

How to change advanced settings hidden in the browser

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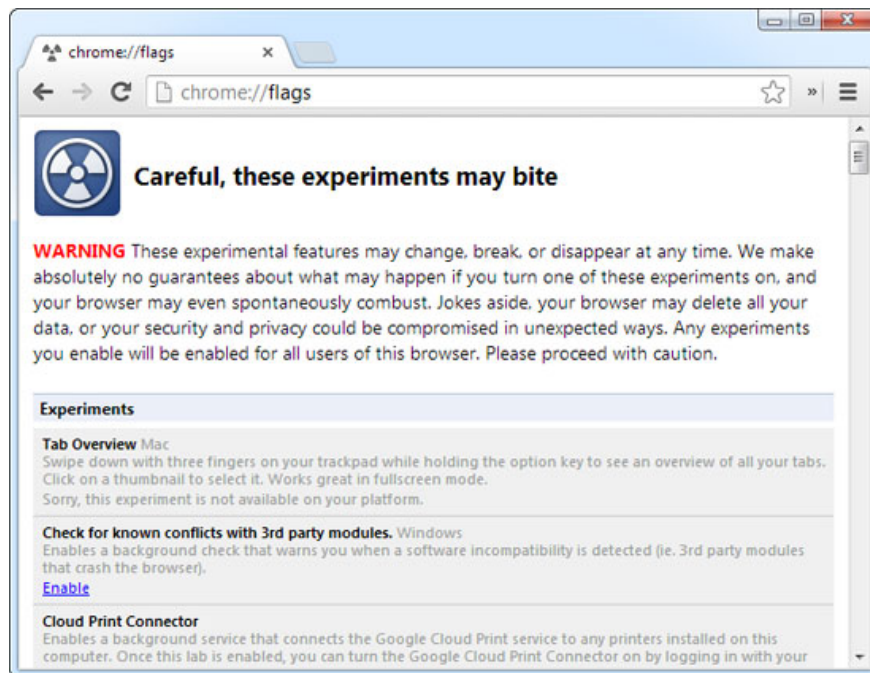
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Note that changing some settings may negatively affect the browser performance, stability, and security. Many of these settings are hidden for some reason.

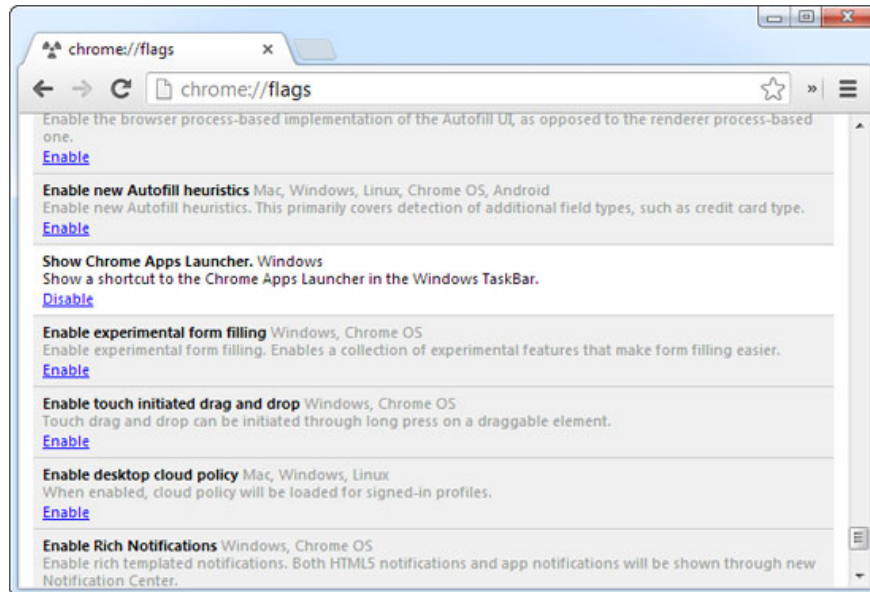
Google Chrome:

All stable settings of Google Chrome are available on its Settings page. However, Chrome has a page where you can change experimental settings, enable many experimental features. These options may change or disappear at any time, and should not be considered stable. They can cause serious problems, so use them carefully.

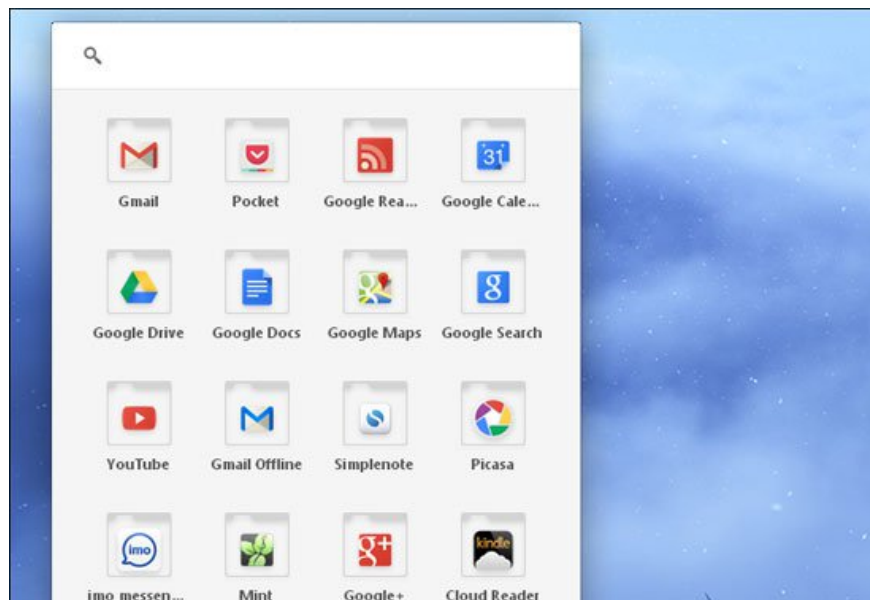
If you want to see, adjust these settings, type **chrome: // flags** or **about: flags** in Chrome's address bar > press **Enter** .



For example, here are some existing settings.

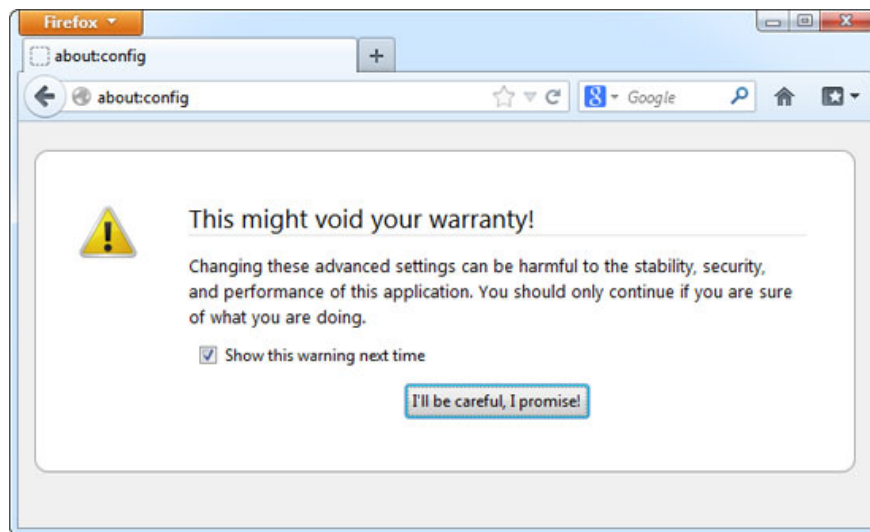


After changing a setting, you need to restart Chrome for the change to take effect.

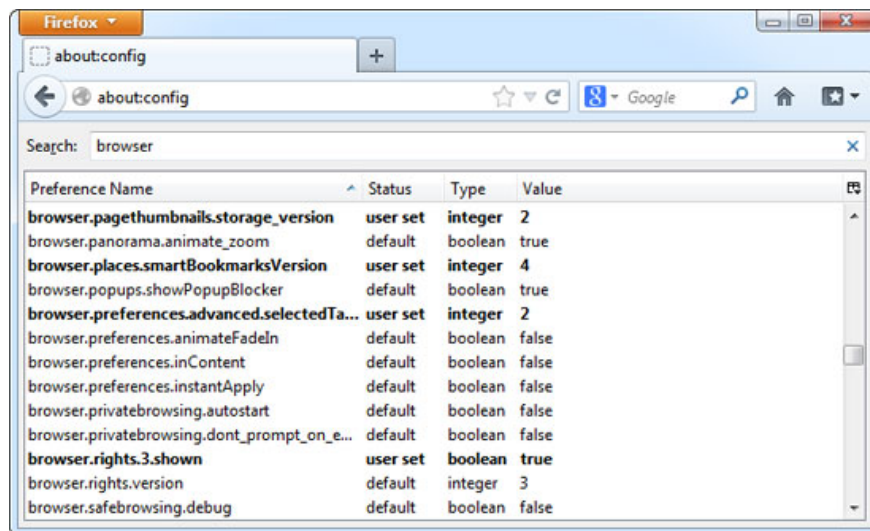


Mozilla Firefox:

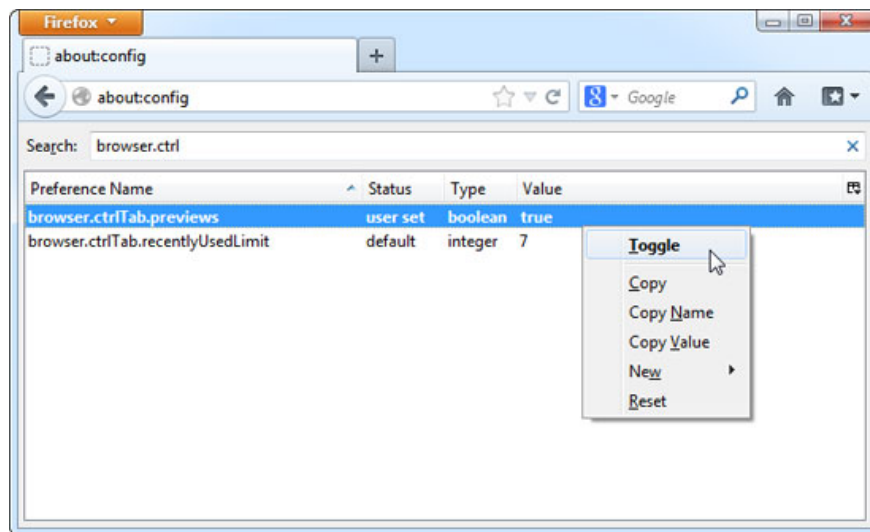
To access the advanced settings of Firefox, type **about: config** in the address bar > press **Enter** . You will see a warning page that should continue only if you know for sure what you are doing.



About: config page stores all Firefox installations, including settings that can be configured in the graphical interface and settings for your installed extensions. The settings that are not in bold are the default settings, but bolded as the settings have changed.



However, you will also find many interesting ' *hidden* ' *hidden settings* here, such as installing **browser.ctrlTab.previews**.



With this setting enabled, you will see a list of *thumbnails* (*thumbnails*) of open tabs when using the **Ctrl + Tab** hotkey combination to switch between tabs. This preview list only appears when you have enough open tabs (*by default, at least 7 but you can change that by changing the setting of browser.ctrlTab.recentlyUsedLimit*).

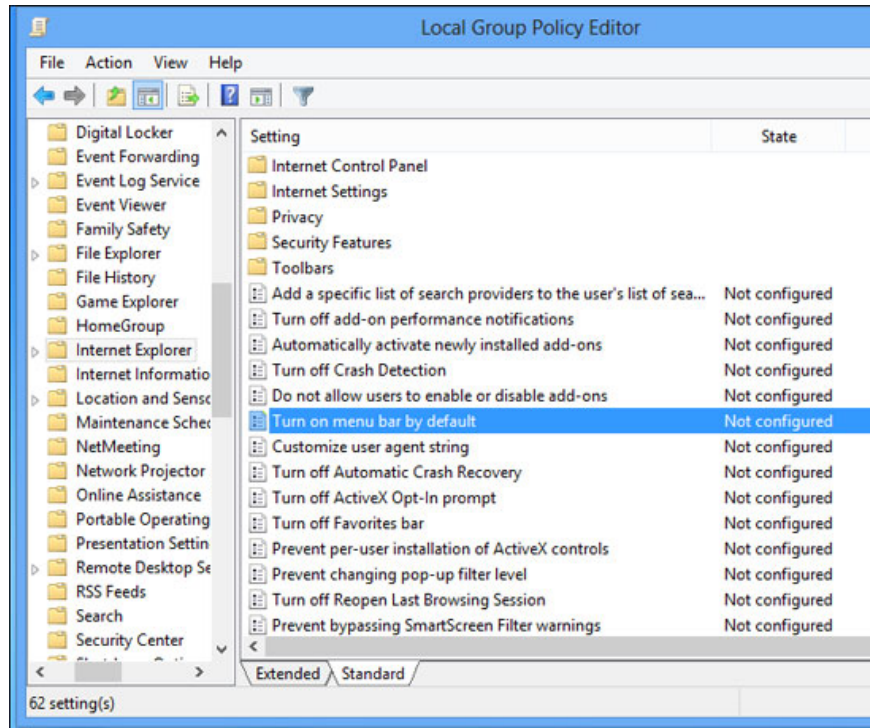


Internet Explorer:

This browser has many settings that cannot be changed from the user interface, not easily accessible. You can tweak these settings from the registry or through **Group Policy Editor** . Most of these options are for system administrators to lock, customize the deployment of IE on the network.

Note that Group Policy Editor is not available on the Home version of Windows. You can use Group Policy Editor to view and modify advanced IE settings. To open it, press the **Windows** key > type **gpedit.msc** into the Start menu (*or go to the Start screen, if you're using Windows 8*) > press **Enter**. (*If Group Policy Editor does not appear, you may be using the Home version of Windows*).

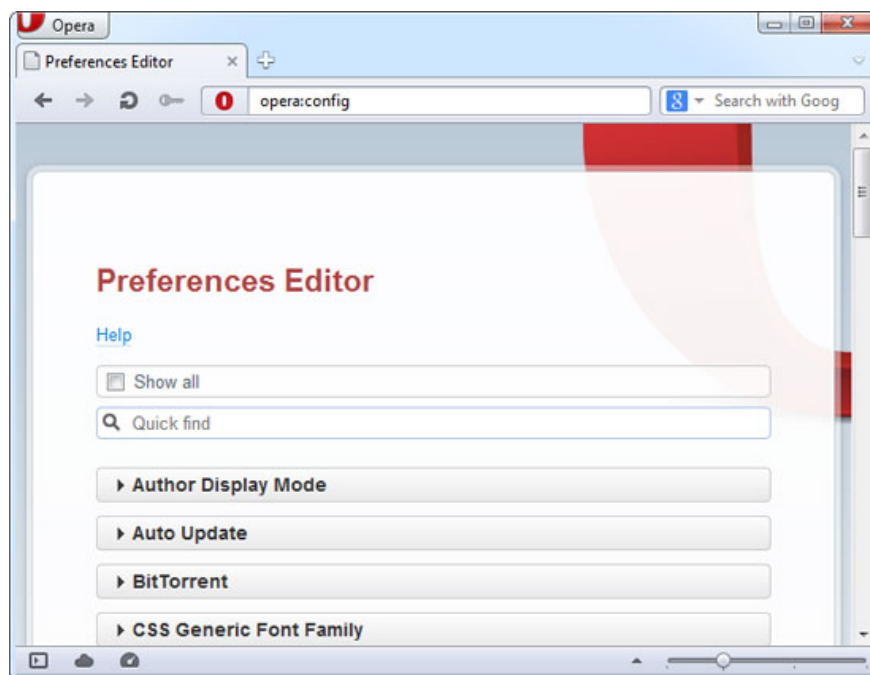
You will find IE settings under **Administrative Templates** > **Windows Components** > **Internet Explorer link**



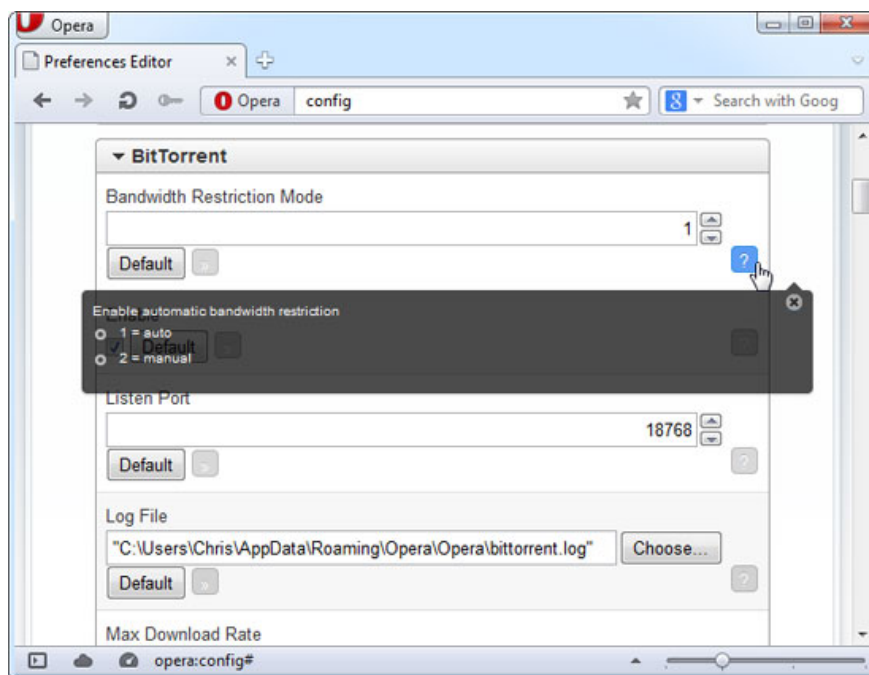
For example, if you don't turn on the old style menu (*File / Edit / View / .*), you can enable it by default by setting **Turn on menu bar by default to Enabled**.

Opera:

To access the **Preferences Editor** , type **opera: config** in **Opera** 's address bar> press **Enter** .



As with other browsers, you'll find a range of settings in Opera's Preferences Editor, including settings available in the standard interface and hidden settings that can only be changed from this page.



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