

Open new browser window

Silk Browser

You are able to explore the information on the internet, Amazon, news, links, etc. Until the tablet is registered to your Amazon account you will need to enter your payment method when you buy (be sure there it is an https:// connection).

Change/close browser windows

Go to active app view to change or close apps

Use the back arrow to go to previous page

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The Silk Browser is the default browser for the Fire Tablet. It is not as robust as other browsers but it relatively easy to use (after a little practice).

- There Navigation bar allows you to enter a web address (URL) you want to display
- The 3 vertical dots on the right of the page allow you to access bookmarks,
- You can open a new browser page to keep where you are currently and look up something else
- As you get more browser pages open, you can close them using the “x” on the page tab
- Note the the “box” in the screen menu bar allows you to manage open APPS as opposed to browser screens
- As you browse you can return to the previous page with the back arrow

Mapquest

Enter the location

Enter route choice

Avoid Highways
Avoid Tolls
And More ...

Select the view (Level)

Groceries	Satellite
Coffee	Food
Shopping	Gas
Ice cream	Hotel
Hospitals	Banks
Pharmacy	And more ...

View Traffic

GoTo Saved Locations

Add to Favorites

GPS is not available on this model of the Amazon Fire Tablet so real time navigation is limited.

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Having a Map application on the tablet is a useful tool for exploring and directions. Since the Amazon Map application is no longer supported on the Fire Tablet V7, we needed to replace with a supported version. Our investigation leads us to believe that the MapQuest application is a suitable replacement. While it is slightly more complex than the previous Map application, it also delivers more functionality. Since the V7 of the Fire Tablet doesn't support GPS (Global Positioning System), real time direction guidance is limited but routing is still available.

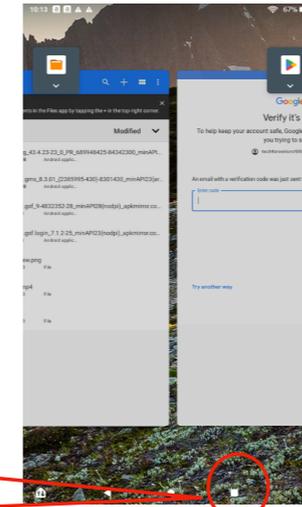
- The address line allows you to enter a location you want locate
- You can specify restrictions on the routes chosen
- You can save this destination to Favorites
- You can select a view from the many options available - regular map, satellite, Groceries, etc
- You can view traffic conditions on your route
- You can go to locations you have saved
- Note that the Fire Tablet does NOT support GPS

Tablet Performance

The tablets were graciously provided by Gifts for Seniors. The intent was to provide an entry level device which could provide a safe learning environment. The tablets are a 2009 model V7 which has a limited throughput profile. Performance can be impacted by the following list of components:

- The number of applications running
- Number of web pages open in browser
- Amount of Computer Memory and File Space used
- Data volumes being moved
- Certain applications running as services
 - Nev Privacy
 - Email
 - Still a work in progress ...

Active Apps can be seen with this square button, move the app panel towards the top of the screen to close them



There are some good references for tuning the tablet on the web; search for “Amazon Fire Table V7 Performance”. One interesting reference is [here](#).

The number of applications running and the number of web pages open can both contribute to performance issues. The number of applications installed, the number of pictures and videos and the number of music files can grow quickly and large numbers of these can impact performance.