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[help](#): what is browseback

View, search, save, and share the web pages you've visited!

If you've ever searched in vain for a page you saw somewhere with a lime green background, or if you've wanted to search your own web history by keyword for that page on penguins, browseback is for you.

browseback features:

- Surf thumbnails of your browser history
- Search your history with keywords
- Export web pages as PDFs to save or to share via email
- Quickly retrieve what you found weeks ago
- Export pages to PDF and E-mail for sharing with others
- Cool intuitive visual interface
- Fun sound effects
- Supports major Mac web browsers (Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer, etc.)
- Available in English, Japanese, German, French & Italian



[help](#): **what's new?**

browseback 1.1 (2006-03-02)

- Browse by date range
- Search with Spotlight
- Minor fixes and improvements

browseback 1.0.2 (2006-01-31)

- Universal Binary (runs native on Intel and PowerPC)

browseback 1.0.1 (2006-01-03)

- Fixed random crashing bug
- Fixed page loader hanging (BBPageLoader)
- Minor fixes and improvements

browseback 1.0 (2005-12-06)

- User-settable background color (in Display preferences)
- Support for non-accelerated graphics cards (in Display preferences)
- Sound effects
- Final help
- Japanese, German, French, and Italian localizations
- Bug fixes

browseback 1.0b2 (2005-11-09)

- Dramatically improved performance
- Reduced resource usage
- Added support for Opera
- Worked around periodic crash due to Mac OS X bug
- Changed method of dealing with login item preference to avoid crashes
- Fixed potential crash on rebuilding database
- Other minor bug fixes

browseback 1.0b1 (2005-11-01)

- First Public Beta release



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About browseback

browseback is an innovative product that makes your browser history useful. With it, you can rapidly browse and search your history via web page thumbnails.

When browseback is first launched it creates a database of web pages retrieved from your browser history (histories, if you use more than one web browser). Your browser history is usually short, possibly only a week. This is where browseback comes into play. browseback runs as a background application, and stores your history for as long a time as you specify. browseback not only stores the locations of places you visit, but it stores the actual page content also. Why? You might ask. Well, remember that article you saw on the front of the Times three weeks ago? The front of the Times changes, the article is no longer there. With browseback it still is.

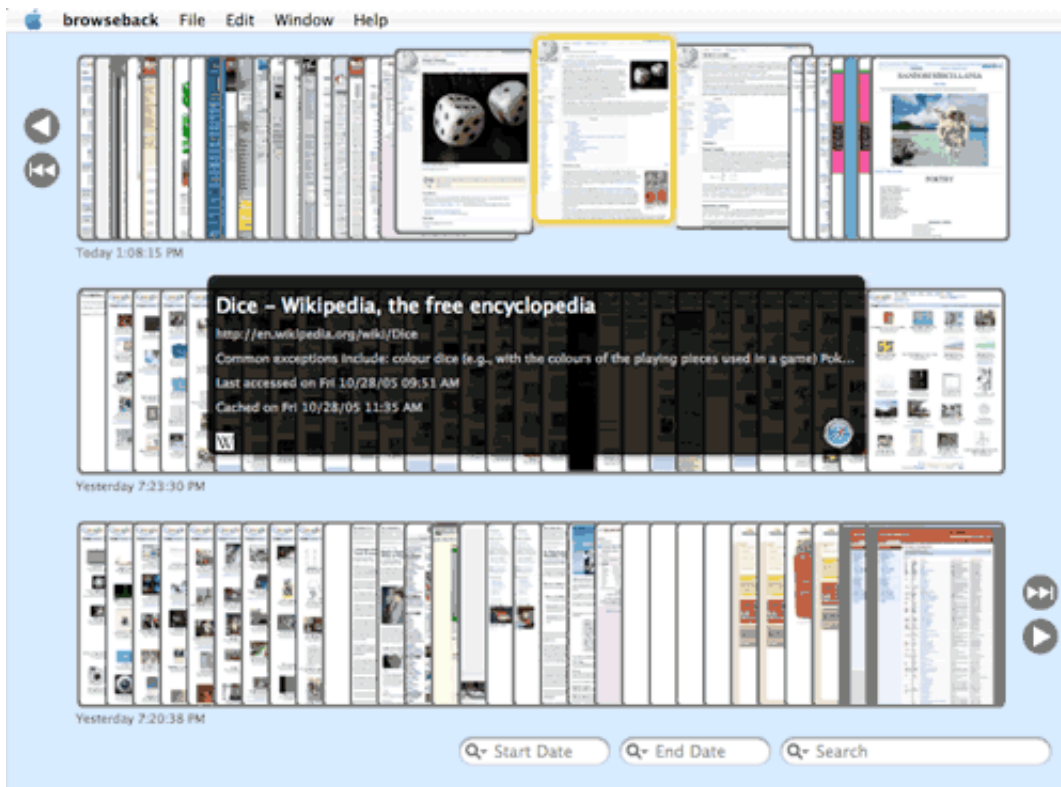
Activating browseback

Activate browseback with the keypress *command-F12*, by choosing browseback from your dock, or by pressing *command-tab*, and selecting the browseback application icon from among your applications. You can adjust browseback's activation key from the General Preferences.

browseback overlays your whole screen while it's active. Generally you find what you want, leave, and return to browseback when you want to search again.

The browseback user interface

Your browseback screen will look like this, but with different web pages:



You can rapidly scan through thumbnails of your web pages by moving the mouse over them. The page immediately under the mouse is considered selected, and appears highlighted around the edge. That page is also automatically summarized by showing its title, url, text summary, and date information.

Scroll further back through your history by clicking the single scroll button on the bottom right of the screen. It scrolls back a row of pages at a time. You can scroll back as far as is contained in browseback's database by clicking the double-right arrow, just above. Scroll forward to present day by clicking the arrow on the top left of the screen. The double-left arrow, just beneath it, will scroll to the start of your history.

Double-click the selected thumbnail to open that web page in your browser. Note that the browser will show the current version of that web page as it is live on the web, not the version stored within browseback's database.

Click once on a thumbnail to display web page actions:



open in web browser



email stored PDF



view stored PDF



save stored PDF



print stored PDF

Note: all these actions, except open in web browser, work on the stored version of the web page, as it was when you originally viewed it, not the version of that page currently on the web. This allows you to see web pages that no longer exist on the internet!

Hold down the *control* key and click on a thumbnail to display its contextual menu. The contextual menu actions are the same as the web page actions above, but also there are two additional ones:

Remove Web Page

Permanently removes the selected web page from browseback's database.

Exclude Host

Adds the host portion of the web page URL to the exclusion list in browseback's Advanced Preferences. All web pages from that host are removed from browseback's database.

Preferences



General

From here, choose which web browsers you wish to store web pages from.

Change browseback's activation key.

Select launch on login & quit command key options.



Advanced

You can limit the amount of disk space used by browseback, and/or select for how many days for which you wish to store past web pages.

It's also possible to exclude URLs containing specific strings to be excluded from ever being stored in browseback. Add them here. This is great for any web pages you go to for



Display

You can set the background color of the browseback display, and also if the display is accelerated. If browseback fails to display correctly, then uncheck this option, and it should display correctly, but will not animate as smoothly.



Update

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You can search for web pages that match a word, or more complex search criteria. To do this, enter your query into the search field at the lower right of browseback's web page display. Press return after entering your query, and browseback filters its web page display to show only pages that match your query.

browseback can search for a single word, as well as terms with wildcards, and boolean operators. For example *browse* OR *er*, shows web pages containing words that begin with *browse* along with pages containing words that end with *er*.

Note: AND, OR, and NOT are case sensitive. Therefore *purple and iguana* contains no boolean operators, whereas *purple AND iguana* does, and the results will differ.

Clearing Your Search

Click the  symbol, at the end of the search field, to clear your query entirely. All of your web pages will then be shown.

Search Operators

Operator meaning

AND	Boolean AND
&	Boolean AND
<space>	Boolean AND by default when no other operator is present
OR	Boolean inclusive OR
	Boolean inclusive OR
NOT	Boolean NOT
!	Boolean NOT
*	Wildcard for prefix or suffix; surround term with wildcard characters for substring search. Ignored in phrase searching.
(Begin logical grouping
)	End logical grouping
"	delimiter for phrase searching eg. <i>"purple iguana"</i>

Exclusion

NOT and ! can be used to exclude web pages. For example, searching for *purple NOT iguana* results in web pages that contain the word *purple*, but not the word *iguana*. Searches such as *NOT purple* are not supported, and return no results.

Examples

browseback AND disclabel AND pagesender AND PDFpen AND photoprinto

searches for web pages containing all SmileOnMyMac product names together: browseback, disclabel, pagesender, PDFpen, photoprinto.

browseback NOT www.smileonmymac.com

searches for web pages containing browseback but not on the smileonmymac website

(browseback OR disclabel) NOT www.smileonmymac.com

searches for web pages containing browseback or disclabel but not on the smileonmymac website

*disc*label OR page*sender*


searches for disclabel or pagesender whether or not they're misspelled with letters in-between.



[help](#): **setting the date range**

You can set a date range for viewing pages in browseback by clicking on either the *Start Date* and *End Date* fields next to the search field at the bottom right of the screen. A small calendar will pop-up from which a date may be selected by clicking. Clicking outside the calendar cancels the calendar and leaves the date alone.

Setting just one date (start or end) will browse pages for that day only.

Click the  symbol, at the end of any date field, to reset the date range and browse web pages for any date.



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[help](#): **printing**

Print a web page by clicking once on that page in browseback, and selecting the print icon among the given choices.

To save a web page as a PDF in paginated, printable form, select *File->Print*, and use the *Save as PDF...* option in the Print dialog. When using browseback's *Save Web Page* command, the web page is saved as a single page PDF, which is as long as the entire web page. This is great for emailing, but not so great for printing.



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[help](#): **AppleScript**

browseback includes extensive AppleScript support so that it's possible to automate the process of working with your web history.

browseback example scripts may be found in `~/Library/Application Support/browseback/Scripts`. The leading `~` represents the Home button in the Finder. The Scripts folder appears after you've run browseback at least once.

You may view the application AppleScript dictionary by dragging the browseback application onto the Script Editor icon.

If you create a script you'd like to share with other browseback customers, please let us know. You're welcome to send such scripts to support@browseback.com.



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Special Keys

Option - hold down the option key when viewing the web page options, and you'll see the *no images* icon next to several of the options. This saves time by not attempting to load images from the web to fully recreate the selected web page.





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[help](#): how to purchase

browseback costs US \$29.95 per copy (plus any applicable taxes).

Purchasing removes the demo software bar that appears in your web browser when opening a web page from browseback. The purpose of this is to encourage you to purchase, and to help us make browseback an even more useful product. We hope you like browseback.

The fastest and easiest way to purchase browseback is:

- Select **Purchase / Register browseback** from the **browseback** menu
- Press the **Purchase via Kagi** button
- Fill in your particulars and press **Purchase**
- Kagi will process your order in 30-60 seconds

You can buy using one of the following methods:

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- [Purchase by phone](#)
- [Purchase by FAX](#)



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We answer common support questions in our FAQ (frequently asked questions).

Please [review the FAQ](#) before requesting support.

If the FAQ does not answer your question, please include as much information as you can in an E-mail to support@browseback.com