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Browsers

32. Firefox 3.5

<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/Windows> | Mac | Linux | Mobile | Portable

What more can we say about Mozilla's flagship product? There's always a new and more innovative version on the way. It's the primo example of a perfected extensible architecture (that is to say, plug in), and it remains our Editors' Choice in desktop browsing.

- Read PCMag's review of [Firefox 3.5](#).

33. Flock 2.5

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The self-described "social Web browser" is built on the same underpinnings as Firefox, but it gets its social on by integrating with sites and services—most recently, Twitter and Facebook.

34. Google Chrome 4.0

<http://www.google.com/chrome/>

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Firefox once reigned supreme—as a browser with extensions—but Chrome is coming to usurp the throne. It doesn't offer a big library of extensions, comparatively, but couple what it has with incredible speed and you've got a winner.

- Read PCMag's review of [Google Chrome 4.0](#).

35. Maxthon

<http://www.maxthon.com/>

Windows

Back on this list by popular demand is Maxthon, a browser that introduced many to the idea of tabs. It now supports [Windows 7](#) features, such as multitouch. It sports a built-in RSS reader and ad blocker, as well as support for plug-ins and skins.

36. Opera 10.5

<http://www.opera.com/>

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Opera claims to be "the fastest browser on earth," thanks to a new JavaScript engine, Carakan, and a new graphics library, Vega.

- Read PCMag's Hands On of [Opera 10.5](#).

37. OperaTor 3.5

<http://archetwist.com/en/opera/operator>

Windows

Combine the portable version of Opera with the anonymizing service Tor (The Onion Router) and you get OperaTor, a bundle (including Polipo as a proxy) that keeps your surfing secret.

38. Prism

<https://mozillalabs.com/prism/>

Windows

There are a lot of Web-based programs out there, and a lot of them are on this list. There are times, though, when you want your apps to run on [your desktop](#) alone, so if the browser crashes, your Web app doesn't go with it. That's what Prism does. It's a site-specific browser. You specify the site, then an app like Gmail, Meebo, Mint.com, etc. can run on your desktop as if it's installed software.

- For more on how site-specific browsers work, read [How to Run Web Apps from Your Desktop](#).

39. Safari 4

<http://www.apple.com/safari/download/>

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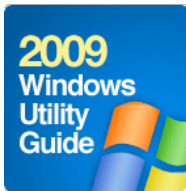
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