Chromebooks 101

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Topics

Chrome started off as a browser to navigate the web

- *People started using the Internet for Word processing (Google Apps vs MS Word)*
- *Banking (online banking vs Quicken)*
- *Music (streaming music vs downloading music files)*
- *Storage (Cloud Storage vs Local Files)*

Chrome removes the traditional OS from the equation, everything is accessed via the web

Chrome vs Chromebooks

- Chromebooks use ChromeOS an operating system, a simpler version of Android
- Not all chromebooks are the same, there can be differences on how ChromeOS and the device looks

Chromebooks versus Laptops

Chromebooks in general are good at:

- *Browsing websites*
- *Using apps with Cloud Storage*
- *Accessing Social Media*
- *Viewing Entertainment & Media*

Chromebooks versus Laptops

- Programs are not downloaded to the machine with Chrome
- Chrome uses apps which run through a browser
- Smaller hard drives on Chromebook (items tend to be stored in the cloud using Google Drive)
- Always working online (apps, files)

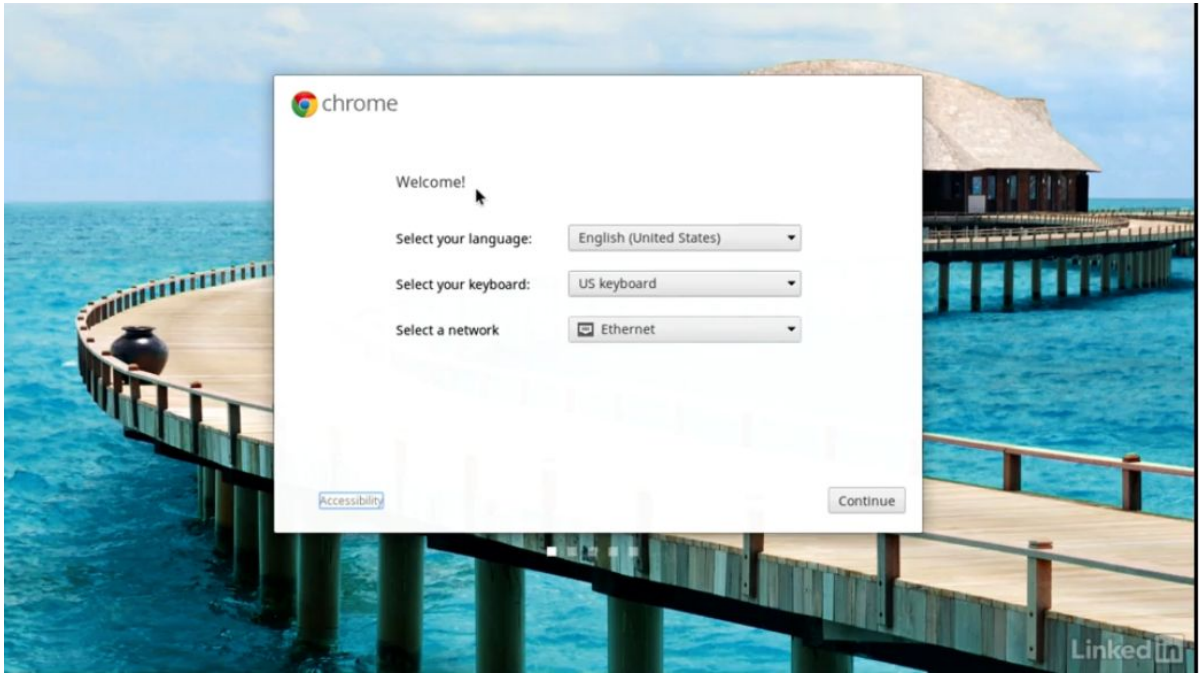
Advantages

- Fast
- Simple & easy to use
- Nothing to configure. Simply login to Google account and ready to go
- Updates handled automatically
- No virus software needed
- Everything stored in one place

Limitations

- Depends on a live internet connection
- Can only use apps that are part of the chrome store (limited)
- Gaming might be limited
- Optimized for Google tools & services (other services may be limited or not as well integrated)

Getting Started



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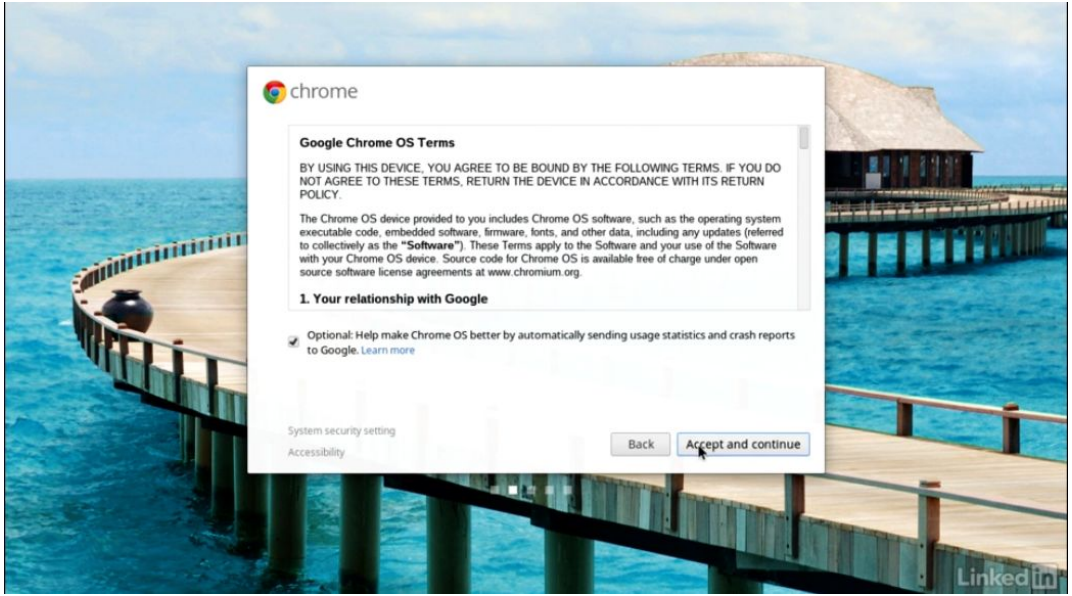

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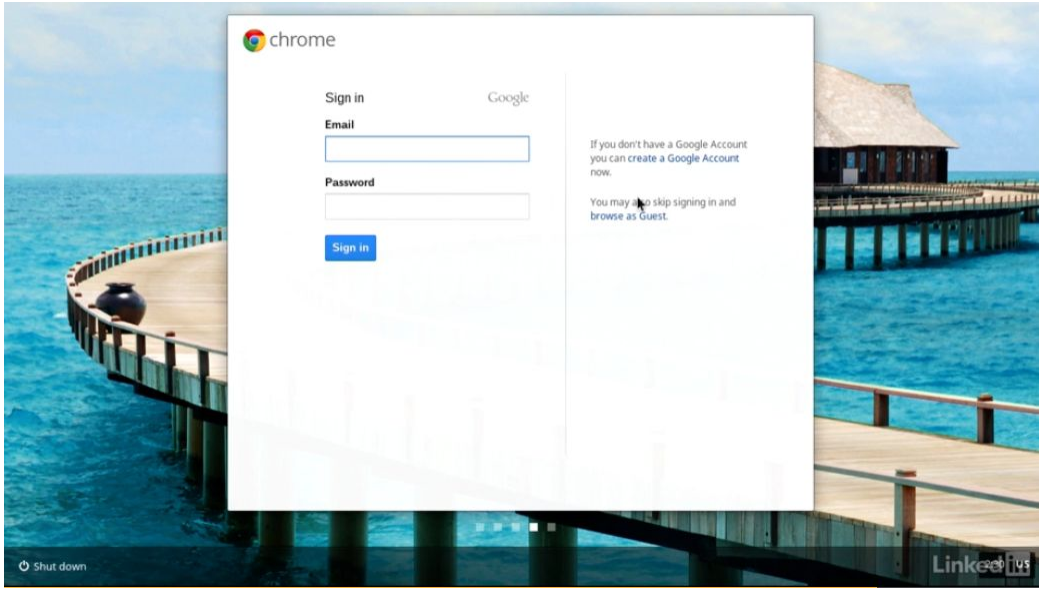

Sign in to or create a Google Account

Apps

App Bar/Launcher

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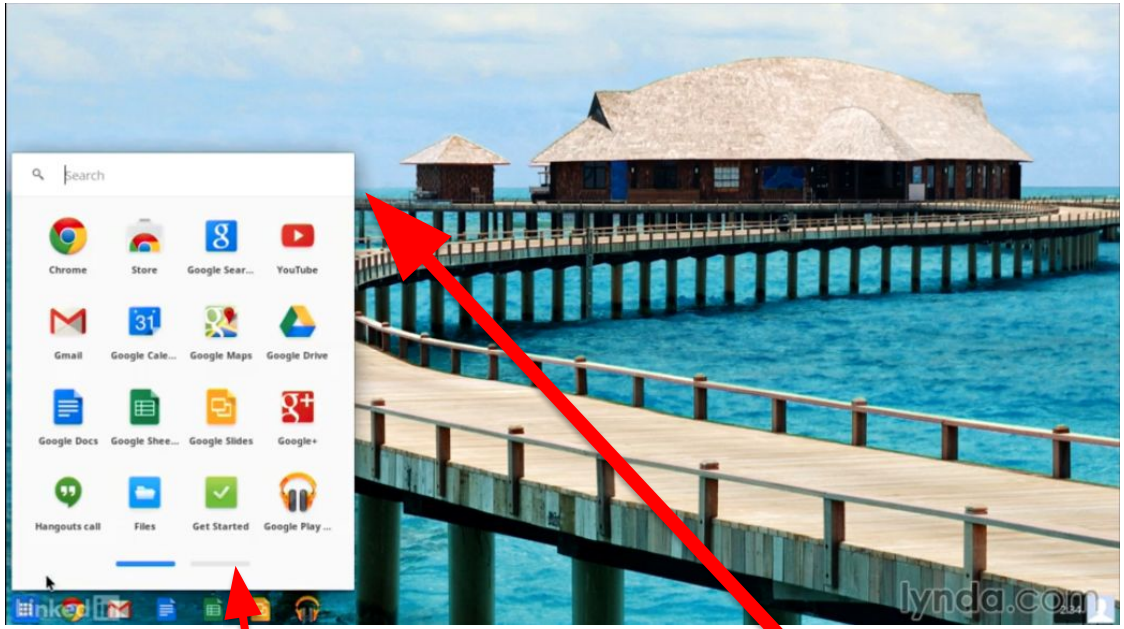
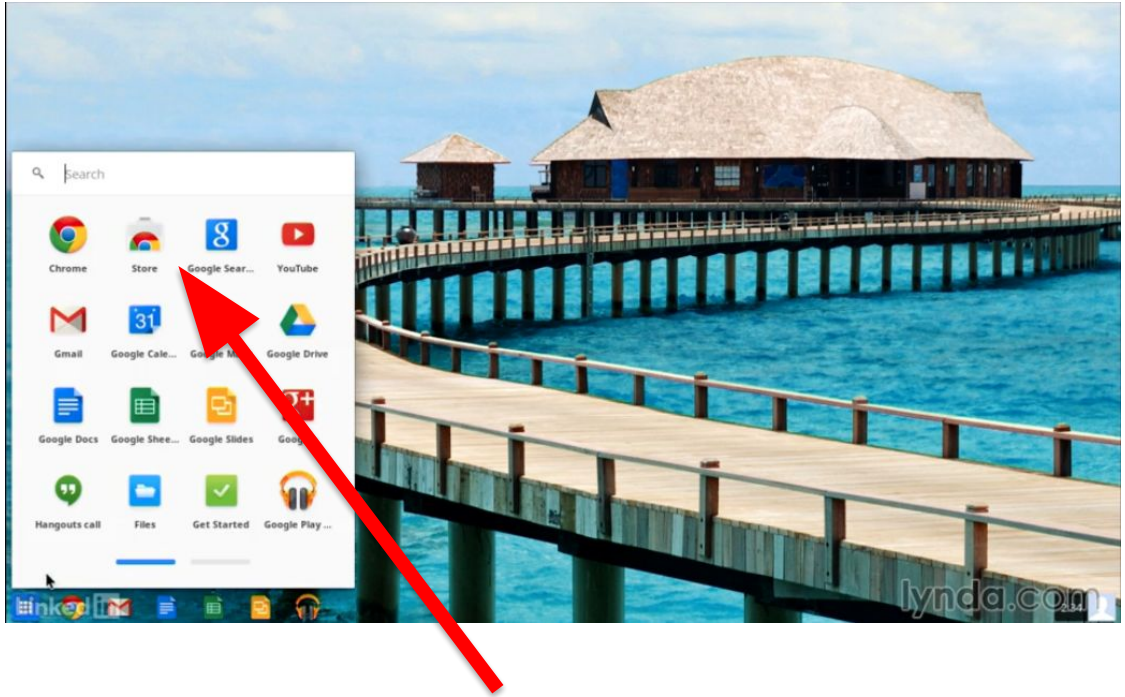


Apps Installed

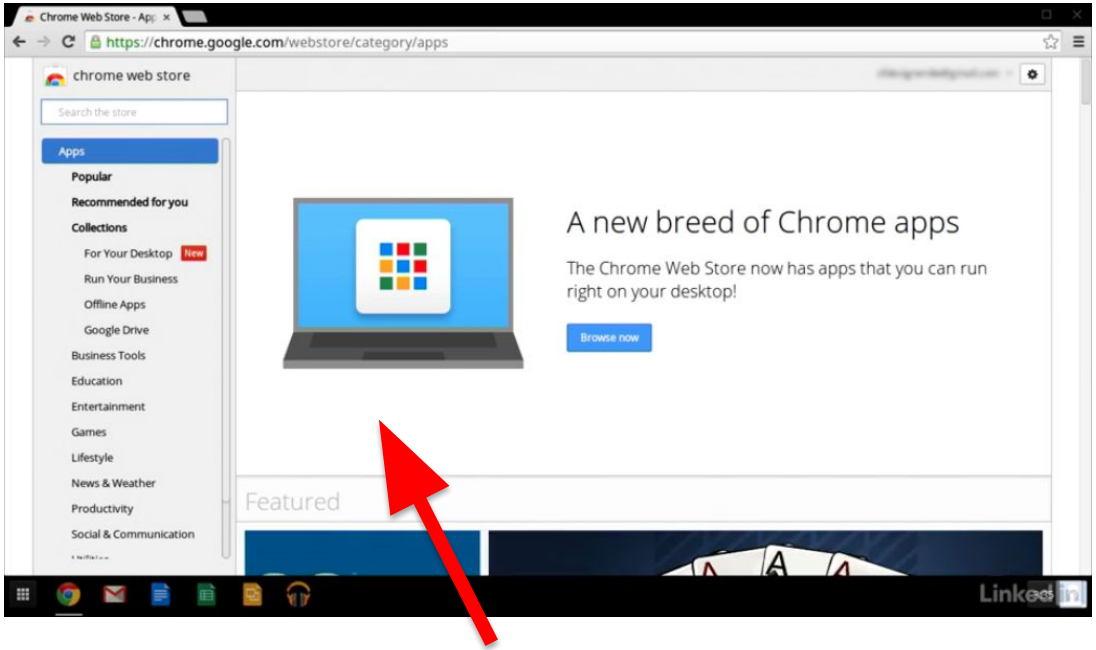
Search Bar

Apps



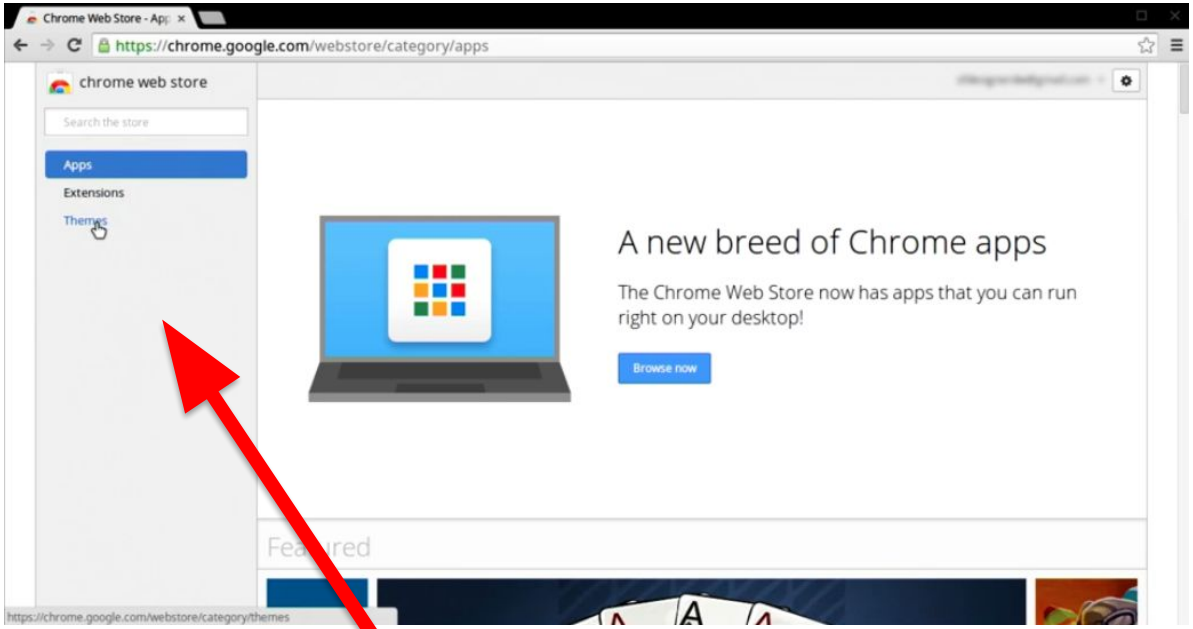
Can Search Chrome Store for more apps

Apps



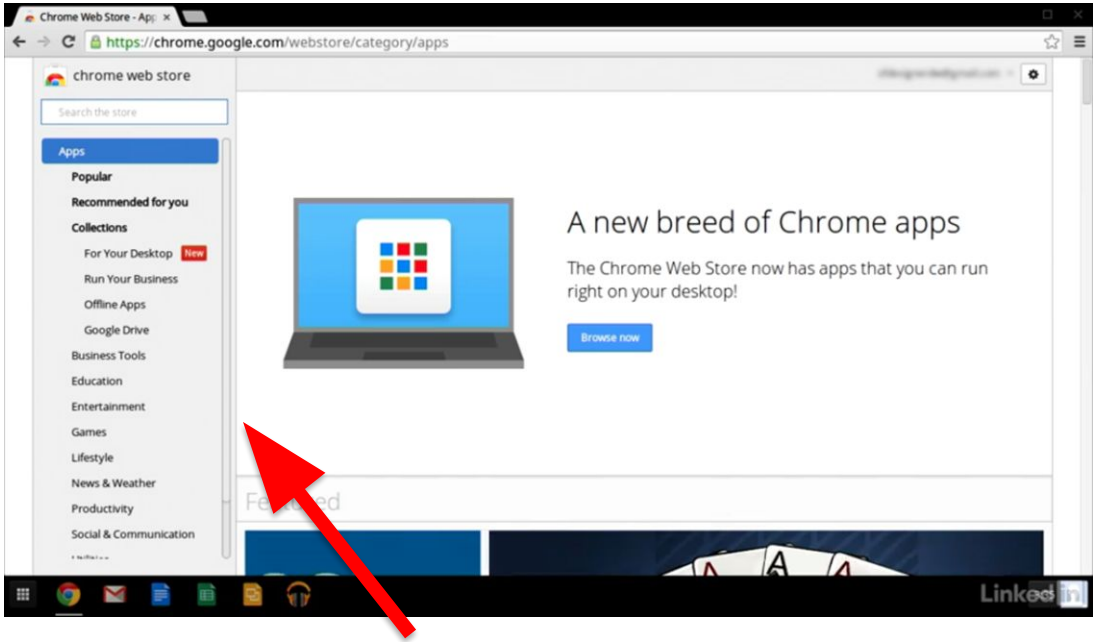
Free and fee based apps, need to submit payment information to Google wallet to pay for apps.
Not the same as Google Play found on an Android device.

Apps



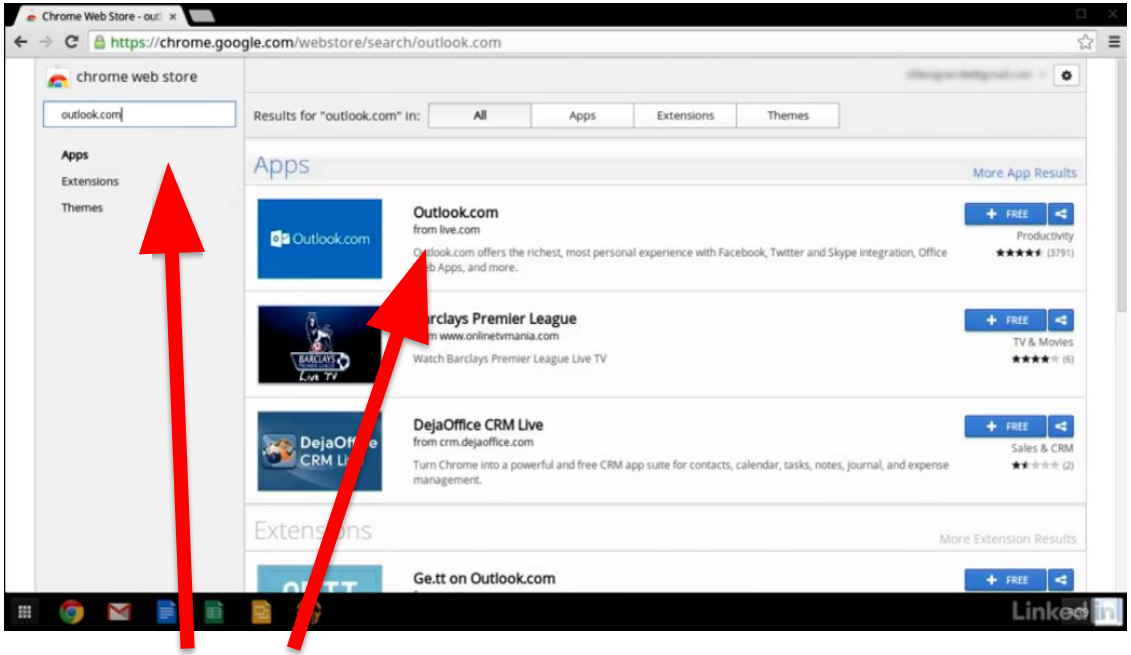
Can add Apps, Extensions & Themes

Apps



Types of available Apps

Apps



Can also search for apps in search bar

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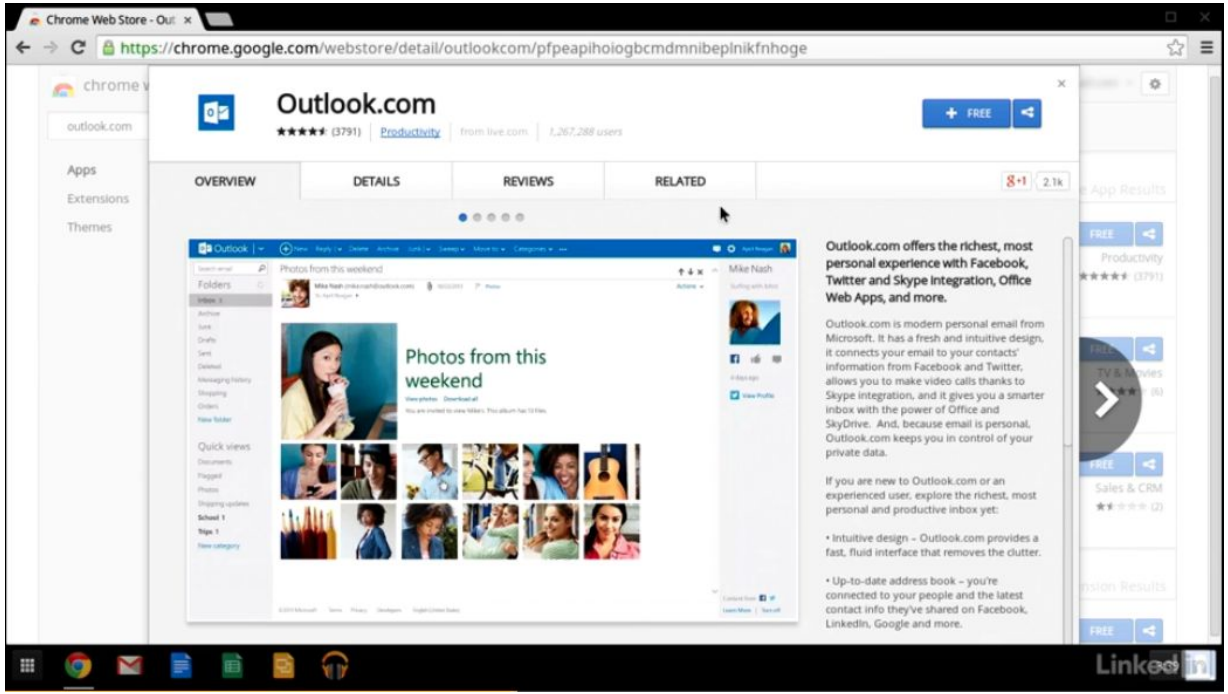
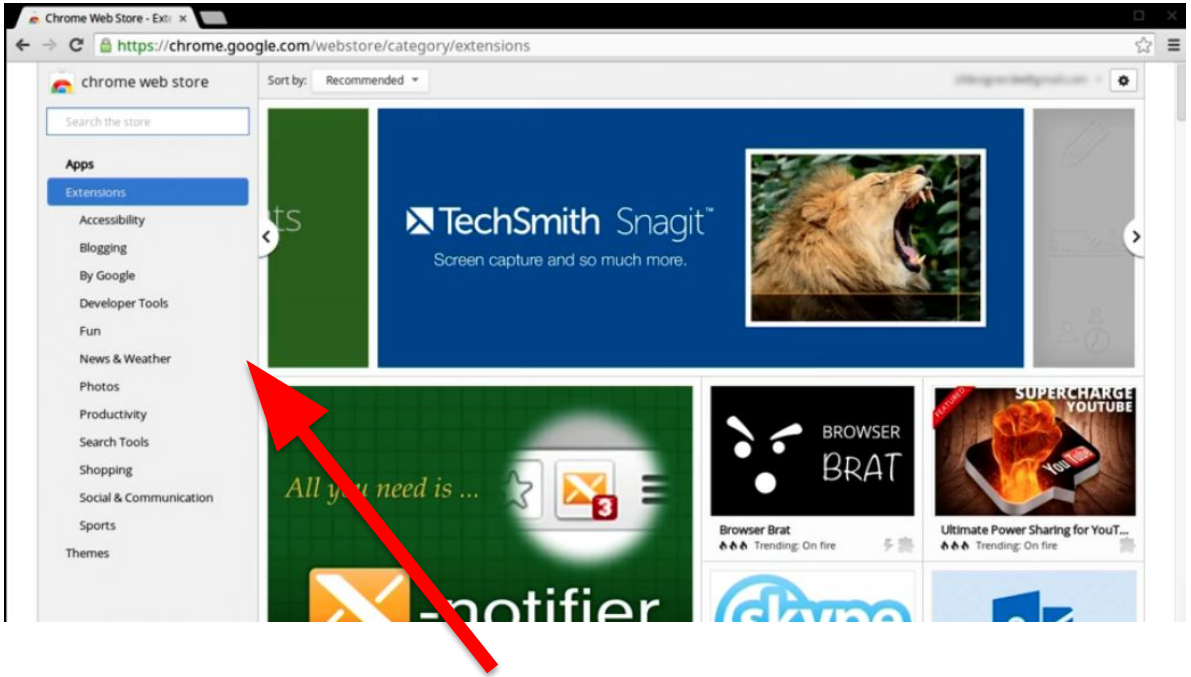


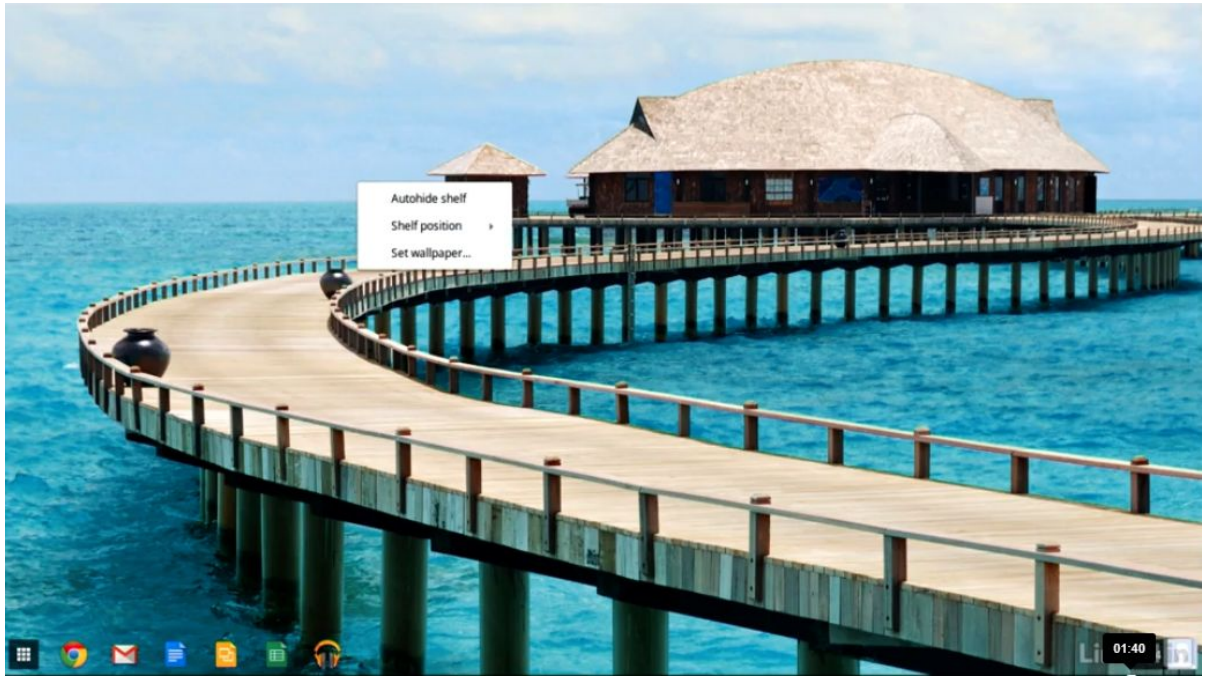
Get reviews and information on app before adding

Extensions



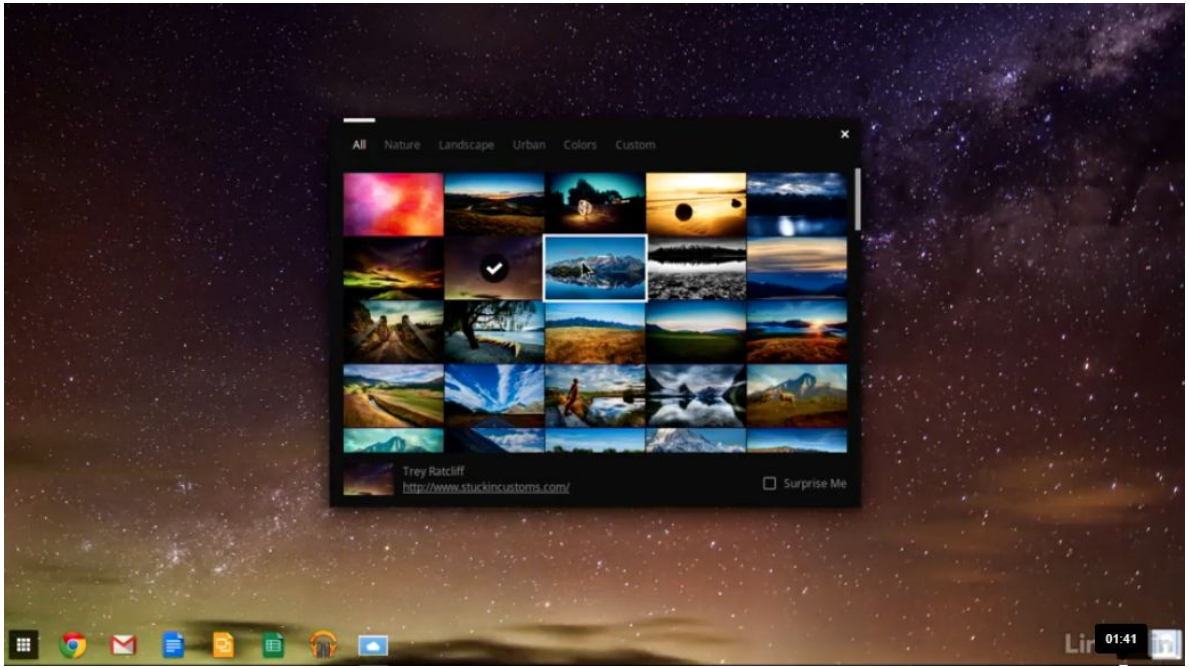
Extensions, enhance your browsing experience

Wallpaper



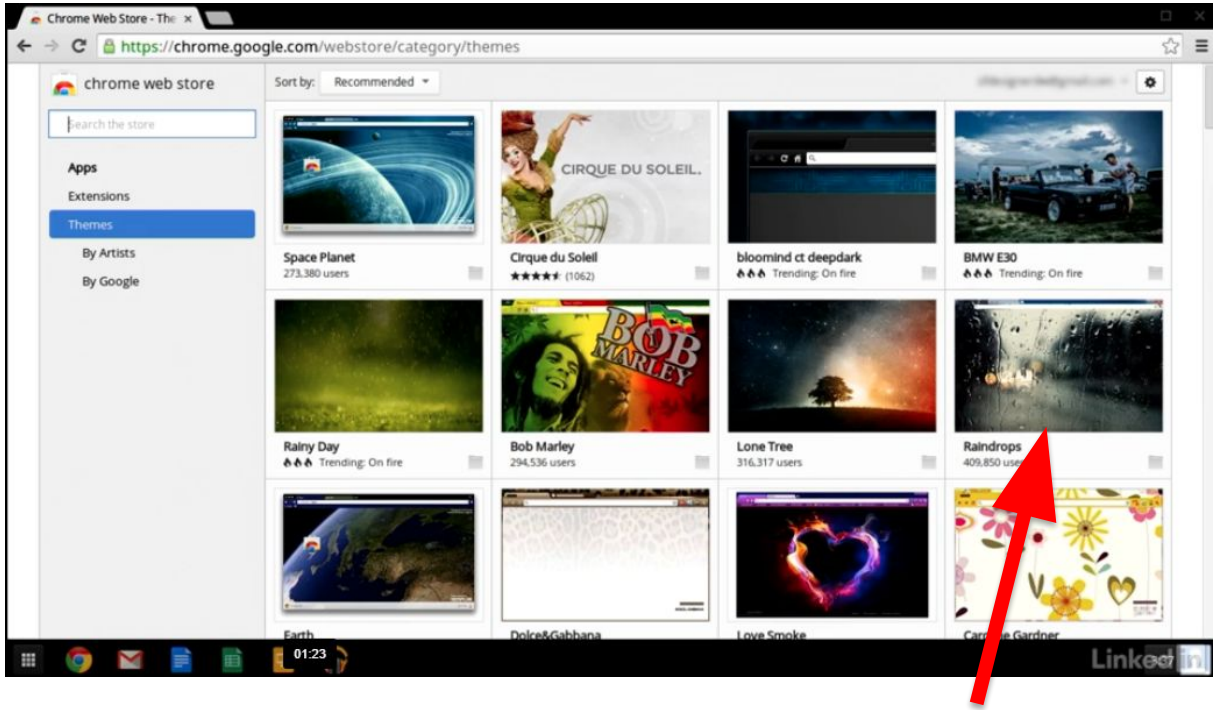
Right click on page and choose “Set wallpaper”

Themes



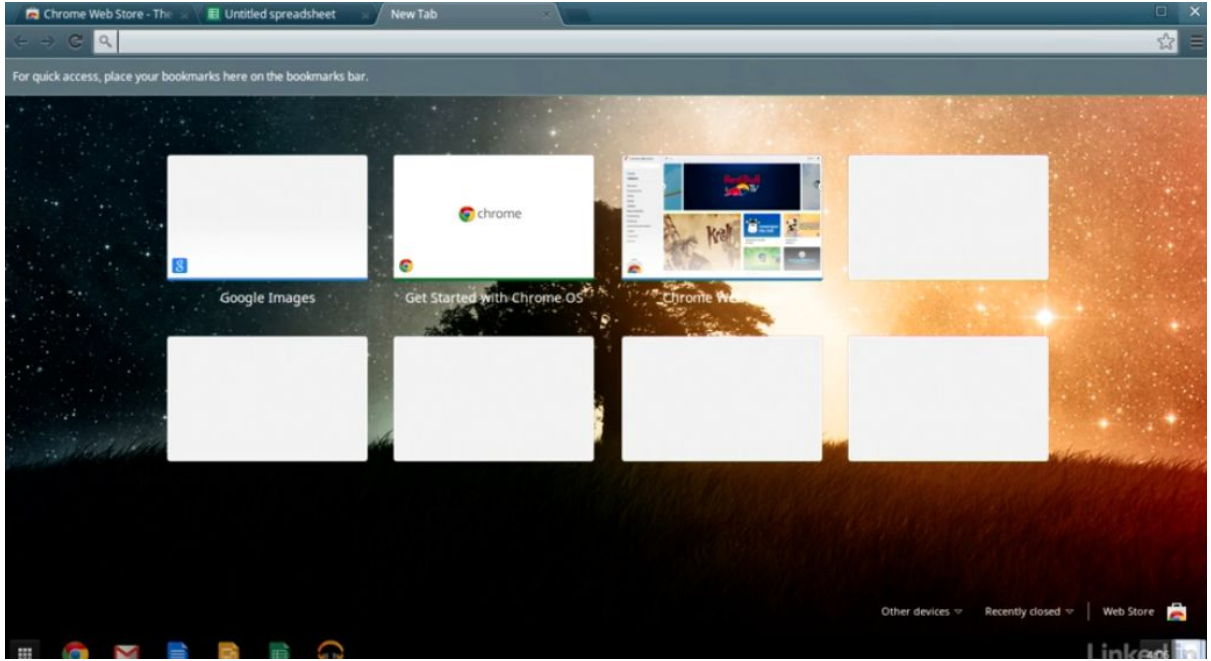
Wallpapers that come with Chrome or add your own by choosing custom

Themes



Themes are design packages that changes the entire Chrome looks of your system

Themes



Lone Tree theme

System Settings

Change System settings, click here

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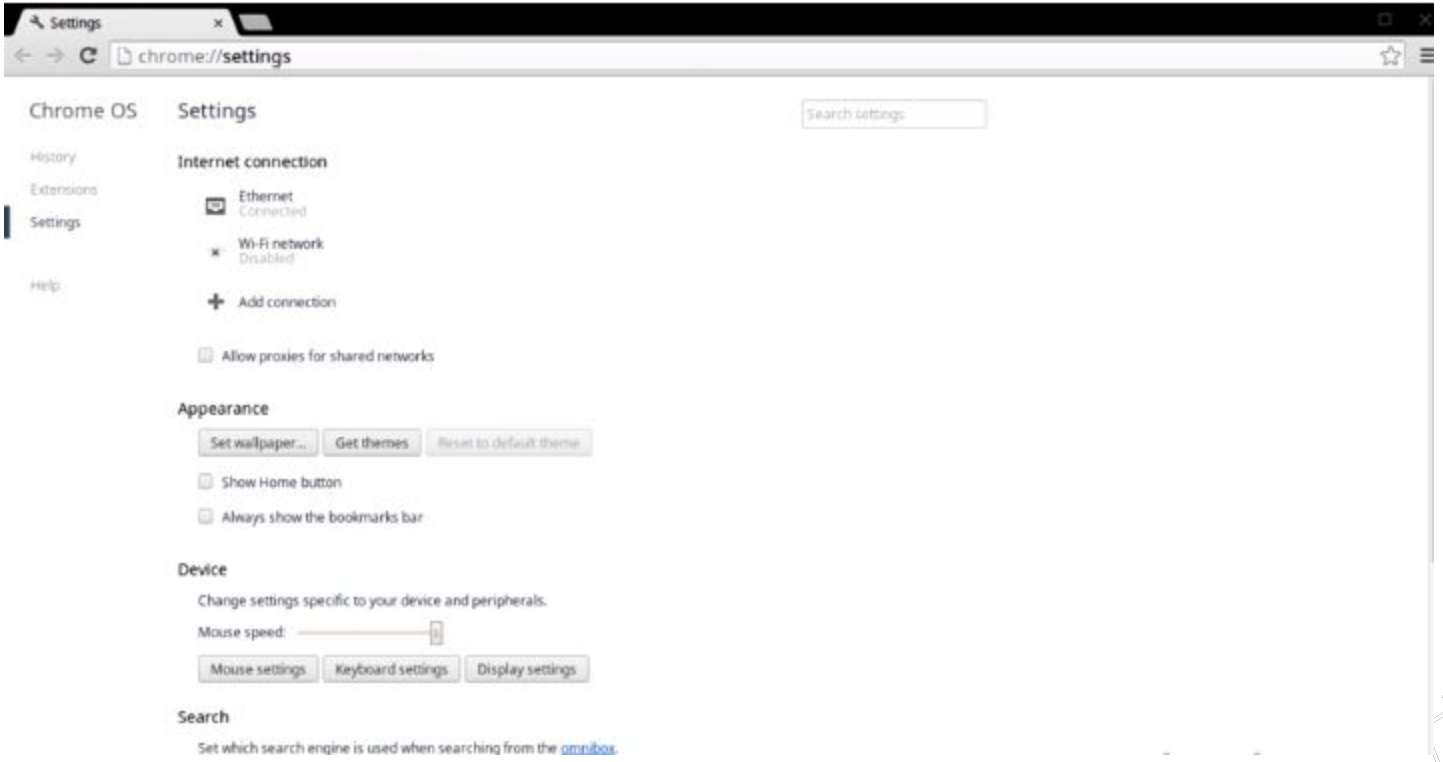

These Settings can vary depending on your system

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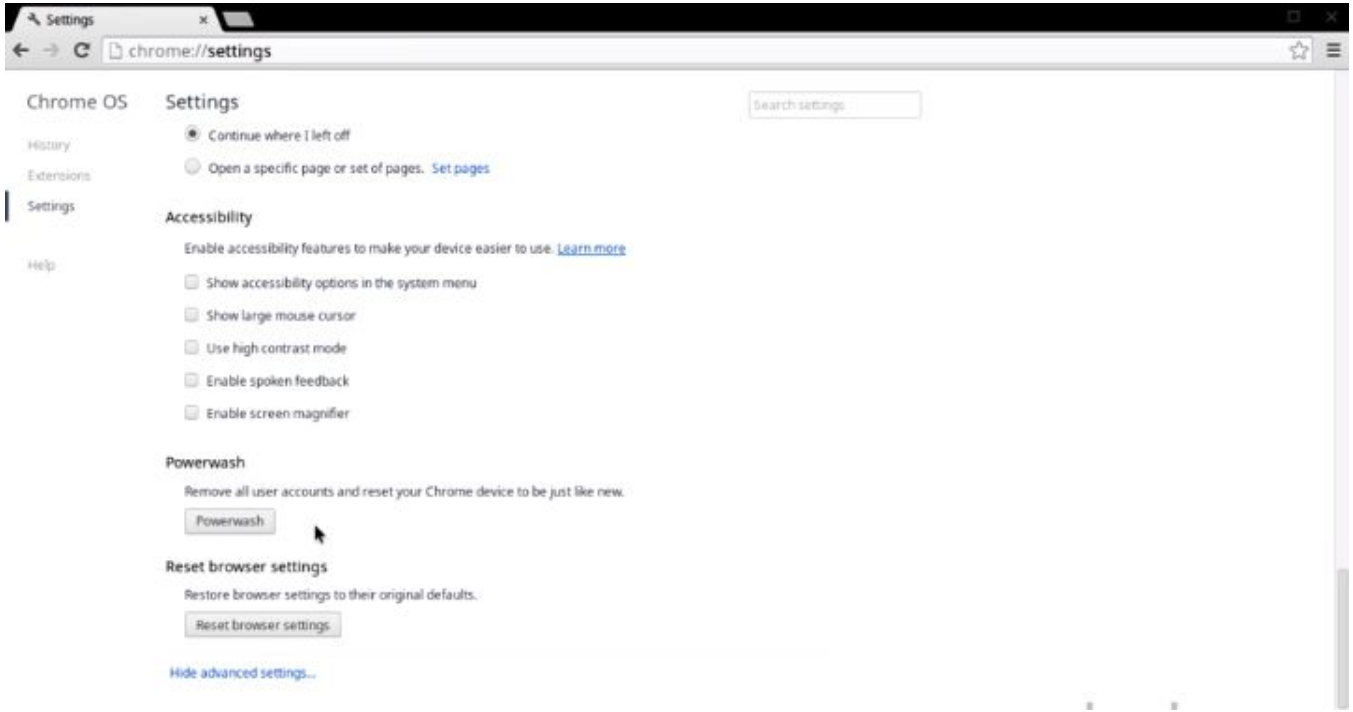
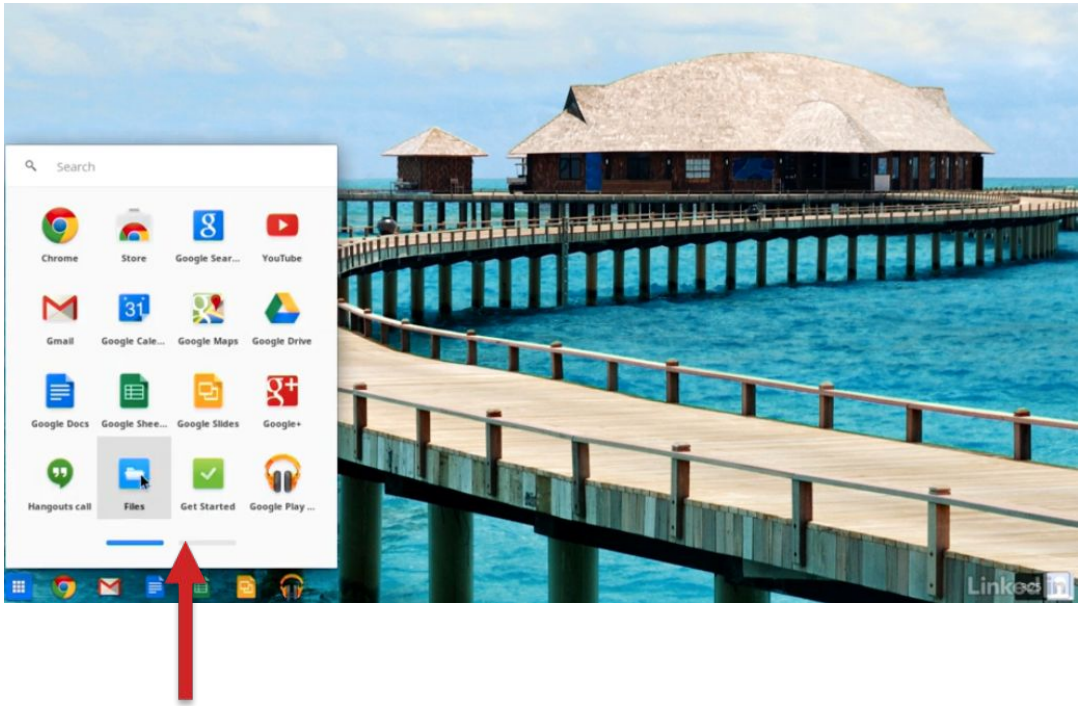


Powerwash will reset your device and remove all user settings and delete files stored on Chromebook. Useful when giving Chromebook to someone else

Working with Files



Files App

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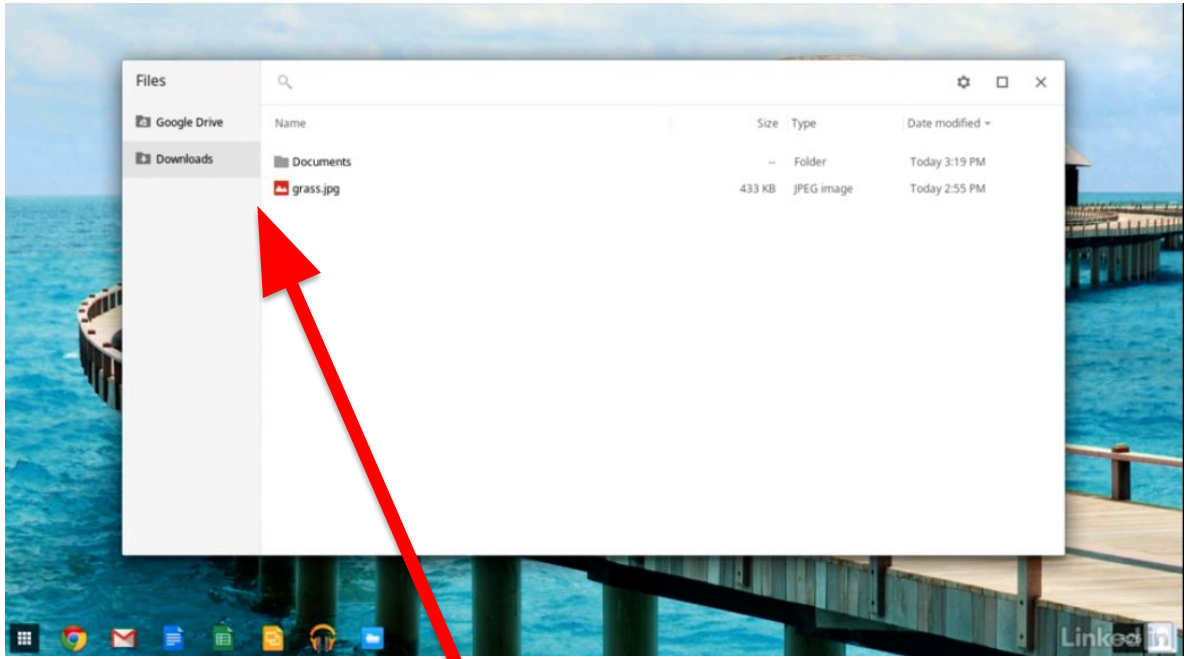

Choose Downloaded Files or Files stored in the Cloud

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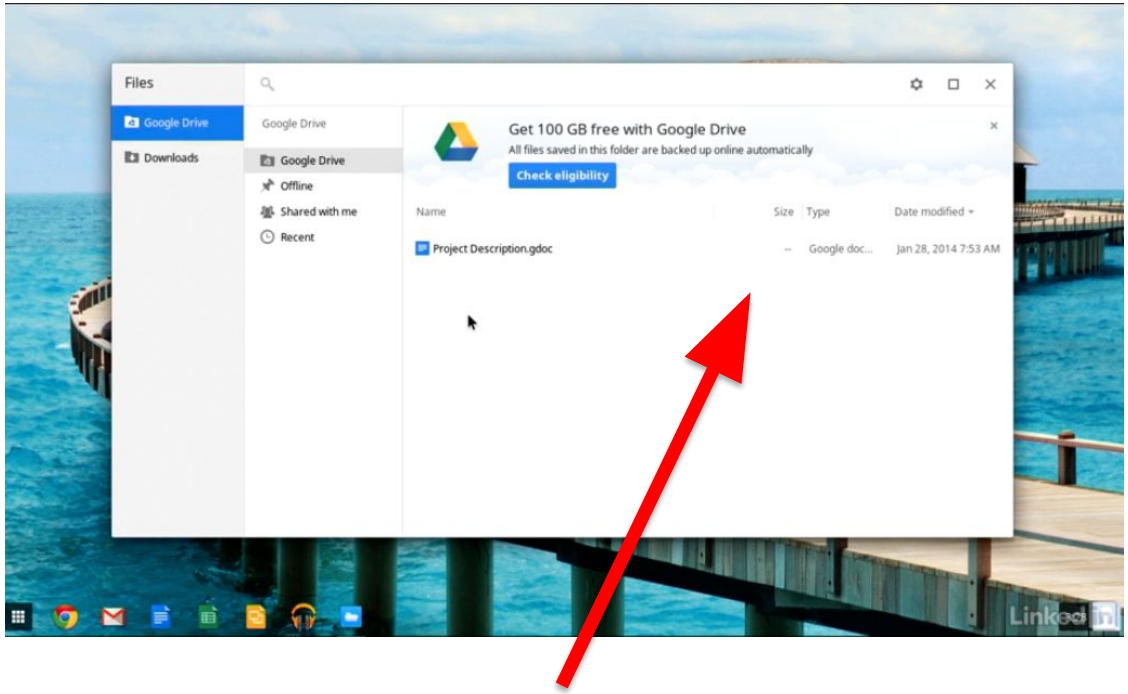
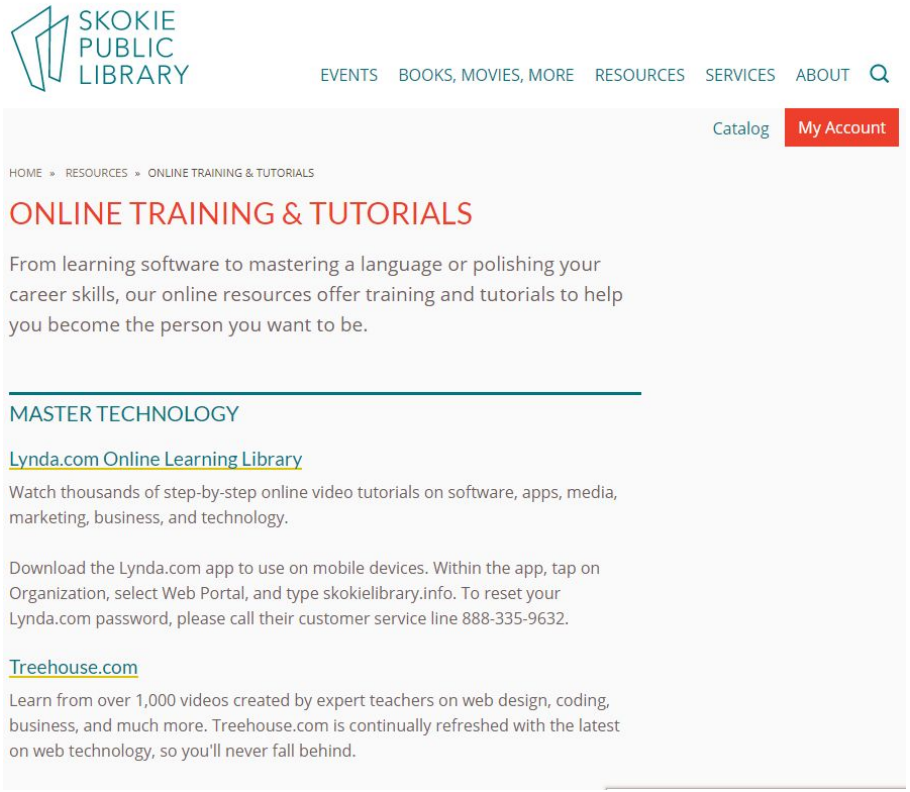


Free 100 GB of storage with Google Drive

Additional Help



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