

ChromeBook

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Why

- Safely Surf the Web
- Safely Check/Read your email
 - Using Web Based Email
- Lightweight
- Cheap \$199 - \$299
- Easy to use
 - Not based on Windows – it is simply a browser
- **BUT** – Requires WiFi (you must have a wireless router)

ChromeBook Interfaces

- Most ChromeBooks have a USB and a HDMI connector
 - Mine has:
 - USB 3
 - High Speed
 - USB 2
 - HDMI
 - Also has an earphone jack



Bluetooth Devices

- Most ChromeBooks support:
 - Keyboards
 - Mice
 - Speakers
 - Headphones
 - Headsets
 - Microphones

Printing

- Printing is supported using Google Cloud Print:
 - Print output is sent first to the cloud and then to your printer
 - Supported Brands are:
 - Brother, Canon, Dell, Epson, HP, Kodak, Samsung
 - To See if your printer is supported and for setup instructions, go to:
<http://www.google.com/cloudprint/learn/printers.html>

Viewing Files

- You can view the attachments to your email
 - Browser contains built in viewer for MS Office Formats as well as PDFs and most pictures
 - After downloading an attachment, you can edit it using Google Docs or Quick Office (included).
 - Similarly, You can also edit files on Thumb Drives
- Files on Google drive can also be viewed and/or edited using Google Docs or Quick Office (included).

What Can't You Do?

- Run Windows Programs
 - No Games (Other than Web Based)
 - No Quicken/TurboTax
 - No Anti-Virus (Not Needed)
 - No iTunes (Lots of Music Available on Web)
 - No AOL Desktop (Only Browser interface)
 - No Outlook/Outlook Express/Live Mail - (Only Browser interface)

What Can You Do?

- Run Web Based Programs or Google Apps
 - Google Hangout Video Conferencing
 - Cox and CenturyLink Webmail
 - As well as Gmail, Yahoo mail, Hotmail, AOL, etc
 - Watch YouTube
 - Google Docs
 - Edit Photos **Aviary** (On Chrome Store)
 - Listen to Music (Google Music), Watch TV Shows (Google TV), Watch Movies (Google Video)
 - Play Games (On Chrome Store)
 - Web Based Games
 - Solitaire <http://worldofsolitaire.com/>, <http://justsolitaire.com/>

An Alternative Word Processor

- If you use Dropbox or Google Docs or Skydrive
 - Personal.Teamlab.com
 - Free online MS office
 - You can generate and edit documents using a MS Office-like interface
 - Will NOT work with documents stored on your computer
 - ONLY works with documents stored in the “Cloud”
 - You can sign up for free with either a Facebook or a Google account
 - Personal.Teamlab.com

ChromeBook Prices

- Frys
 - \$98 on sale after \$50 mail in rebate
 - \$229-\$299
- Office Depot
 - \$199-319
- What is the price difference?
 - Size of Screen 11.6" – 14"
 - Speed of processor 1.0GHz – 1.7GHz
 - Size of Solid State Drive (SSD) 16GB seems to be standard
 - Size of Memory/Ram 2GB – 4GB

ChromeBook Links

- <http://www.chromestory.com/chromebook-user-guide/>
- http://www.chulavistaca.gov/City_Services/Community_Services/Library/PDFs/ChromebookQuickStartGuideforPatronsR.pdf
- <http://www.omgchrome.com/getting-started-with-your-chromebook/>
- InfoWorld <https://www.infoworld.com/d/security/review-7-password-managers-windows-mac-os-x-ios-and-android-189597>