, the alternatives are amazing.

There is a very good YouTube clip that explains the benefits, so type “*google chrome video benefits*” into your preferred search engine to locate it.

It’s still only in Beta version (ie not strictly released) but it appears to be quite robust already. From the google search page, click on “more” and then, “even more” to find the link that will let you download, install and give this great piece of software a try.

If you haven’t already guessed, I do have a preference for Google as my home page and search engine. It has a clean and simple web page that loads quickly because it doesn’t include all the videos and advertising that you get on MSN or Yahoo or Bigpond.

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