

# Vivaldi Browser

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- Vivaldi company founded by Tatsuki Tomita and Jon Stephenson von Tetzchner
  - Tetzchner was previously co-founder and CEO of Opera Software
- Initial release in 2015
- Based on Chromium
  - among [many other Chromium forks](https://alternativeto.net/category/browsers/chromium-based/)

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## Features

- Removes Google's spying from Chromium
- Ad blocker and tracking blocker
- Email, Calendar, and Todo client (Imap, SMTP, CalDAV, etc.)
- Notes tool
  - Notes can be standalone or attached to web pages you've viewed
- Language translation tool
  - "Powered by Lingvanex, hosted by Vivaldi"
- Flexible tab management

- top, bottom, left, or right edge
- nested tabs
- Tiling sub-windows (2+ pages side-by-side in one browser window)
- Profile manager
  - completely separate profiles with their own history, bookmarklets, extensions, etc.
- RSS reader
- Can load any web page or web app into a sidebar utility
- Command bar (F2 key) – type to search and execute any browser command
  - Every command can be assigned to a hotkey if it hasn't got one already
    - (Ctrl-F12 for “Settings” → Keyboard)
    - Example: I assigned Shift-F5 to “move tab to new window”
- “Toggle UI” (Ctrl-F11) – hide everything in the window except for the current page/app
  - like full-screen, but in a window
- “Capture Page” command
  - convert selection or whole page to image
  - send to Note, clipboard, or file
- Disable animated GIFs
  - [DEMO: Giphy sample page](https://giphy.com/explore/sample) <https://giphy.com/explore/sample>
- Disable auto-play of media items (globally or per site)

## Free lunch?

- License: [proprietary freeware](https://vivaldi.com/privacy/vivaldi-end-user-license-agreement/) <https://vivaldi.com/privacy/vivaldi-end-user-license-agreement/>
- [Privacy policy](https://vivaldi.com/privacy/browser/) <https://vivaldi.com/privacy/browser/>

- Who's paying for this?
  - [I asked Kagi's GPT answer engine](#)  
<https://save.glump.net/share/663d3ea671c4d6.37768954>
  - [Business Model](#) <https://vivaldi.com/blog/vivaldi-business-model/>
    - Promoting default search engines (does not require you to use these search engines)
    - Bookmarks on start page: REMOVABLE, but they occasionally add new ones
    - Vivaldi doesn't ask for money from end-users