



Web browser tips and tricks

What is a browser?

A web browser is software that accesses websites.



Well-known browsers

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Safari
- Mozilla Firefox

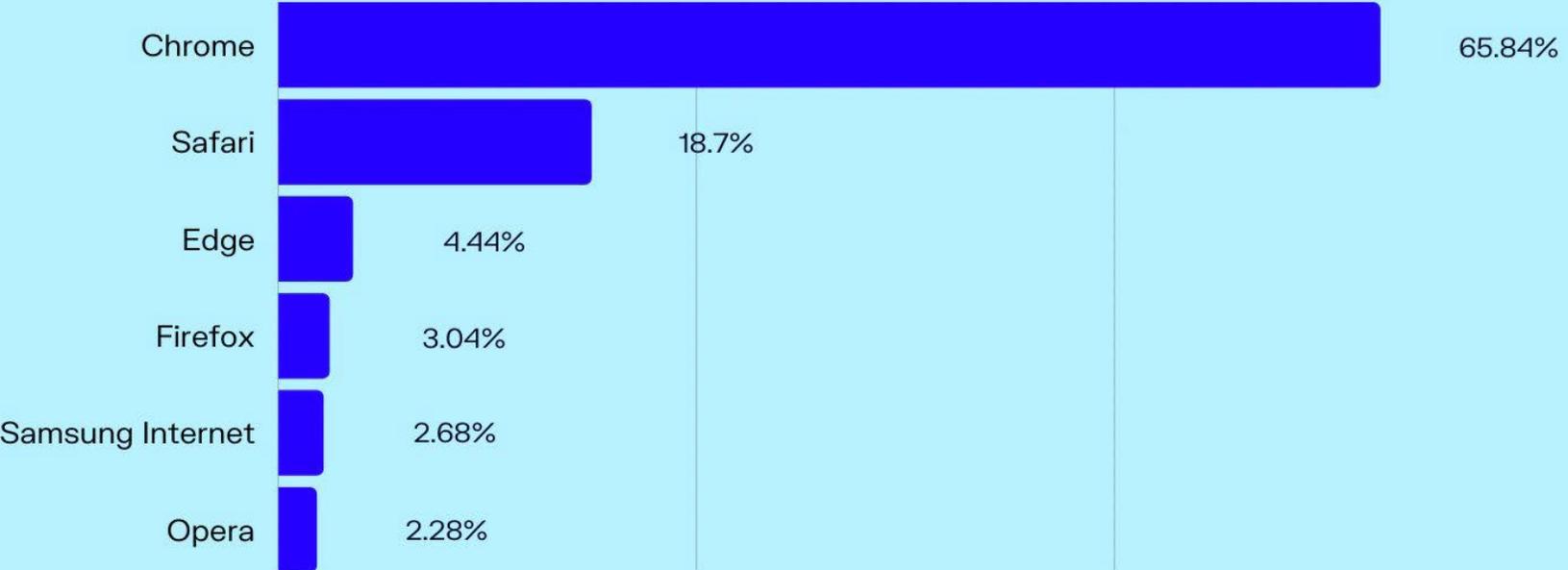


Less well-known browsers

- Opera
- Brave
- Vivaldi
- Epic

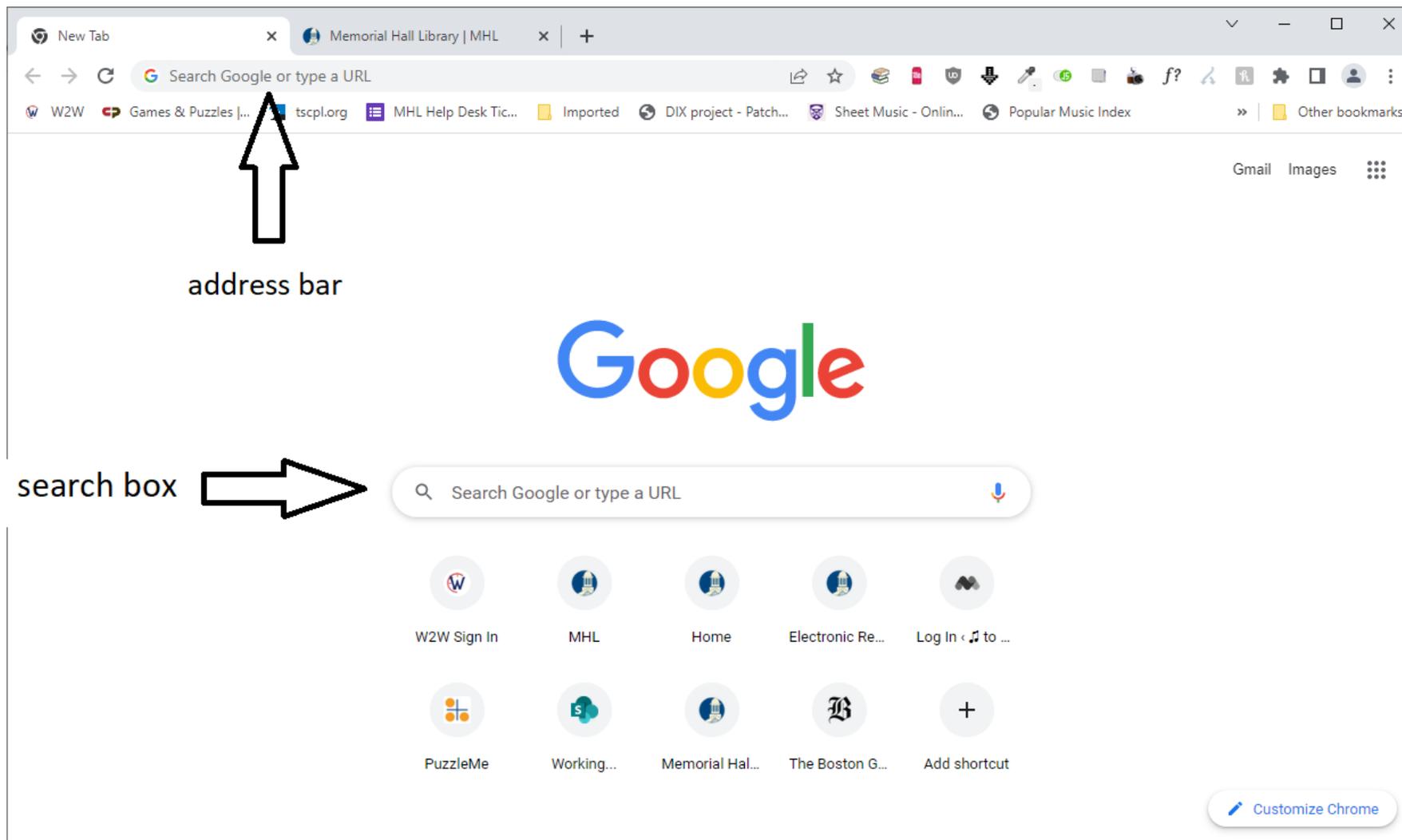
Browser market share

Most Popular Browsers in 2022

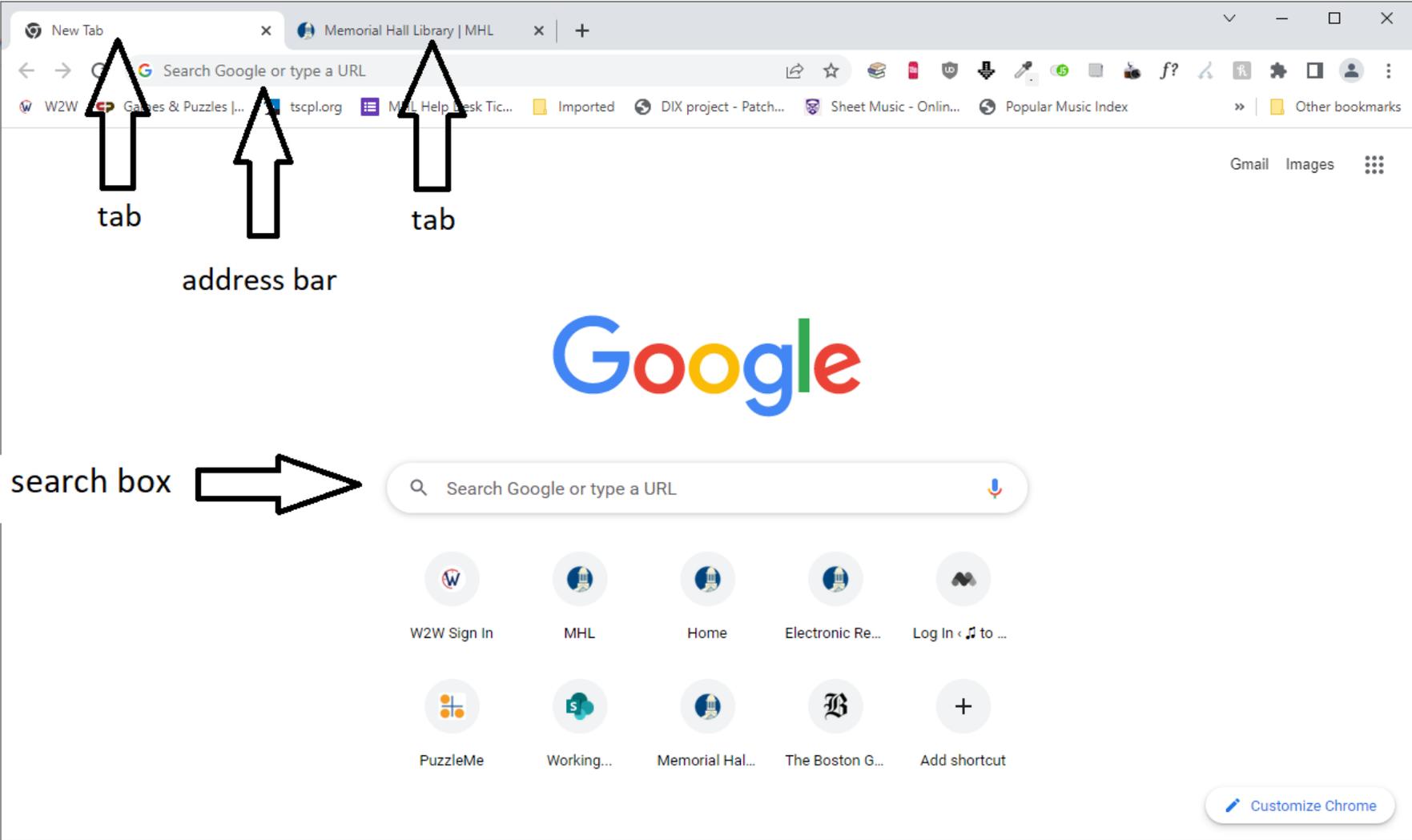


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address bar vs search box



tabs



Browser tip #1

Accidentally closed a browser tab?

Right-click on the browser's title bar and click "Reopen closed tab."

Accidentally closed a browser window?

Right-click the title bar and click "Reopen closed window."

Browser tip #2

Open a set of web pages at the same time every time you start your browser.

Option 1: see <https://www.groovypost.com/howto/open-same-set-of-web-pages-every-time-start-browser/> for steps.

Option 2: Pinned tabs.

Useful keystroke combinations

Keyboard shortcut	action
Ctrl-T	Open a new tab
Ctrl-L or Alt-D	Select the address bar
F5	Refresh
Ctrl-F5 or Shift-F5	Hard refresh (refresh and reset the browser cache for the current page)
Spacebar / Shift-Spacebar	Scroll down/up
F3 or Ctrl-F	Find text on the current page
F11	Toggle fullscreen mode
Alt-Left arrow / Alt-Right arrow	Go back / forward in browser history
Ctrl++ / Ctrl-- / Ctrl-0	Resize / reset zoom or text size

Browser tip #3

Press and hold the browser's Back button to go back to a specific page in your browser's history.

Browser tip #4

Synchronize bookmarks

Different devices, same browser:
Use built-in sync function (requires sign-in)

Different devices, different browsers:
xBrowserSync, raindrop.io

Browser tip #5

Bookmark tags

1. Tag a bookmark in Bookmark manager
2. Type tag in address bar to go to that site instantly

Native to Firefox; other browsers may require an extension



Browser tip #6

Use extensions / add-ons

- uBlock Origin
- Library Extension
- Honey

Browser tip #7

Show passwords hidden by asterisks

1. Right-click the password field and choose Inspect.
2. In the HTML editor, look for **input type="password"** and change it to **input type="text"** and hit Enter.

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