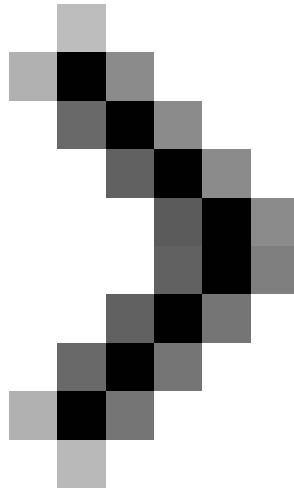
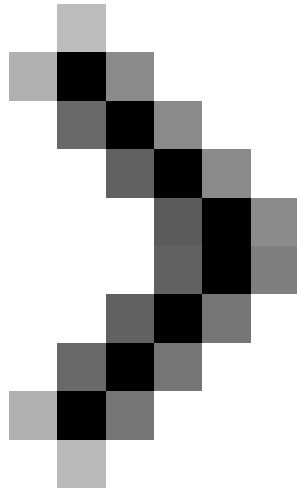


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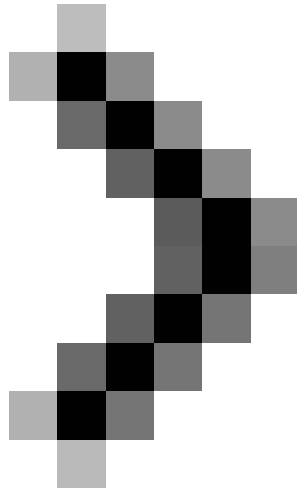
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Choose the best Web browser - Part 3



## **Opera 9.5**

Opera is hoping to make a sound like Firefox after encountering several failures before the open source version is completed. Like the new Firefox, Opera 9.5 (codenamed Kestrel) has refurbished the address bar, its download dialog is further simplified by improving content locking operations or increasing performance and usage. Memory more effectively. Its upgraded interface represents a modern style. You'll also see some 'unique' features, such as the ability to sync bookmarks between computers using its host service. Although there are a few sites that do not support this whole thing and sometimes encounter unstable running problems, the problems that occur with Opera are still quite small. With e-mail, chat, newsreader, and even the BitTorrent client, Opera 9.5 is now a faster, safer, and more compatible browser than ever.

Not wanting to be outdone by the address bar feature in Firefox 3 (this is a feature called by the Mozilla Awesome Awesome Bar) - Opera introduced Quick Find. With Firefox's new address bar, when you start typing characters, a drop-down menu will show you suggestions of sites you will be looking for, these suggestions will be based on history and Your web browser bookmark. However, Quick Find does even more than that, it is not only based on history but also the results on the content of the page. It works pretty well in predicting the sites you want to visit, but some people still prefer Firefox implementations because it can put tagging into your account and take you directly to the page you want. . For example, when you type the phrase "New York Times", the Firefox browser will take you directly to the article website. Meanwhile, Opera is like other browsers, directing you to the search results page with your search term, while Firefox will save you a click.

One of Opera's significant new features is Opera Link. This feature allows you to synchronize bookmarks, personal link toolbars, Speed ??Dial entries and notifications between computers on the Internet. When signing up for an Opera account and providing an email address, you can access your links, Speed ??Dial items, but you

can not only access Opera browsers on computers. Other you can also from Opera Mobile and Opera Mini mobile browsers. You can even access links from other browsers besides Opera. For example, if you log into Opera Link in Internet Explorer, you can access your bookmarks and even the Speed Dial page on the web. Opera Link is the only feature available in Opera and is a great idea. Finally, Opera Software ASA also extends Opera Link's features so you can transmit passwords and other settings to different types of web browsing hardware.

## Opera 9.5

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### Specifications

- Style: Business, Personal, Professional
- Free
- Compatible operating system: Windows Vista, Windows XP, Linux, Mac OS

In addition to the above features, Opera also integrates an e-mail client, RC chat client, newsgroup reader, and an RSS reader. You can access these applications via the side panel. When a new message is sent, a small window will appear in the lower right corner of the screen. Perhaps most notable is that Opera can act as a BitTorrent client - a feature that no browser has. In addition, the browser search bar has a BitTorrent search option.

Opera has a social network element: By registering an account, you can add your friends, send messages and updates, view photos and profiles of other Opera users. You can also create blogs, share photos, and log in to group discussions directly from within the browser.

Although quite complicated, Opera still has some weak areas. For example, Firefox 3's management suite for password management, in particular, downloads is an example. Firefox 3's manager does not have a dialog box that causes you to be interrupted while browsing, Firefox 3's download manager can now pause, resume and search. Besides, Opera still doesn't have a convenient feature for saving bookmarks ( *one-click bookmarking* ) like Internet Explorer (+ *star icon* ) and in Firefox ( *star icon* ). Although you can add a button with a star icon from the menu by selecting *View | Toolbars | Customize | Buttons* to simplify that operation a bit. However, creating bookmarks in Opera is still very primitive, Opera requires you to open a tab or a new window and does not support drag and drop actions within the Bookmark drop-down menu. You cannot tag pages in the same terms as you can in Firefox 3.

Some users experience some compatibility issues. The RC version was eventually run by many users and some reported that they had experienced a crash several times when accessing some of them, such as Yahoo! Mail. Some people have trouble choosing Windows Native Theme instead of Opera Standard.

### Some improve with old features

Opera is the leading browser in providing tabs for multiple browser windows and this is considered the best addition to this browser. The default New Tab button has now been redesigned with a simple plus sign on the right of the tabs. Just move the mouse pointer over a tab, you will see a thumbnail image of the site - a feature that is highly different. Scrolling through tabs is quite easy. You can use the mouse wheel while holding the right mouse button or Ctrl-Tab.

Opera's multi-function **Sidebar** - a feature that allows you to switch between bookmarks, history, downloads, etc. is also at the forefront and nothing changes. However, some users still prefer the feature in Firefox 3, although it is more restrictive than Opera. The designers have changed the way you access the sidebar, replacing the arrow on the right side of the browser with a button at the top left of the tabs. For new users using this browser, this change will make the sidebar more intuitive. In addition to the sidebar panel for bookmarks and history, you can have panels for widgets (known as small applications that run outside the browser), mail, contacts, notifications, transmission, IRC chat and page information. You can activate an icon button along the left side of each panel and close the main sidebar panel, leaving only the access buttons to quickly access their panels.

**Speed ??Dial** - a grid of links - is another distinctive feature in recent versions of Opera and makes it convenient for sites to be used regularly. Some users also want to be able to *add* a certain page while visiting it (that is, it is possible to use a right-click instead of going to the Speed ??Dial page and clicking on a certain item), however this feature in Opera still outperforms Firefox's clone extensions because it can suggest frequently visited pages when you *add* Speed ??Dial items.

To make the browser easier to use, you should go to the *View | dialog Toolbars | Customize | Buttons* . Here you will find tools that are very useful as members often appear on the browser interface. However there are two default buttons Fast Forward and Rewind that you cannot edit on the interface.

Another interesting feature is **Paste-and-Go** . When you right-click on the address bar and to *paste* something you've *copied* , this is a small but quite effective feature and saves you quite a bit of time when normalization must press **Enter** ( on the keyboard, press **Ctrl-B** instead of **Ctrl-V** to *paste* and access).

Opera is also the pioneer browser for mouse navigation, speeding up some applications. For example, you can maximize a tab by holding the right button and dragging the mouse over the top right corner. Other shortcuts also have Ctrl-Z - do what it does in other applications, reopen the last page you close - and a small icon at the bottom of the browser to allow you to turn off images with one click. mouse. This button also allows you to display only cached images, allowing you to have many advantages if your connection is slow.

## **Security**

Like Firefox 3, Opera not only protects against fake sites, but through its collaboration with Haute Secure security experts, Opera has added protection against malware distribution sites. In this regard, the protection of Internet Explorer and Firefox is also quite successful, but Safari is weaker. Opera also lets you know how a secure connection is connected: If the site uses SSL (Secure Sockets Layer), the address bar displays a lock icon and lets you know if there are problem with site or not.

## **Speed ??test**

In this area, Opera is faster than all other browsers. However, other Opera competitors are gradually narrowing this gap: both Safari and Firefox 3 have shown significant improvements in speed. Opera 9.5 is still significantly improved in performance compared to its previous version 9.27.

Memory usage is a factor that also affects how smoothly the computer performs when you run a browser. In this regard, Opera may lose to Firefox but still outperforms many competitors.

## **Supporting standards**

As for web standards support, Opera is the winner. In the Acid3 Browser benchmarking process of Web Standards Organization, Opera 9.5 proved better than any other browser, achieving 83 points compared to 71 points for Firefox 3, 75 points for Safari 3.1 and 12 modest points. with Internet Explorer. However, Opera is not officially supported by some big sites, such as Citibank, although this site can still work if you click **Continue** . However, some other demanding sites like Zoho and new My Yahoo! not showing any problems. Picasa Web Albums showing a message above indicates that your browser is not fully supported and so you only get a simplified version of the site compared to what you can get in Firefox or Internet Explorer. .

For developers, Opera has improved support for Scalable Vector Graphics and many HTML tags. The company also introduced Dragonfly, a development tool for developers to build applications in Opera's desktop browser versions and mobile versions.

Great speed, stability, and leading in support of standards has always been a strong point for Opera. If someone likes the idea of 'all in one' communication, then features like browser e-mail, RSS, chat and even BitTorrent clients will satisfy the needs of these people. Although there are still some large sites that do not support official Opera yet, all this can change with the commitment to open Internet Explorer 8 web standards. If that really happens, this browser will become A real competitor to other browsers and it will also remove a major barrier to using this browser for users.

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