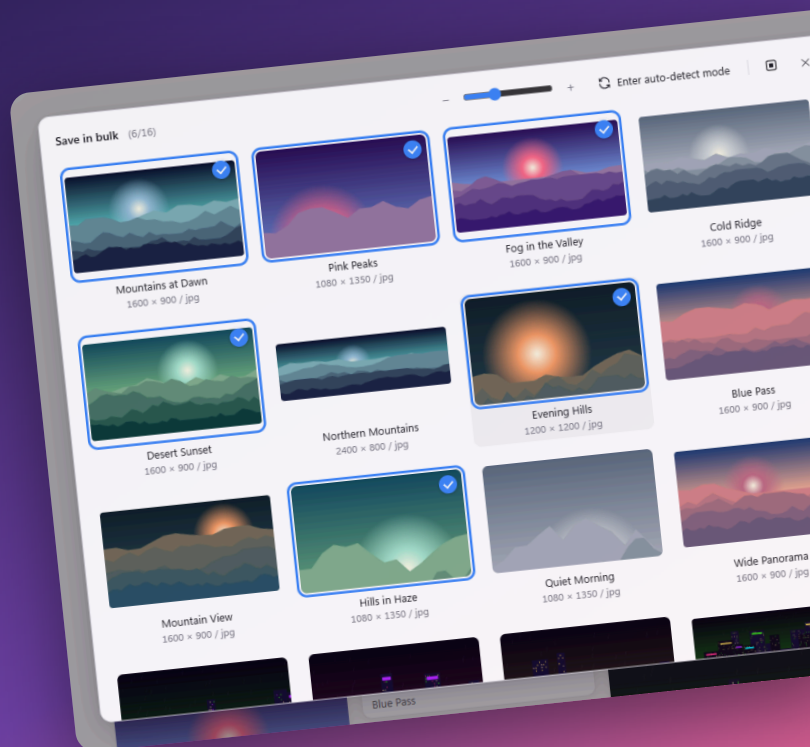




TagRef

Browser extension

How to save images, screenshots and links from websites straight into your TagRef library: installation, every way to save, and settings.



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1 What the extension does

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The TagRef browser extension saves images, screenshots and links from any website straight into your library — in one click, right into the folder you need and with a link to the source.

Method	How
Alt + click an image	The image is saved instantly, no questions asked
Right-click an image	"Save image to TagRef" or "Save to folder"
Drag and drop	Start dragging an image — a window with your folders appears
Save in bulk (Alt + 1)	All images of the page in one window: pick the ones you need, choose a folder and tags
Screenshots (Alt + 2 , 3 , 4)	A selected area, the visible part or the entire page
Save link (Alt + 0)	A bookmark of the page: a snapshot, address and description
Instagram	All photos of a post at once, Reels as a bookmark with a player

- Images are saved **at the largest size** available on the site, even if the page shows a smaller copy.
- The "Link" field of each image records the page it came from — you can always go back to the source.
- Works in **Google Chrome, Yandex Browser, Microsoft Edge** and other Chromium-based browsers.
- The extension speaks English or Russian — it follows the language of your browser.

TagRef must be running

The extension passes files to the TagRef app on the same computer. You can minimize the app window or close it with the cross — TagRef keeps running in the icon next to the clock. Nothing is sent to the internet.

2 Installation

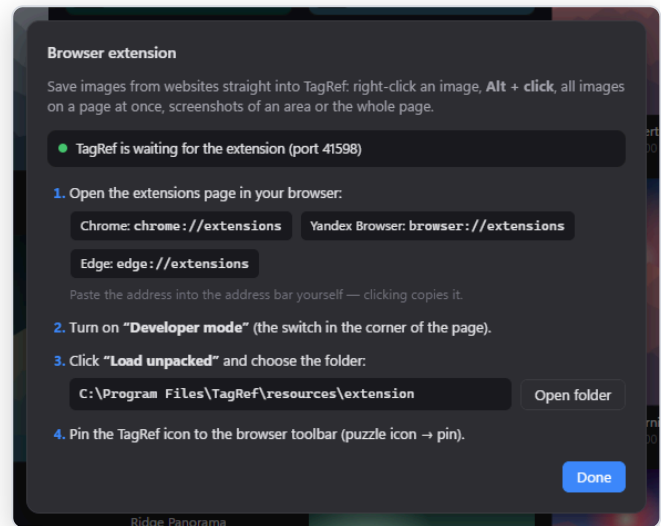
The extension is already included with TagRef — there is nothing to download, you just connect it in the browser. You only do this once.

2.1. Open the guide in TagRef

In TagRef, at the bottom of the left panel, click **Browser extension**. A window with a short guide opens:

- a green dot “TagRef is waiting for the extension” — the app is ready;
- the extensions page addresses for different browsers — clicking an address copies it;
- the path to the extension folder and the **Open folder** button.

Keep this window open — you’ll need it in step 2.3.



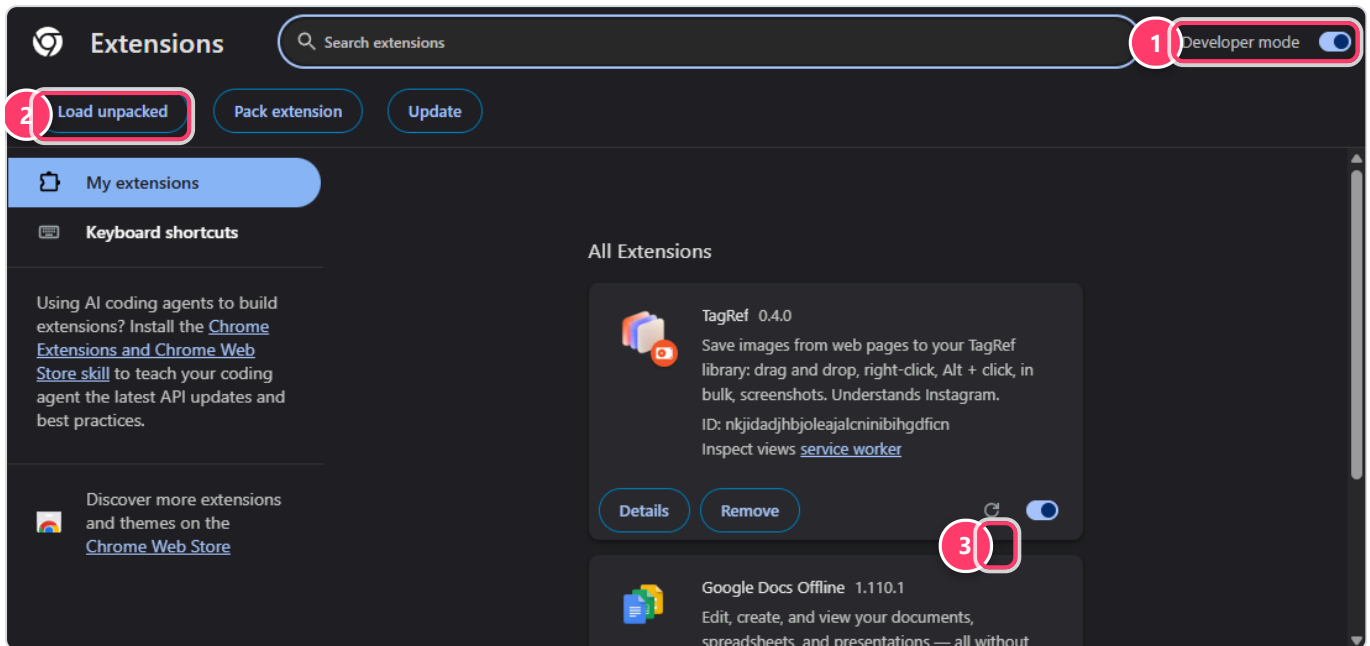
2.2. Open the browser’s extensions page

Paste the extensions page address into the browser’s address bar and press **Enter**:

Browser	Address
Google Chrome	<code>chrome://extensions</code>
Yandex Browser	<code>browser://extensions</code>
Microsoft Edge	<code>edge://extensions</code>

Browsers don’t open such addresses from a link, so you have to paste them into the address bar.

2.3. Turn on developer mode and load the extension



The Google Chrome extensions page after installing TagRef

1. Turn on the **Developer mode** switch (in Chrome — top right; in Yandex Browser and Edge — at the side or at the bottom of the list).
2. Click **Load unpacked** and choose the **extension folder**. The TagRef guide (step 2.1) shows where it is; the “Open folder” button opens it in File Explorer. Choose the `extension` folder itself, not the files inside.
3. The **TagRef** card appears in the list. The ↻ button on the card reloads the extension — you’ll need it after updating TagRef (chapter 11).

A browser warning

On start the browser may remind you that extensions in developer mode are enabled. This is normal for extensions not installed from a store — just close the message.

2.4. Pin the icon to the toolbar

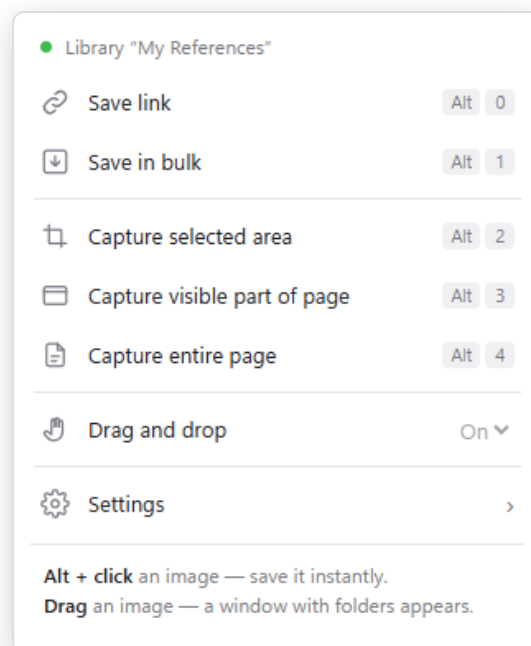
If there is no TagRef icon next to the address bar: click the **puzzle** icon (Extensions) to the right of the address bar and click the **pin** next to TagRef. The icon stays on the toolbar, and the extension’s popup opens with one click.

2.5. Check the connection

Click the TagRef icon. The popup should show a **green dot** and the name of your library, for example "Library "My References"".

- "TagRef is not running" — start the TagRef app.
- "No library is open in TagRef" — open or create a library in the app.

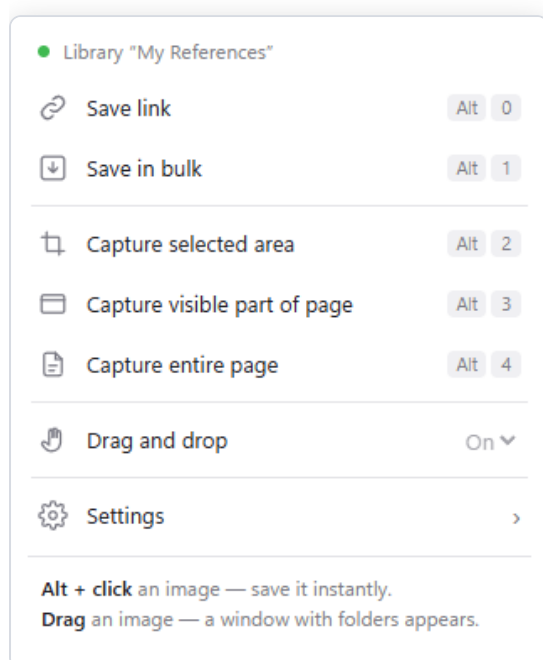
The extension connects to the app by itself; there is nothing to configure.



The extension popup: TagRef is connected

3 The extension popup

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The TagRef icon on the browser toolbar opens a popup with all actions for the current page.

- **Status line** — whether TagRef is connected and which library is open.
- **Actions** on the page — each with its keyboard shortcut on the right (table below).
- **Drag and drop** — whether to show the window with folders while you drag an image: **On**, **Off on this page**, **Off on this site**, **Off everywhere**. Handy if the window gets in the way on some site.
- **Settings** — appearance, default folder, screenshots, keyboard shortcuts (chapter 10).

Keyboard shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
Alt + 0	Save link (a bookmark of the page)
Alt + 1	Save in bulk — all images of the page
Alt + 2	Capture selected area
Alt + 3	Capture visible part of page
Alt + 4	Capture entire page
Alt + click an image	Save the image instantly

Shortcuts work on regular web pages and can be changed in the extension settings. The keyboard layout doesn't matter.

Where the extension doesn't work

Browsers don't allow extensions on their own pages (`chrome://...`, the settings page, a new tab) or in the extension store. This is a browser restriction, not a TagRef one.

4 Saving an image quickly

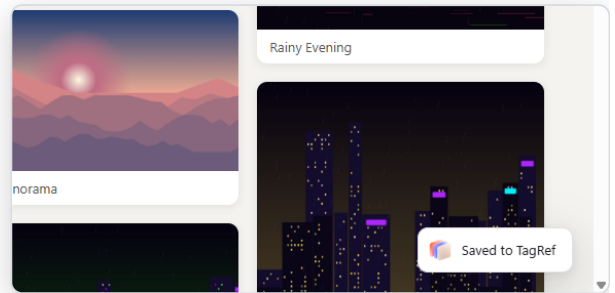
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Alt + click

The fastest way: hold **Alt** and click an image on a website. A “Saving...” message appears in the bottom right, then “**Saved to TagRef**”.

The image goes to the **default folder** (chosen in the extension settings, chapter 10). If no folder is chosen — to the “Uncategorized” section.

An image can sit under a transparent layer — Instagram and many other sites do this. The extension still finds it by the click position.



The message after Alt + click

Right-clicking an image

The menu that opens when you right-click an image has TagRef items:

- **Save image to TagRef** — the same as Alt + click;
- **Save to folder** — a list of all library folders opens; pick the one you need;
- below — page actions: **Save in bulk**, **Capture selected area**, **Capture visible part of page**, **Capture entire page**.

Right-clicking an empty spot of a page also offers **Save link**.

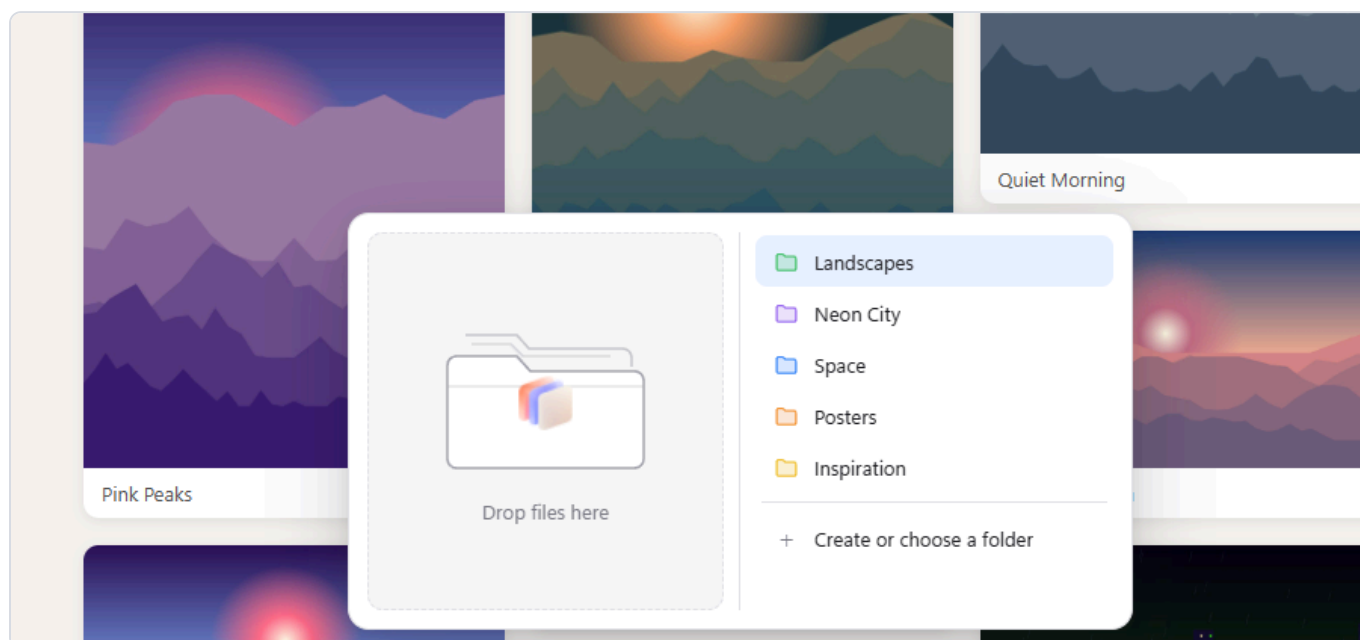
If “Save to folder” says “TagRef is not running”

Start TagRef and open the menu again — the folder list will load.

5 Dragging into a folder

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Start dragging an image with the mouse — a TagRef window appears next to it. Drop the image where it should be saved.



The image is dragged onto the “Landscapes” folder — it is highlighted

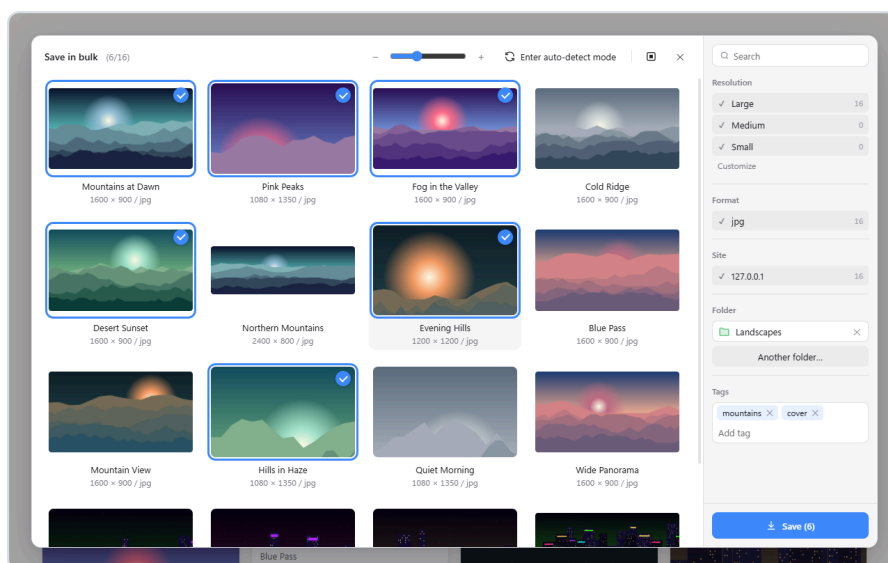
- **The left part** (“Drop files here”) — save to the default folder.
- **On the right** — **folders** you save to most often. Drop the image onto one of them to save it there.
- **“Create or choose a folder”** — opens a window with all folders and a search. You can also create a new folder there: type its name.
- If you drop the image outside the window, nothing is saved — the window just closes.

Instead of a window next to the cursor you can turn on a **bottom bar** or turn drag and drop off completely — in the extension settings. On a specific page or site it is turned off in the extension popup (chapter 3).

6 Save in bulk

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Need many images from a page? **Save in bulk** (**Alt** + **1**, in the popup or in the right-click menu) opens a window with all images of the page.



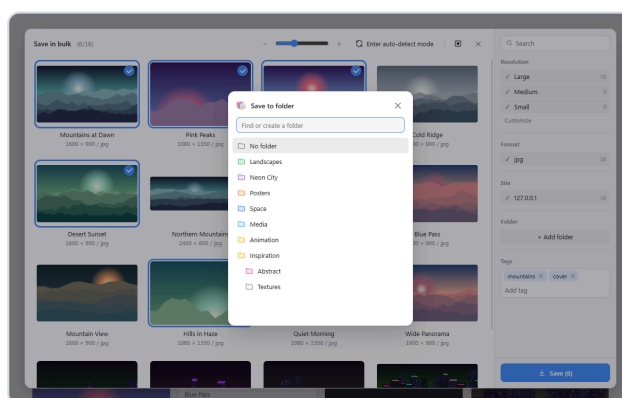
6 images selected, the "Landscapes" folder, the tags "mountains" and "cover"

Picking images

- Clicking an image checks it. The icon next to the cross at the top is **Select all** (**Ctrl** + **A**).
- Each image shows its size and format. The slider at the top makes the images in the window larger or smaller.
- Filters on the right: **Resolution** (large from 1000 px, medium, small up to 300 px; "Customize" — your own minimum size), **Format** and **Site**. Small icons and avatars are cut off with one click.

Folder and tags

- **+ Add folder** — choose a folder in a window with the folder list and a search. You can also create a new one there.
- **Tags** — type a tag and press **Enter**. All saved images get these tags.
- Click **Save (N)** — a progress counter appears at the bottom, then the message "Saved to TagRef: N".



Choosing a folder for the batch

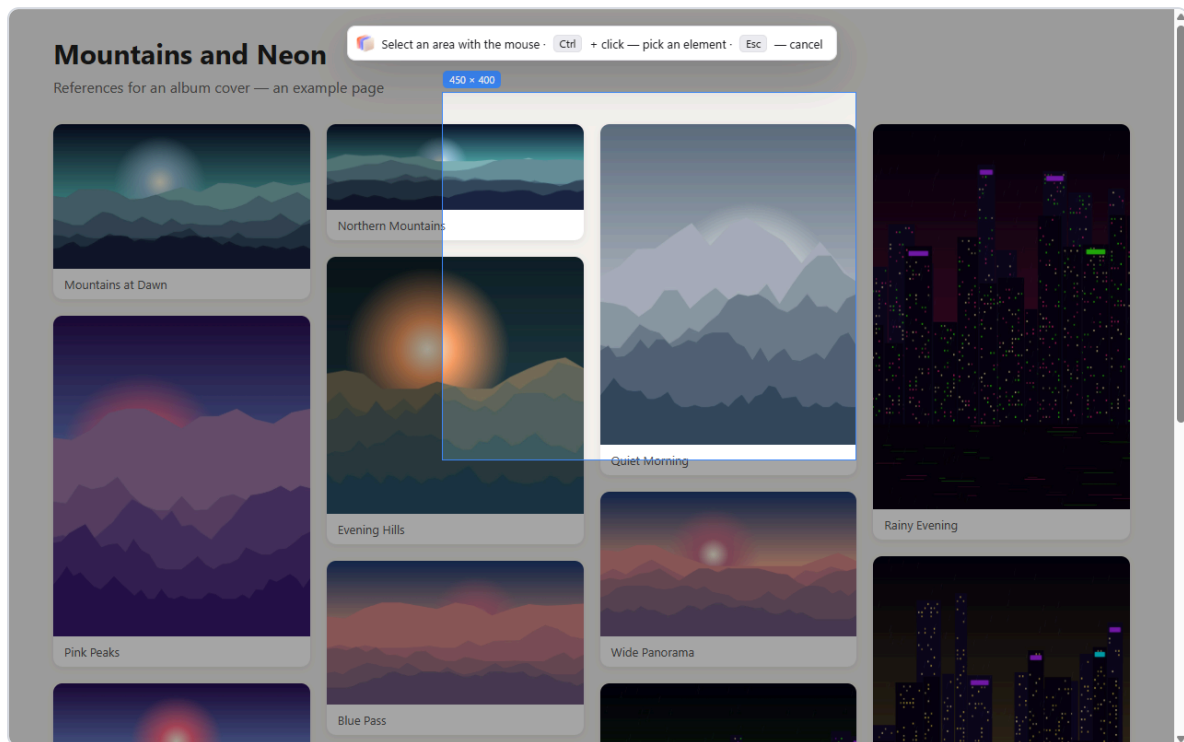
Long feeds: auto-detect mode

On sites with an endless feed (Pinterest, social networks) click **Enter auto-detect mode** and scroll the page — new images are added to the list automatically. The window can be collapsed into a small panel.

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Capture selected area (Alt + 2)



Selecting an area: a hint at the top, the frame size in pixels next to the frame

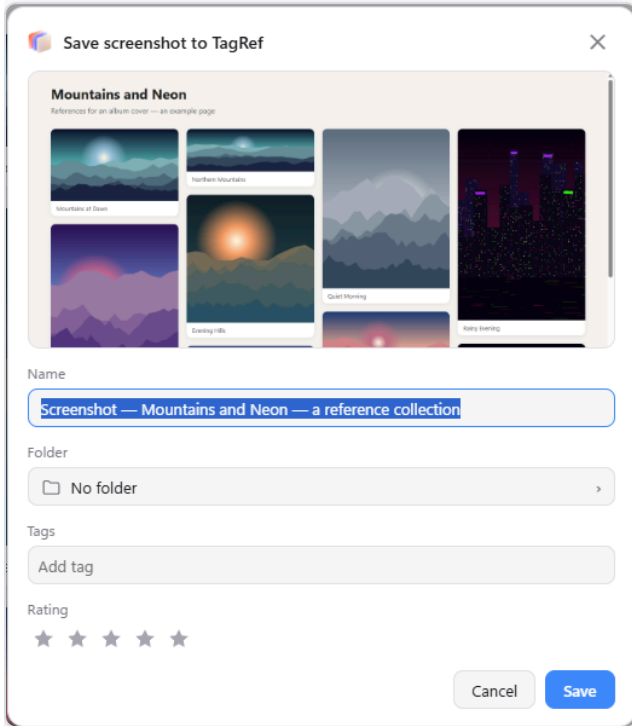
- Select the part of the page you need with the mouse — when you release the button, the screenshot is saved.
- **Ctrl** + click — pick a whole page element: a block, a card, an image. The frame adjusts to its borders.
- **Esc** — cancel.

The visible part and the entire page

- **Capture visible part of page** (**Alt** + **3**) — what is currently visible in the browser window.
- **Capture entire page** (**Alt** + **4**) — the whole page, even a very long one: the extension scrolls it and stitches the frames together. If the site loads images while scrolling and the capture has empty spots, increase "Pause while scrolling" in the settings.

A screenshot is saved with the name "Screenshot — page title" and a link to the page.

Choose a folder and tags right when capturing



Save screenshot to TagRef

Mountains and Neon
References for an album cover — an example page

Name
Screenshot — Mountains and Neon — a reference collection

Folder
No folder

Tags
Add tag

Rating
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Cancel Save

Turn on “Ask where to save each screenshot” in the extension settings. Then after each capture a window appears:

- a preview of the screenshot;
- **Name** — rename it right away;
- **Folder** — click to open the folder list;
- **Tags and Rating** (stars).

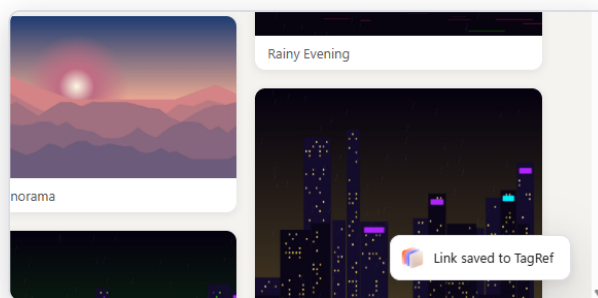
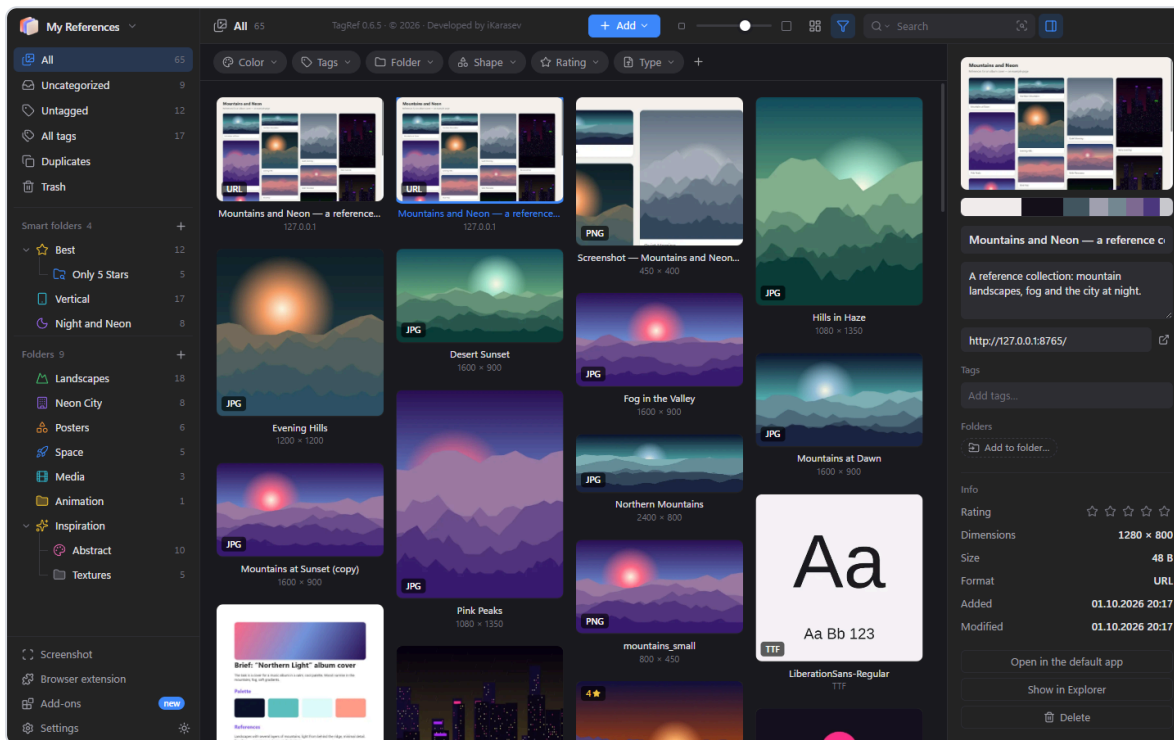
Save — the screenshot goes to TagRef; **Cancel** — it isn’t saved.

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Save link (**Alt** + **0**) creates a **bookmark** of the current page in TagRef.

Handy for inspiration websites, articles, tutorials, font shops — anything you want to come back to.



A bookmark in TagRef: a page snapshot, description and address

- A bookmark keeps a **page snapshot**, the **address** and the site's **description** (provided by the site itself).
- You can open a bookmark in TagRef: the live page opens right in the app or in the browser.
- Links to YouTube, Vimeo, VK Video, Rutube and other video sites open in TagRef straight away as a **player**.

9 Instagram

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On Instagram the extension understands posts and reels. Right-clicking a post shows special items.

- **Save image to TagRef** — the photo you clicked. TagRef saves the post link, the author and the caption.
- **Save all post photos to TagRef** — all photos of a carousel at once.
- **Save video (Reels) to TagRef as a bookmark** — the reel is saved as a bookmark with a player. In TagRef the **Save as video** button turns it into a real video file: with frame-by-frame view, seeking and a cover.
- **Alt** + click on a post photo works too — with the post link and the author.

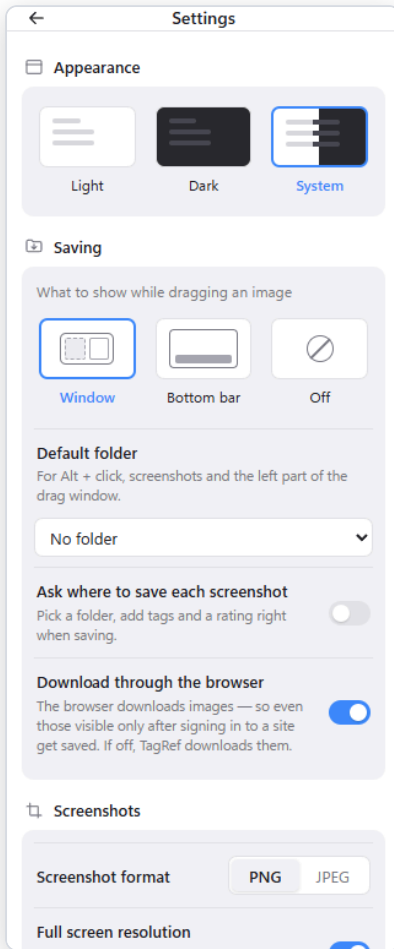
If you see "Couldn't find the post"

Right-click right on the photo or video, not on the caption or an empty spot next to it.

10 Extension settings

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The extension popup → **Settings**.



Appearance

Light, Dark or System (as in your OS) theme for all extension windows.

Saving

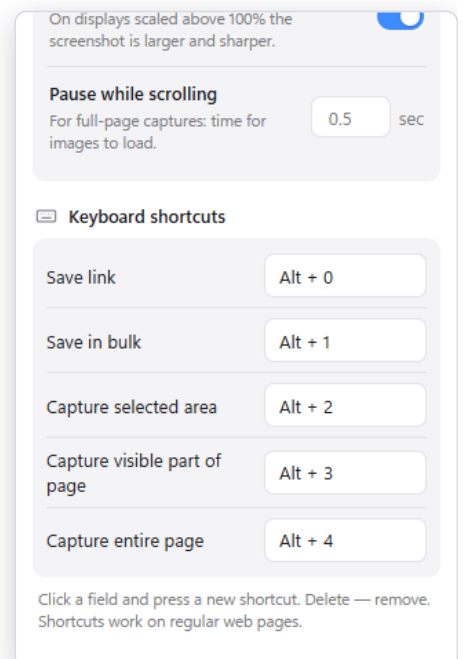
- **What to show while dragging an image:** a **Window** next to the cursor, a **Bottom bar** or **Off**.
- **Default folder** — where Alt + click, screenshots and the left part of the drag window save to.
- **Ask where to save each screenshot** — a window with folder, tags and rating after each capture (chapter 7).
- **Download through the browser** — the browser downloads images itself. This way even images visible only after signing in to a site get saved. If turned off, TagRef downloads images by their address.

Screenshots

- **Screenshot format** — PNG (lossless) or JPEG (smaller file).
- **Full screen resolution** — on displays scaled above 100% the screenshot is larger and sharper.
- **Pause while scrolling** — for full-page captures: time for images to load between frames.

Keyboard shortcuts

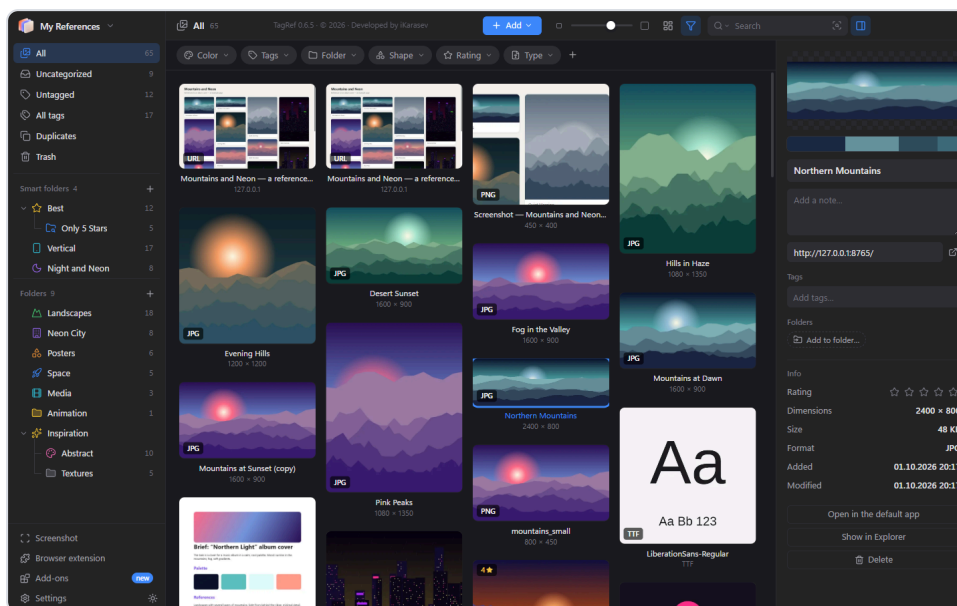
Click the field of an action and press a new shortcut. **Delete** removes a shortcut. Shortcuts work on regular web pages.



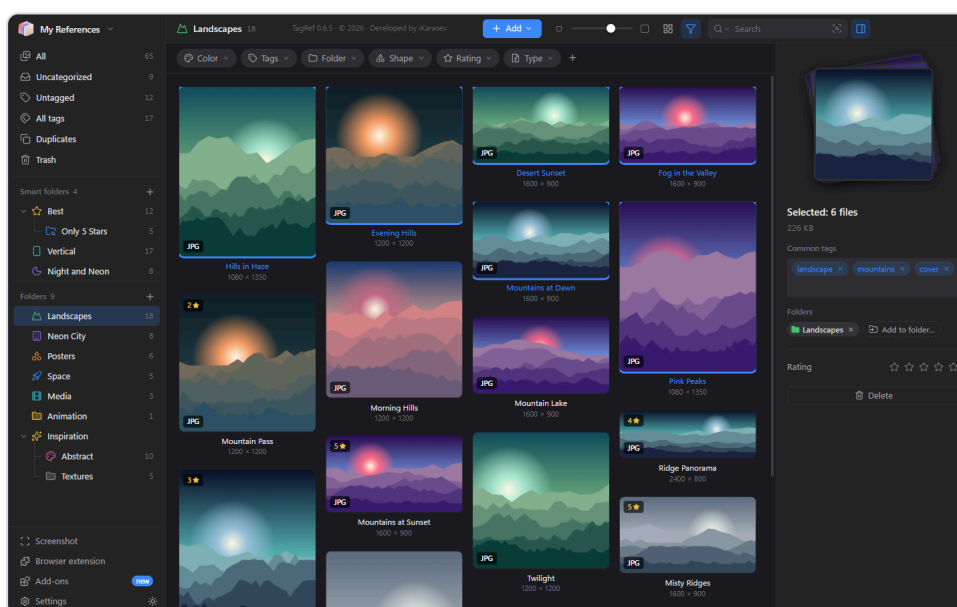
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Everything you save appears in the library immediately — even when the TagRef window is minimized.



An image saved with Alt + click: the name comes from the caption on the site, the “Link” field holds the source page



A batch of 6 images — in the “Landscapes” folder with the tags “mountains” and “cover”

- The **name** comes from the image caption on the site (if there is none — from the file name).
- **Link** — the page it was saved from. The button next to the field opens it in the browser.
- After each save TagRef can show a notification and play a sound — set this up in TagRef: “Settings → Notifications”.

Updating the extension

The extension is updated together with the TagRef app: new files appear in the same folder. To make the browser pick them up, open the extensions page and click  on the TagRef card (step 2.3, number 3), then refresh the open site tabs.

12 Troubleshooting

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What you see	What to do
"TagRef is not running"	Start TagRef. If the app is already open, quit it completely (the icon next to the clock → "Quit TagRef") and start it again.
"No library is open in TagRef"	Open or create a library in TagRef.
"The extension was reloaded — refresh the page"	The extension was updated or reloaded while the tab had been open for a while. Refresh the page (F5).
"The browser doesn't allow extensions on this page"	This is a browser page or the extension store — extensions don't work there. Open a regular website.
Alt + click doesn't save	Check that you click exactly on an image. Some sites draw images as a block background — then use "Capture selected area".
The drag window gets in the way	The extension popup → "Drag and drop" → "Off on this site" (or "Off everywhere").
The image was saved small	The site doesn't provide a larger image. Try opening the image separately (on the site itself) and saving it from there.
Images from a site that requires sign-in aren't saved	Turn on "Download through the browser" in the extension settings.
Keyboard shortcuts don't work	The shortcut may be used by the site itself or by another extension. Assign a different one in the extension settings.
The TagRef icon disappeared from the toolbar	The puzzle icon to the right of the address bar → the pin next to TagRef.

The screenshots were made in Google Chrome 154 on a demo page. In Yandex Browser and Edge the buttons have the same names but may be placed differently. © 2026 iKarasev · www.ikarasev.com/tagref