

How to turn a website into a Mac application with Epichrome

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Some people think that we are living in the web 2.0 era, where services like Gmail, Facebook, Flipboard or Pandora should be considered instead of websites. That's because they really do have something, not just providing static information like normal websites. Most web services have their own mobile applications, but desktop applications are another story. Many services must rely on their own websites to serve computer users.

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Epichrome, Fluid and browser for a certain page SSB

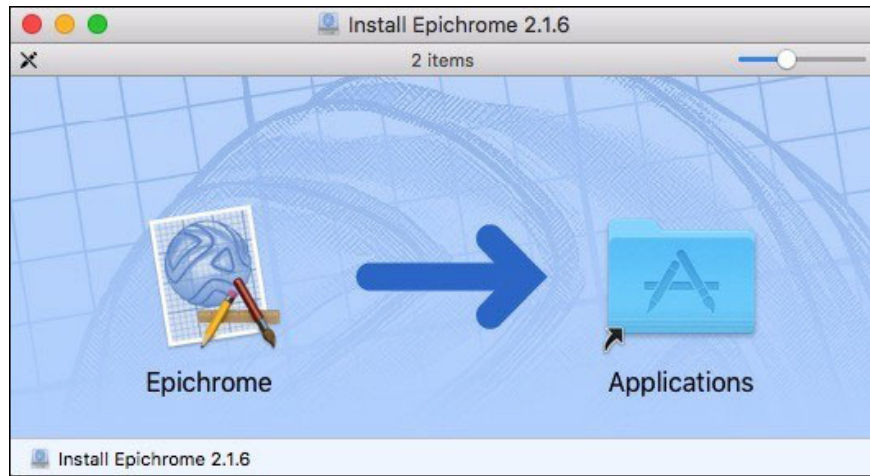
The most common name in the SSB field on a Mac is Fluid, but in this article, we'll try Epichrome. There are several browser utilities that only work on Chrome and Epichrome built on Google's Chrome engine. Meanwhile, Fluid is Safari's WebKit-based product. We also understand that Google's service will work better on Google's browser.

Creating a browser for a given page means that you can create an application from a website and install it on that page. This way will help the main Chrome browser not be filled with utilities (which are only useful for one or two websites). For example, you can create an SSB for Gmail and install Gmail-related utilities on it. Fewer utilities also mean that the browsing experience will be lighter, faster, and consume less computer resources.

An SSB also manages cookies, settings settings separately from the main browser. Thus, you can open more than one Instagram account at the same time if you want.

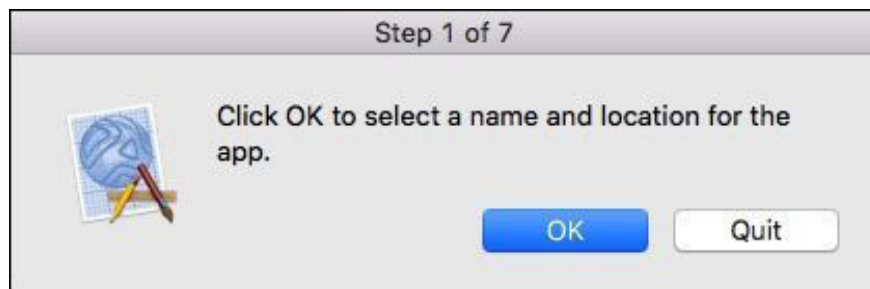
How to set up SSB

Previously, Chrome-based SSB creation would need to work with Shell Script scripts and Terminal commands. But thanks to Epichrome, things will be much simpler now. After downloading and installing the app, open up and try creating with the Flipboard app.



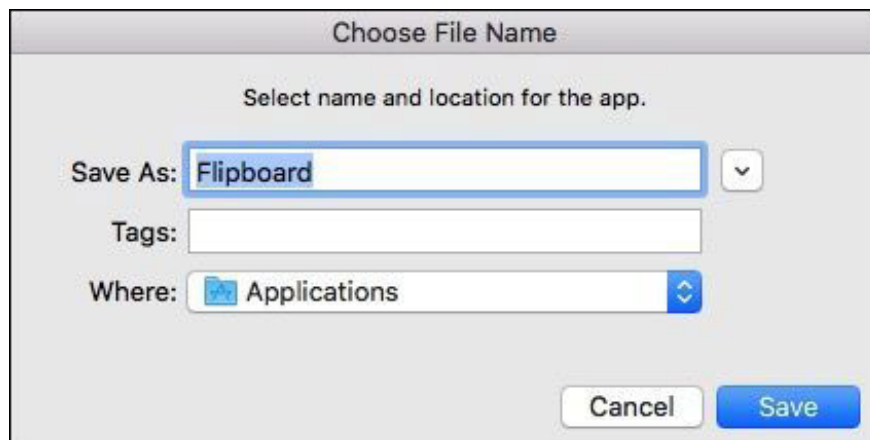
Install Epichrome on Mac

Step 1: Open Epichrome and select **OK** to continue.



Open the application and select OK

Step 2: Enter the application name and its location.



Name the application

Step 3: Select the name that will appear on the menu bar. To avoid confusion, select the name you used in the previous step.



Select the name that will appear on the Menu bar

Step 4: When the application asks to select **App Windows** or **Browser Tab**, select **App Windows** if you want to open a new white window and **Brower Tabs** if you want to use the same interface as the regular browser.



Choose how to open a new window or tab

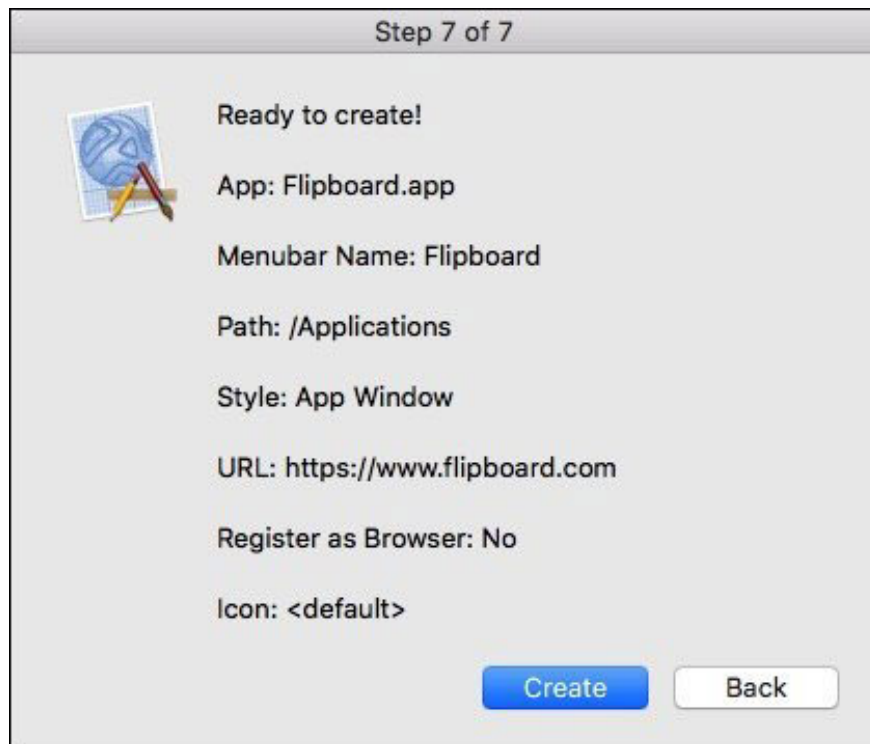
Step 5: Enter the URL of the application you want to open. **As a browser app register** means that the web application will treat your application as a browser.



Enter the URL you want to open

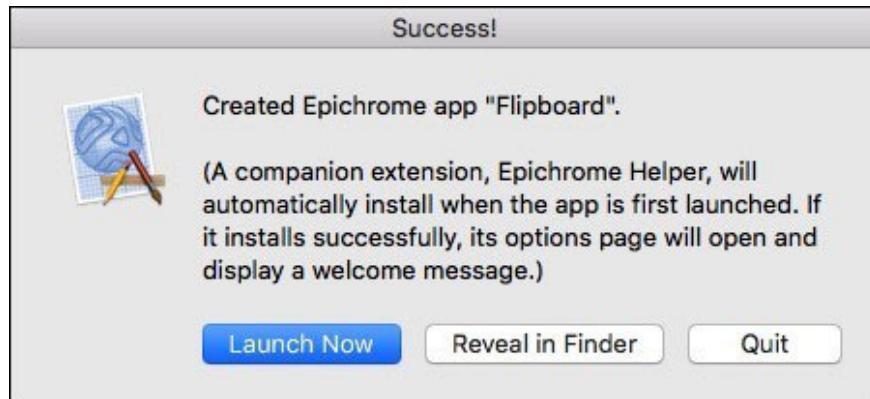
Step 6: Select **Yes** to select your own icon or select **No** to use the default icon.

Step 7: The final step is to confirm by selecting **Create**.



Complete the SSB creation process

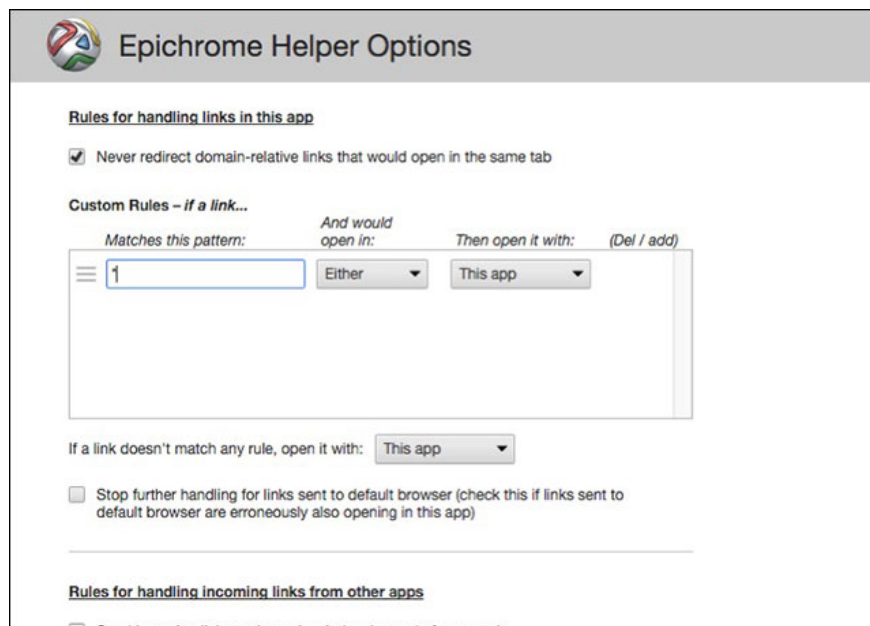
Now that you've turned your favorite web application into a desktop application, try opening it.



Open the newly created application

A few other customizations

There are a few other customization options that you need to do the first time you open the application. You will be asked which link to open in the application and the link by default browser. Add links and choose what the app will do with those links. Then confirm by saving the list again.



Add links and manipulate links

The image shows a settings panel for handling incoming links. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled "If a link doesn't match any rule, open it with:" with "This app" selected. Below this is a checkbox labeled "Stop further handling for links sent to default browser (check this if links sent to default browser are erroneously also opening in this app)".

The next section is titled "Rules for handling incoming links from other apps" and contains a checkbox labeled "Send incoming links to the main window instead of a new tab".

The final section is titled "Main window type" and contains the following text: "You can switch the main window between app-style and tab-style (in case you need access to the address bar or toolbar). You can use the context menu (right click anywhere on the page), or the following hot keys:"

- In app-style window: ⌘-L or ⌘-⇧-L
- In tab-style window: ⌘-⇧-L

Below the list is a note: "Note that the page itself must have focus for these hot-keys to work. If you have text selected in the address bar, for instance, they won't work."

At the bottom of the panel are four buttons: "Save", "Reset to Default", "Import", and "Export". To the right of these buttons is a red text indicator that says "Changes not yet saved..."

Save the newly created list

From now on, you can use the application you want in the browser, but like a standalone standalone application from the main browser.

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