3. Surfing with Your Tablet

Your *Android* tablet may contain more than one app to browse the web. In this chapter you will get acquainted with the default web browsing app called *Chrome*. This app lets you browse and search the Internet on your tablet with ease. If you are accustomed to using Internet on a regular computer, you will soon see that surfing on your tablet is just as easy. The main difference is there is no need to use a mouse. You use touch gestures instead to navigate through a website.

First, you will learn how to open a web page, and how to zoom in and out. Then you learn the various methods for scrolling. You will also learn how to open links (also called hyperlinks), switch between open web pages, save bookmarks, and search the Internet.

If you are busy surfing the Internet, and want to stop for a moment to quickly answer an email in the *Email* app or adjust a setting in the *Settings* app, you not need to worry. When you are finished you can return to the web page right where you left off. Switching between apps is effortless, because your *Android* tablet has multitasking capabilities. In this chapter you will soon discover how easy it is to switch between web pages and your recently opened apps.

In this chapter you will learn how to:

- open the *Chrome* app;
- open a web page;
- zoom in and zoom out;
- scroll;
- open a link on a web page;
- open a link on a new tab;
- add a bookmark;
- search;
- switch between recently used apps.

➥ Please note:

The screens you see on your own tablet may look different from the images in this book. The buttons may also have a different name or look a little different. Always search for a similar button or function. The basic operations will remain the same.

3.1 Opening the Chrome App

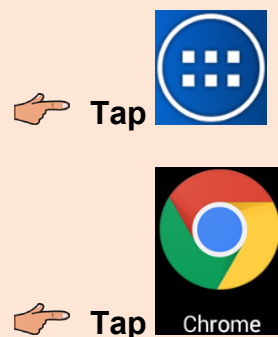This is how you open *Chrome*, the app for browsing and searching the Internet:
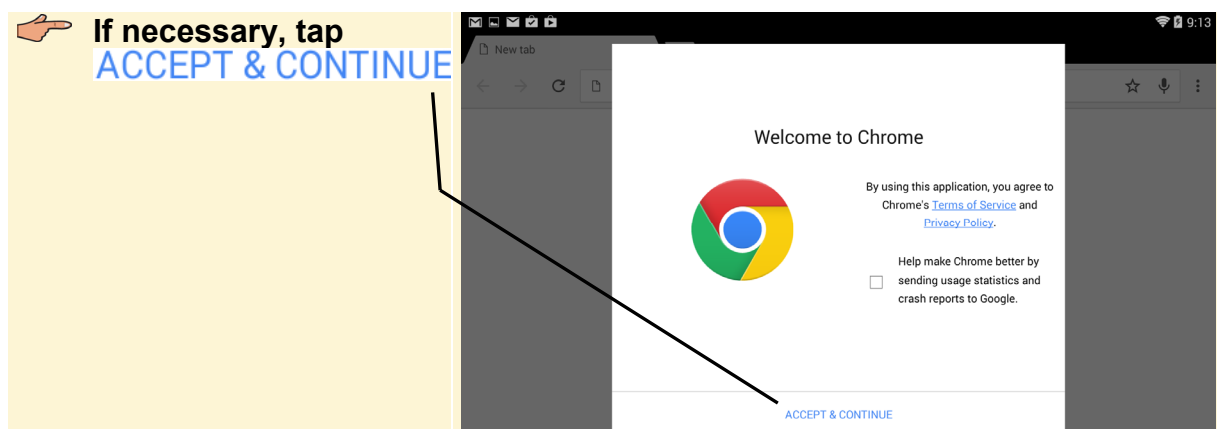
☞ **Unlock or turn on the tablet** 🐾**1**

You can open the *Chrome* app from the home screen:

☞ **Tap**

If you do not see *Chrome* in your favorites tray, tap

Chrome .

✖ **HELP! The Chrome app is not visible on the home screen.**

If the *Chrome* app is not shown on the home screen:

☞ **Tap**

☞ **Tap** Chrome

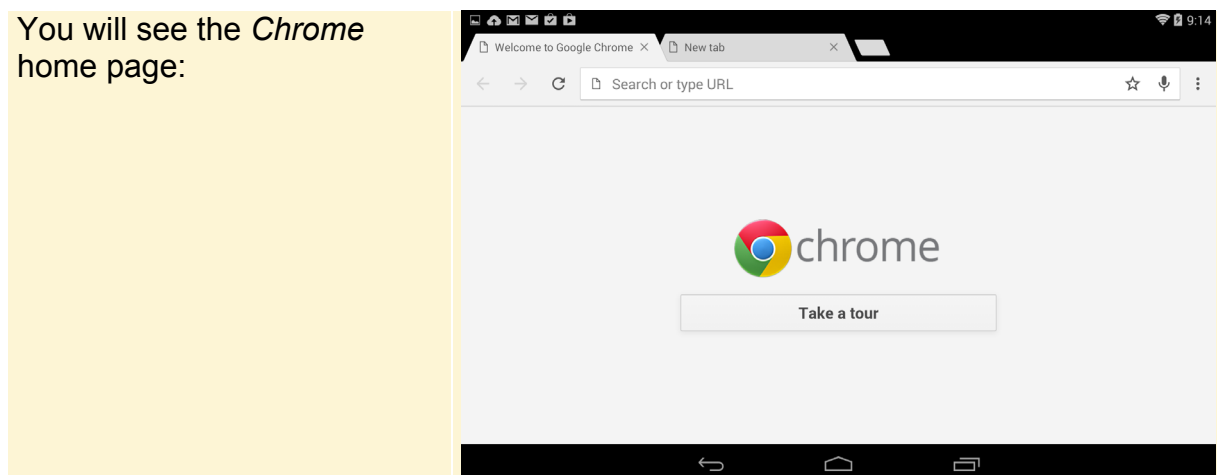☞ **If necessary, tap**
ACCEPT & CONTINUE

You can allow *Google Chrome* to be associated with your *Google* account and take advantage of *Google's* sharing and syncing options. But for now, this is not needed:
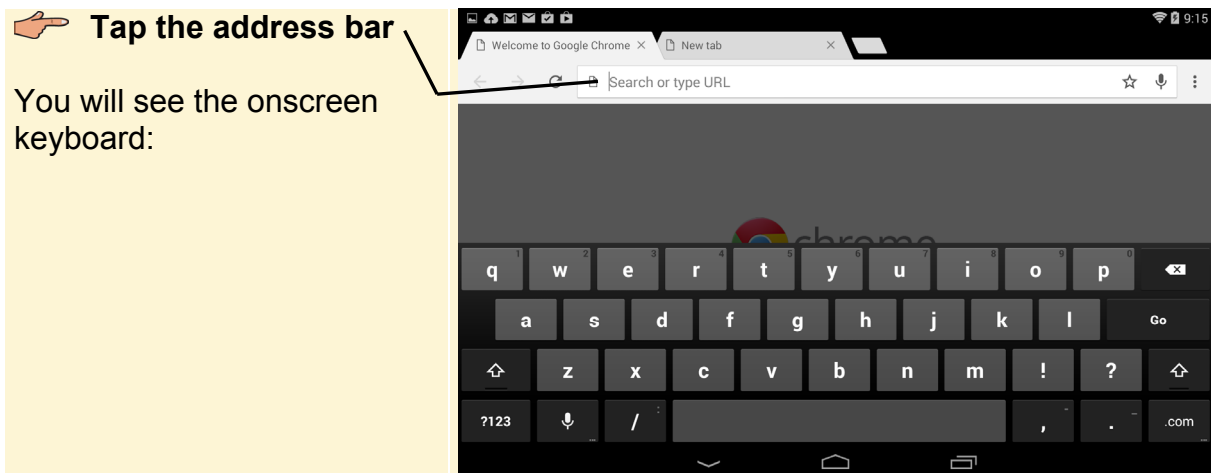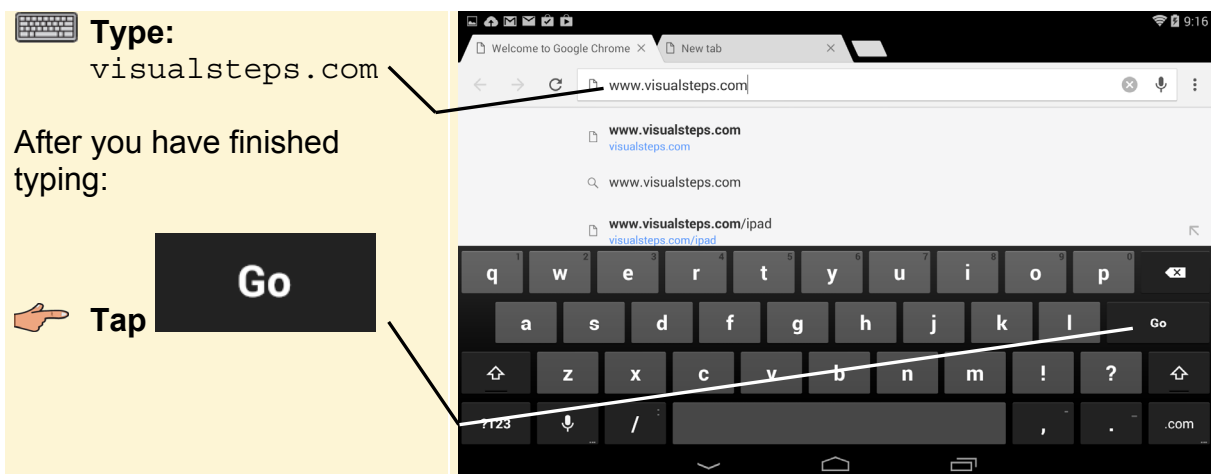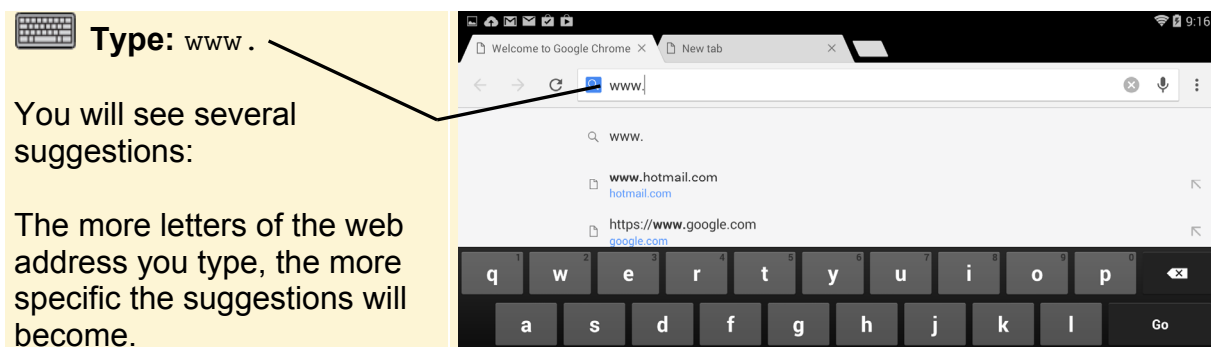
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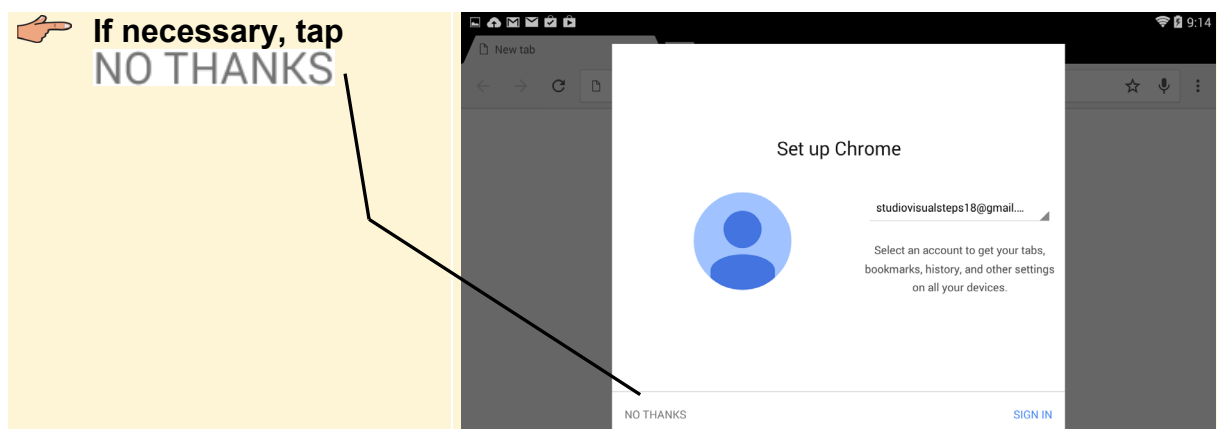
You will see the *Chrome* home page:

3.2 Opening a Web Page

In order to type a web address, you need to display the onscreen keyboard:

☞ **Tap the address bar**

You will see the onscreen keyboard:

For practicing purposes, you can open the Visual Steps website:

⌨ **Type:** www.

You will see several suggestions:

The more letters of the web address you type, the more specific the suggestions will become.

⌨ **Type:** visualsteps.com

After you have finished typing:

☞ **Tap** Go

💡 **Tip**

Use a suggestion

You can simply tap _____ in the suggestions list, if it already appears in the list.
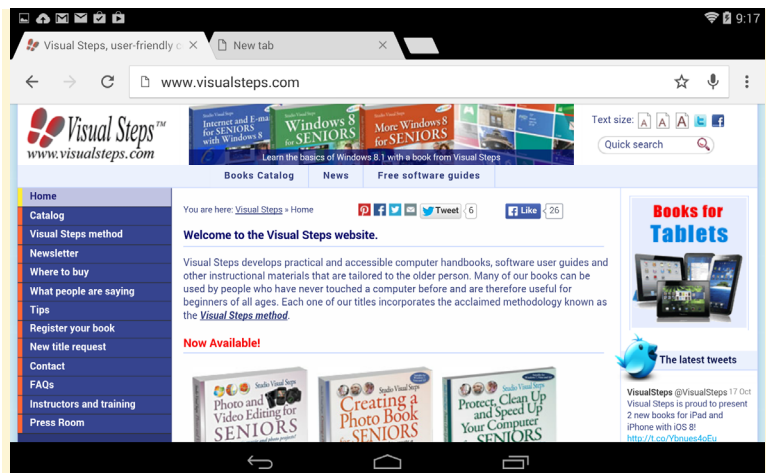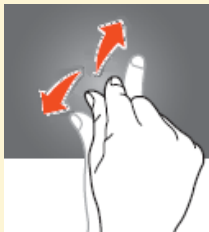
You will see the Visual Steps website:
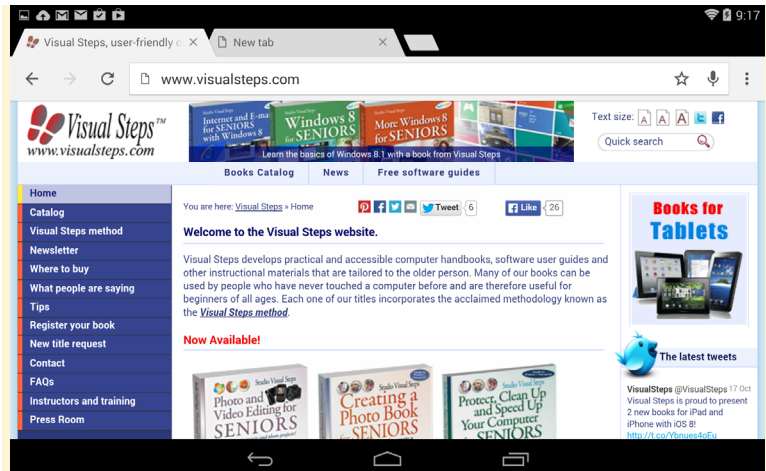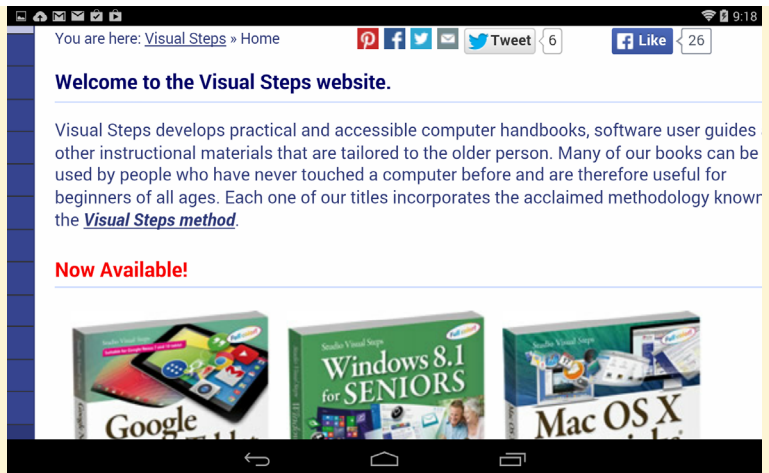

3.3 Zooming In and Out

If you think the letters and images on a website are a bit too small, you can zoom in. You can do this using your thumb and index fingers. Set them on the spot that you want to enlarge:
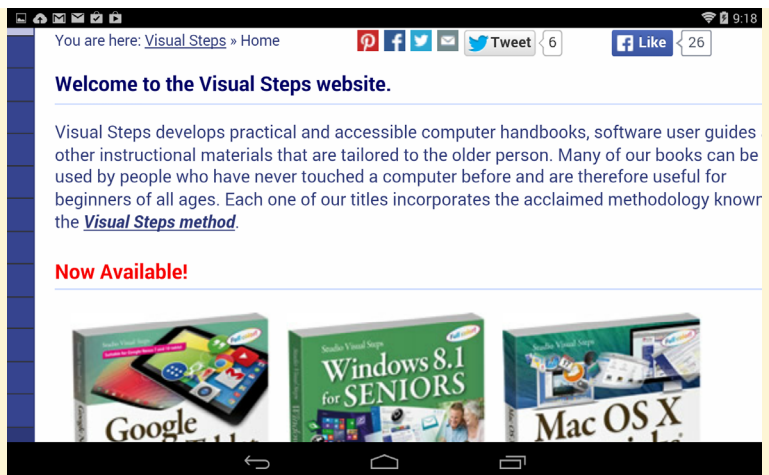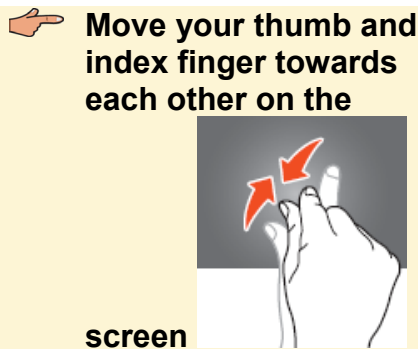
☞ **Slowly spread you thumb and index finger away from each other on the screen**

You will see that you are zooming in on the page:

You can zoom out again by making the same gesture in reverse:

👉 **Move your thumb and index finger towards each other on the**

screen

You will see the normal view again: