

# SpaceTime 3D Web Browser

A fun tool for heavy searchers and fans of eBay and YouTube.

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Basic Web browsers haven't seen much innovation since the invention of the tab. So it's at least refreshing to see the guys at SpaceTime 3D thinking about the next steps in navigating the Web—which apparently will take place in 3D. The browser launches pages as stacks in 3D space, so you can click on any window in the background to bring it forward, much the way you do in Windows Vista's Flip 3D task switcher. SpaceTime 3D offers more than just glitz, however.

A standard search brings up the hits in a stack of open windows, so you preview the results rather than getting them in a text list. You can maintain multiple stacks of various searches and use the thumbnail slides on the bottom of the screen to navigate laterally among groups. But the best part of SpaceTime 3D is its integration with eBay, Google, Yahoo, and YouTube image search.

Running an eBay search brings up images of the auction items with the pricing and bid buttons superimposed around the stack. This makes browsing very efficient. YouTube hits

arrive as pure video windows without the surrounding social media drass, so you can play the clip as an isolated floating TV screen. Image searches are neatly organized with a series of stacked results going from left to right on your notebook's screen, and you can make images full size at any time.

The basic idea behind SpaceTime 3D is promising, but this beta looks a lot of the functionality of standard browsers, such as managing favorites and RSS feeds. It can be very slow as well. For now it remains more of a noble experiment than a credible everyday browser. But we recommend you try it out in your spare time.

