

Using Tabs for comparing pages on the web.

Whatever device you use for your internet browsing, there should be the option to have several tabs open so you can compare prices, offers etc or just have to different sites open at the same time. There are various browsers you can use – most popular tend to be Chrome; Opera; Firefox; Safari and there's also Netscape etc. Internet Explorer is not very popular these days, so it may be worth considering using a different one – all free to download.

These two examples show two tabs already open with another ready to be used, and are for Opera and Chrome, but the same principle applies to all of them.



These examples show Amazon and Argos already open. So if I want to compare another company, just click (or tap) on the + sign to the right of the two current tabs (for Opera, Firefox and Safari) or the sloping rectangular box to the right of the two current tabs (for Chrome or Internet Explorer).

You should now have another tab open, with your cursor already flashing, ready for you to type your address. If you don't know the actual address, most browsers suggest options as you type, so you rarely need to type the whole address, just start typing and when you see the address you want, click (or tap) on that.

N.B. All most everywhere we go these days, there seems to be Free WiFi. Or I've seen Totally Free WiFi on offer – not sure what the difference is between those two! However, free WiFi will be on an unsecured network, so you need to be aware of the risks. You are vulnerable to hackers, viruses etc on an open network. And you have no idea what infections the other people using that network might have on their machines. If you go to someone's house and want to use their WiFi, they should have a code on the back of their router, so if you use a secured network that should eliminate those sorts of problems.

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