

# Chromebooks

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## General Information

- Uses a **Google Chrome operating system** (Google's attempt to develop a Cloud oriented operating system)
- It is **web-based** so everything you do, needs to be done online
- **Great for** surfing the web, checking email, listening to music, video chatting, and watching movies
- You do have a **downloads folder** that gives you some limited, local storage

## Advantages

- Your information is **more secure** (if your Chromebook gets lost, stolen, or damaged- all of your data is on the web)
- Pretty **lightweight**
- **Quick start up** (8 seconds)
- **Easy** to use
- **Inexpensive** (\$250-\$350)
- Built in **Wifi** (& **3G** for more expensive models)
- Great **battery** life (ranges, depending on the model)
- The Chrome OS **automatically installs software** and **security updates** every time you reboot your computer
- Should be **fairly immune to viruses**

## Considerations

- Google is **storing your data** in the **cloud**
- Depending on the brand you buy, you get 2-3 years of free cloud storage- after that, Google charges you a **monthly fee** for anything above 5 GB
- It is just the **Google Chrome Browser** installed in a notebook
- **Not possible to install** Microsoft Office or any other application you may need
- You must work with **Google's office products**
- Can only **download apps from Chrome store**
- You may need an **internet connection** to access many of your apps