

# Chrome

[www.google.com/chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome)

*Free lightweight and fast web browser*

## **what is it?**

Chrome is a cross platform web browser developed and launched by Google in 2008. It has begun to set the benchmark for its speed in processing web pages and has been noted for its unique minimalistic interface. A unique feature of Chrome is the “omnibox.” The omnibox keeps the interface simple by merging the search box (web, bookmarks and history) and address box into one.

## **educational use?**

Google Chrome integrates well with web 2.0 apps like, Delicious, Picnik and Flickr as well as the Google suite of applications such as Docs, Gmail and Blogger. Chrome has a feature allowing users to open web pages in an “incognito” window. This window displays web pages without saved cookies and login information as if the page was opened on a separate computer. This feature can be used for testing applications and websites without being logged in.

## **pros & cons?**

Google Chrome is the highest performing web browser around and still manages to maintain a light footprint on your systems resources. Its innovative interface and features will change the way you use the Internet. Chrome is optimized for standards compliant websites and can perform poorly on nonstandard compliant learning management systems such as BlackBoard and eCollege.

## **what's it cost?**

Free to use.

## **alternatives?**

Alternative web browsers include Microsoft's Internet Explorer (<http://www.microsoft.com/nz/windows/internet-explorer/default.aspx>), Mozilla Firefox (<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/firefox.html>), Opera (<http://www.opera.com>), and Apple's Safari (<http://www.apple.com/safari/>).

## **resources?**

Chrome Introduction Comic  
<http://www.google.com/googlebooks/chrome/index.html>

Chrome Help Documentation  
<http://www.google.com/support/chrome/?hl=en>

Chrome Introduction Video  
<http://www.whatbrowser.org/en>