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The flood gates are open! Any Android developer can now put their Android apps in the Chrome Web Store with the Runtime App for Chrome. But this positive news brings a darker tone. Google's Chrome app is already underperforming and developers now have even less incentive to write Chrome apps when they can re-use their existing Android apps. They are the successor to Chrome's original apps, which were primarily just links to websites, a handful of which used HTML5 features to work offline. Now Google seems focused on Android app compatibility, which is certainly an interesting idea, but what's happened to all these Chrome apps? Chrome apps aren't very popular, so how many Chrome apps are there? Google doesn't make it easy to figure out. But we compare the Chrome Web Store with the Google Play Store. Viewing the list of Chrome apps and the top app appears to be Videostream for Chromecast, a video playback app that owes more to popular Chromecast hardware than the Google Chrome app platform. It has about a million users. The impressive Polarr photo editor, which is great for editing photos on Chrome OS, is being promoted at the top of the Chrome Web Store but has fewer than 200,000 users. Click and you'll see that most popular apps have a few hundred thousand users at most. The Vine Android app that runs on Chrome OS. Now visit the Google Play Store and see major Android apps. The Facebook app has only between one and five billion installations. Of course Chrome apps aren't as popular with Chrome users, as Android apps are among Android users. Yes, more people use Android than the Chrome browser. But Google said in 2013 that Chrome had more than 750 million monthly active users. The vast majority of Chrome users ignore these Chrome apps. Selection is still thin, but of course Chrome apps aren't popular. There aren't many! Now, make no mistake: There are some great Chrome apps in the Chrome Web Store. Developers can use this technology to make great apps that work especially well on Chrome OS, where apps can run in their own small windows and work completely offline. Google Keep and Play Music Chrome apps. But very few developers are actually doing it. Sure, Google created apps for some of its services, like Google Keep and Google Music, but where are Chrome apps for popular services like Gmail, Google Docs, and Google Calendar? They do not exist (although all three can be in the main Chromebook browser). Most websites and services, including Google's own, simply don't offer Chrome apps. Now that Android apps can be brought to Chrome in a few clicks, we probably see more developers use this trick instead of making Chrome apps. For example, if you want Evernote not to disconnect disconnect Chromebook, you can now install the Evernote Android app from the Chrome Web Store. Why would Evernote bother to create a Chrome app when they can only reuse the Android app? Users want the web, not browser-specific apps, so Chrome's app platform doesn't look too healthy. Yes, it's powerful and works well for the apps that use it, but few services are using it, and Google has now made it easier for developers to take the Android apps they're making anyway and place them in the Chrome Web Store. But maybe that's not a bad thing! After all, Chrome's point had to be a platform that allowed access to the web: the open web, not just an app store. Chrome and Chrome OS are not powerful because of Chrome apps, they are powerful because they are simple, secure and offer full access to complete desktop websites that also work on other modern browsers, such as Firefox, Safari, Opera and Internet Explorer. Do you want to stay up to date on Linux, BSD, Chrome OS and the rest of the world beyond Windows? Bookmark the world beyond the Windows columns page or follow our RSS feed. The Chrome app platform is a bit weird here, as it's the only browser-specific app platform out there. Is it any wonder that developers have largely avoided Chrome apps in favor or made their actual websites work better for all web users, including Chrome users who only use it as a web browser instead of an app platform? Chrome is full of experiments like this that work well, but yet they don't seem to go anywhere. Google's native client technology (NaCl) was designed to bring desktop class software to Chrome with minimal performance penalty, and can do so: install Bastion from the Chrome Web Store and you'll see how well it can work. But that's the problem! It is more than three years after NaCl came out and writers like me are still using the original proof of concept (Bastion) as an example of technology. The developers didn't pick up the native client and run on it, just as they didn't collect chrome apps. Perhaps it's best to refocus Chrome on multi-browser web technologies and complete websites. If people want apps, they can now always install Android apps in Chrome. Note: When you buy something after clicking the links

in our articles, we may earn a small commission. Read our affiliate links policy for more details. Photo: Deepanker Verma (Pexels)A security flaw in Google Chrome was the subject of an active attack last week; although google's latest Chrome update (hopefully) has automatically fixed the problem in your browser, it's you check that you are running the latest version (72.0.3626.121). But don't take our word for it. When it comes to Chrome's security engineering and desktop lead that suggests you're upgrading now – like this minute – it should take a few seconds to check your browser version. To start chrome's built-in update tool, simply open your browser and select About Google Chrome, which you'll find in the within its main drop-down menu. Your browser should be automatically updated if there is a newer version to download. For more from Lifehacker, be sure to follow us on Instagram @lifehackerdotcom. G/O Media can get a commission (Pocket-lint) – Google has dropped the Chrome OS source code into the wild, so we thought it would take a look and see if it's up to the high hype that's been placed on it. Depending on who you believe, Chrome OS could sink without a trace or force Microsoft, Apple and Linux wholesale. The truth, as always, is not. Well, not yet anyway. Chrome is still at a very early stage. It runs, but there's not much you can do when you're running, other than logging in, surfing the web, checking battery status, and turning network adapters on and off. When you first boot the operating system, you'll face a login screen. Put google address and password and confirm them and allow you to enter the operating system. You'll then face a browser window showing Gmail and Google Calendar. These work exactly as they do in any other browser window of the operating system. At the top right, there are a couple of icons that let you access browser menus, view network connectivity status (turn on and off wireless or Ethernet, for example) and monitor your battery. These seem to work primarily as advertised, but some of the menu items - such as options - are brought duplicate in the browser. There's a Start Menu-esque icon at the top left that takes you to a page that invites you to sign in to Google Short Links. This did not recognize our username and password, so we couldn't get more information on this page. It doesn't seem to be treated as a regular browser window, but - we couldn't close or unbutton how we might with the mail and calendar tabs. If you press the new tab button or use the Shortcut Ctrl-T, you'll be taken to Chrome's default new tab page with speed dial shortcuts on the most viewed webpages. There are links to topics from a wide range of artists who can skin the operating system, although Google's are almost universally more attractive than those created by the artist. There is also a link to the extension gallery, although this is not working at the time of writing – just giving a Coming soon... Message. By the time chrome OS makes it a full version, there are likely to be a number of extensions to choose from that will offer plenty of additional functionality that isn't built into the platform by default. We found some bugs. Stepping into the bookmark manager made us get stuck until we created a new one and we double-clicked it. This brought us back to the browser window. In addition, discouraging mail and calendar tabs with a correct click and closing them led us to a blank desktop from which we could not access anything. Only one reboot of our virtual machine fixed that. First impressions At the moment, Chrome OS is almost just a browser in a Linux shell. That's not going to set the world on fire. burn. or not. It's fast – it boots in just 7 seconds – but it's not exactly functional. Overall performance was difficult to judge, due to execution on a virtual machine, but it didn't seem too painful. Chrome OS has potential because Google may well be making a play on netbooks and smart books just like it has with Android and smartphones. If that's the case, the project fruits might be somehow far away: Android is only just starting to make waves, more than a year after its launch. Chrome OS is one to watch, but we don't recommend switching to it as your primary operating system yet. Written by Duncan Geere. The geere.

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