



CHROME EXTENSION · INSTALL GUIDE

VISUAL BOOKMARKS

Your new tab, rebuilt around your bookmarks. Image cards, instant search, full keyboard control. No account, no tracking, nothing leaves your browser.

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LOAD IT IN TWO MINUTES

1

Unzip the package

Unzip **VisualBookmarks_v6.4.zip** to a permanent folder you will not delete or move. The extension runs directly from this folder, so keep it somewhere stable like your Documents or a dedicated Extensions folder.

2

Open the extensions page

In Chrome, type **chrome://extensions** in the address bar and press Enter. You can also reach it from the menu under Extensions, then Manage Extensions.

3

Turn on Developer mode

Toggle **Developer mode** on, using the switch in the top right corner of the extensions page. This lets Chrome load an extension from a folder.

4

Load unpacked

Click **Load unpacked**, then select the unzipped folder from step 1. Visual Bookmarks appears in your list and is immediately active.

5

Open a new tab

Press **Cmd T** (Mac) or **Ctrl T** (Windows). Your bookmarks now fill the new tab as image cards.
Press **Cmd K** to search, arrow keys to move, Enter to open.

Keeping it updated. Because this is loaded from a folder rather than the Chrome Web Store, it does not auto-update. To install a new version, replace the folder contents with the new files, then click the refresh icon on the extension card in **chrome://extensions**.

WHAT CHANGED IN 6.4

NEW

Sign-in wall detection

Bookmarks behind a login (Notion, Figma, Drive, and similar) now show a clean acid padlock with a Sign in required label, instead of a screenshot of a login form. Detection reads the URL before any preview is fetched.

NEW

Outlined 404 placeholder

When a preview genuinely cannot load, the card now shows a refined outlined 404 with a No preview label, in the Visual Bookmarks design system, rather than a plain letter.

NEW

Refreshed app icons

Updated icon set across all sizes (16, 32, 48, 128) for a sharper presence in the toolbar and extensions page.

FIX

Faster thumbnail refresh

Cached previews now re-verify after three days instead of seven, so stale snapshots of sites that have since changed or gone offline are replaced with a clean placeholder sooner.

FIX

Removed the tabs permission

The extension no longer requests the tabs permission, which was never needed to open a bookmark. This tightens privacy and resolves a Chrome Web Store permissions flag. Opening bookmarks works exactly as before.

PERMISSIONS

BOOKMARKS

STORAGE

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TABS

Everything stays local. Visual Bookmarks requires no account and transmits no data. Bookmarks and preferences live in Chrome on your device. The one exception: when preview screenshots are enabled, a public image service receives the addresses of bookmarked sites to render them. Turn screenshots off in settings for fully local operation.