



Chromebooks, a quick what, why and how?"

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Thoughts for today ...

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You might think that there's very little to gain by switching to a Chromebook - but today we hope to convince you otherwise!

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The biggest selling point of a Chromebook has always been cost, but today there are so many other reasons to consider a Chromebook.

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*Chromebooks and the Chrome OS
have come a long way in the last
decade, making Chromebooks
more robust than ever!*

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With the Chrome browser, and services moving from your local hard drive to the cloud, Chromebooks can do just about any everyday task that you'd use a legacy system for, and in many ways, the Chromebook can do those tasks even better.

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So today, people should not invest big money in a laptop that is more powerful and more costly than they really need.

Thoughts for today ...

*Apps work surprisingly well on
Chrome OS with little if any loss
of performance.*

Thoughts for today ...

For nearly four years now, Harvey and Jack have been using our Chromebooks for just about everything.

Today's Agenda

- What is a Chromebook?
- Why a Chromebook?
- How? Harvey's User Experience & Demo
- How? Jack's User Experience & Demo
- Some Resources
- Questions at the end - use Zoom's Chat

What is a Chromebook



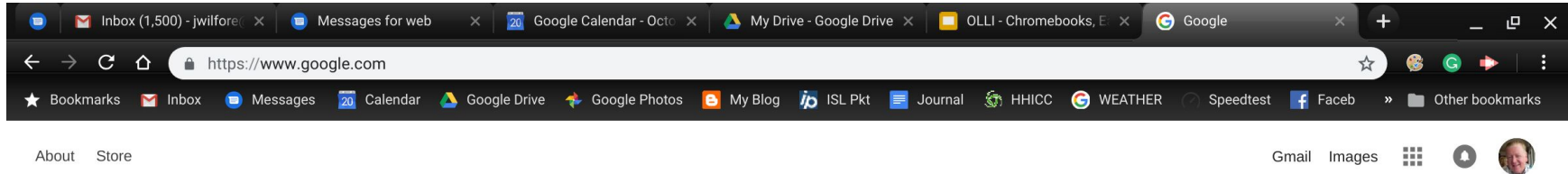
What is a Chromebook

Not a Windows Laptop, not an Apple laptop

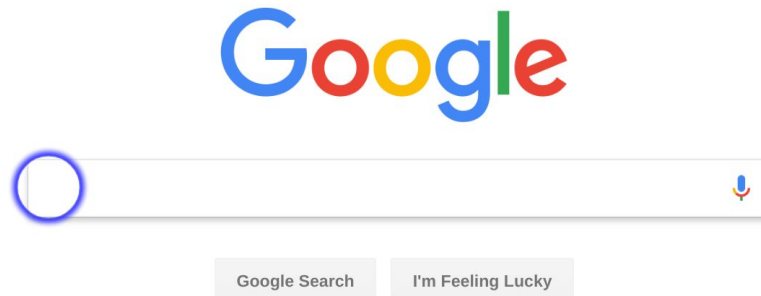


- **Its a different kind of device**
- **Its running Google's Chrome OS**
- **Its probably very light, most affordable and often the most pleasant machines you'll ever use!**

Chromebooks run on Google's Chrome Browser



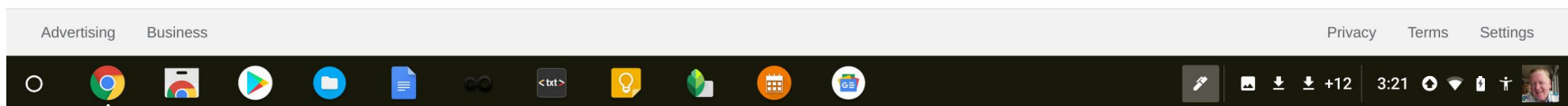
Across the Top - Tabs
Middle - URL Address or Omnibar, and Home button
Bookmarks Bar



**If you can use
a browser,
you can use a
Chromebook!**

**When you sign
in, all your
settings,
preferences,
and bookmarks
are all synced
for easy access
from any device**

SHELF w/Apps



What is a Chromebook



“Chromebooks provide general computer users with a simplified and “easier computing experience” that’s unmatched by any of their Windows or Mac rivals.”

What is a Chromebook

Switch To Chromebook - :30 video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7aW7qtS6ZM>

What are Chromebooks - :50 video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TWztwbOpog>

Make The Most Out Of Your Chromebook - 2:46 video

(Anna)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-Ehw96_XEc

Set Up and Navigate - 2:49 video (Raymond)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKXXj_dguz0

Why a Chromebook?

- Easy out of the box, no setup required, no slowdowns
- Light weight, portable, excellent battery life
- Protection is built in, no need for anti-virus
- Quick, fast startup, easy access to the Internet
- All files are easy access, sync across multiple machines
- Automatic saving, never lose your work
- Free Google Drive Storage, free storage for Google Suite products - Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Slides, Google Forms and many more
- Multiple users on same machine
- Chrome Web Store - free apps
- No purchasing software, cost is right, good value

Why a Chromebook?

- If you're into word processing, email, internet searching, photos, news, online shopping, video streaming, etc. a **Chromebook** is probably a perfect fit for you.
- **Chromebooks** are available in a wide assortment of sizes, shapes, features, memory, processors, resolution, etc. All are very light weight and mobile with long battery life, and speedy performance
- **Chromebooks** prices generally range from \$200-\$500, with many premium and bargain devices, from many suppliers.

Harvey ...

- How does he use his Chromebook?
- What does he like the most?
- What does he like the least?

Why I Love My Chromebook



Acer Chromebook 14”

Purchased from Costco November 2016 for \$229

Used daily - no hardware problems

How I use my Chromebook

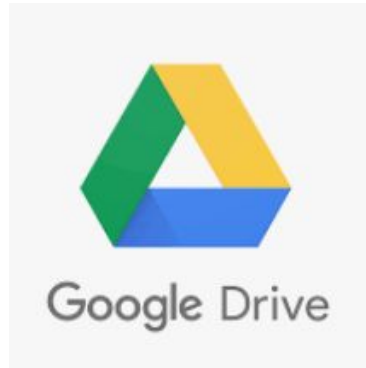
- 1. Usual stuff, email, surfing, banking, stock market, travel, etc.**

How I use my Chromebook



2. Google Docs for letters, replaces Word

How I use my Chromebook



3. Google Drive for backup. 15 GB free
No longer use Dropbox.

How I use my Chromebook



Google Slides

4. Google Slides for presentations like this one

How I use my Chromebook



5. Google Sheets for spreadsheets, replaces Excel.

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

- 1. Fast, doesn't slow down over time like PC's**

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

2. Boots up in about 10 seconds

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

3. Lightweight, 3 lbs 5 oz

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

4. Can't get a virus. No AV program needed

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

5. Microsoft Office not needed

Google Docs does all I need, free

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

6. Updates are simple and quick - just reboot, done in 1-2 mins

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

7. Solid state hard drive

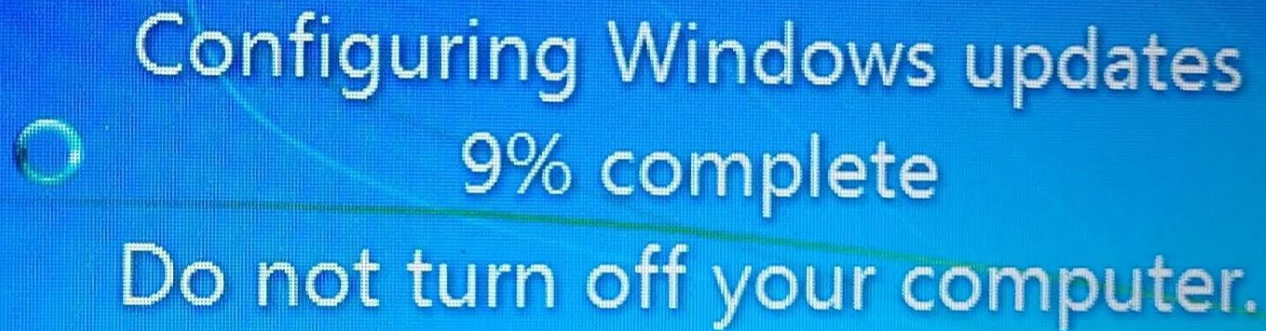
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK



8. My stuff is available on any computer, phone or tablet...just log into Chrome browser

WHAT I LIKE

9. I never get this message!



Configuring Windows updates
9% complete
Do not turn off your computer.

Need Chromebook help?

Email me at harveyb@gmail.com

I can assist in choosing a CB or setup from new

Jack ...

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Why I Love My Chromebook



- **Samsung Chromebook Plus \$419, Hi-Res,**
- **12.2 inch touch screen, a 64 GB Micro SD card, and a stylus for easy screen captures**

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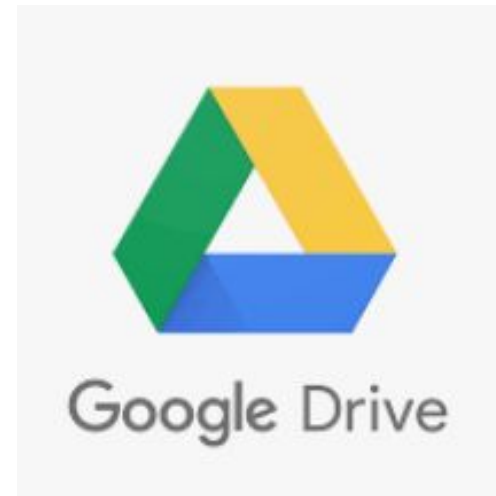
Google chrome



How I use my Chromebook

- **I no longer use my Windows device, I do everything I need on the Chromebook.**
- **All the usual - email, calendar, web surfing, Kindle book reading, e-newspaper, screen captures, Zoom, online photo editing, online Bridge, Google Photos, web sites, etc.**
- **Bookmarks and apps are only a click away.**

How I use my Chromebook



- **Google Drive for file access, 15 GB free, no storage charge for Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms and Sites.**
- **Remote Access to my Windows One Drive.**
- **External storage - Thumb Drives and Micro SD on some Chromebooks.**

How I use my Chromebook



- **Use Google Docs extensively, free alternative for MS Word.**
- **For letters, envelopes, note-taking, easy importing, exporting and saving Word docs.**
- **Cloud storage, don't have to "save."**
- **No storage charge for Google Docs.**

How I use my Chromebook



- **Google Sheets for spreadsheets, alternative to Excel.**
- **Converted my Quicken to a simple Sheets file, with multiple pages.**
- **No storage charge for Sheets.**

How I use my Chromebook



Google Slides

- **Google Slides for presentations, alternative to MS Powerpoint, use this all the time.**
- **No storage charge for Google Slides.**

How I use my Chromebook



Google Drawings

- **Google Drawings, like MS Publisher, very handy for creating newsletters and special pages with images!**

How I use my Chromebook



- **Google Sites is a free, simple and easy to use website building tool that I have used to create several photo websites that contain many of my Google Photos albums.**

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WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

**5. Microsoft Office not needed,
Google Docs, Google Sheets, and
Google Slides do it all and they are
all free to use and free to store.**

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

6. System Updates about every six weeks, they are always quick and easy - just reboot, and done in 1-2 mins

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY CHROMEBOOK

7. eMMC - embedded Multi-Media controller, solid state hard drive, makes everything fast.

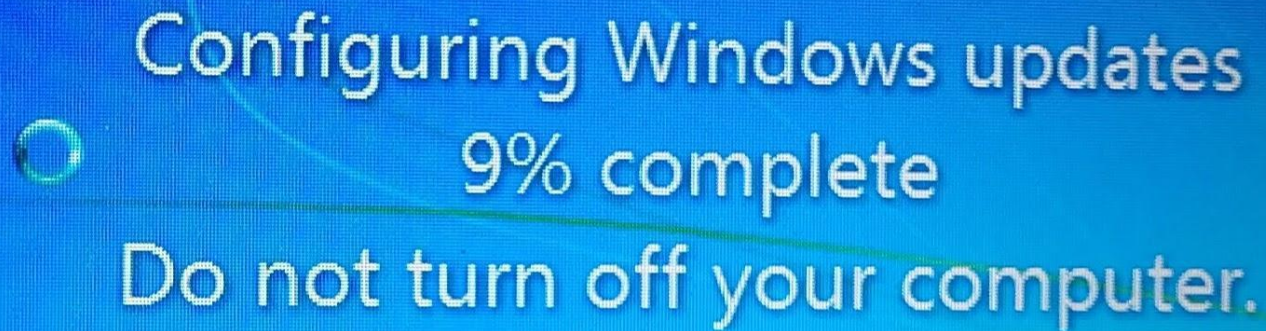
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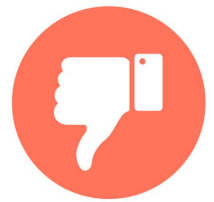
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What do I like most?



- Fast & Portability, always with me, wi-fi everywhere
- So portable, great battery life, easy screen resizing, collaboration
- Cloud files saved automatically, and easily shared
- Google Docs w/ “voice” typing
- Google Sheets, Slides, Drawings, Sites
- Easy dealing with MS documents and a wide variety of sources and files
- Answers are only a click away

What's not to like?



Not much!

- Dealing with Change - things are different,
- There is some learning, Google Drive, Google Suite
- Moving/Finding files - keyword search helps, but now RECENT is absolutely terrific, use it everywhere
- Answers for what you don't know are only a click away - Google Search, YouTube - watch dates for latest info
- Slow - your Internet Speed, and processor - ZOOM
- Some trial and error, patience
- Auto Update Expiration (AUE) date varies, about five years after hits the market, but Google & technology is addressing and extending, newest is 9 years!

Need Chromebook help?

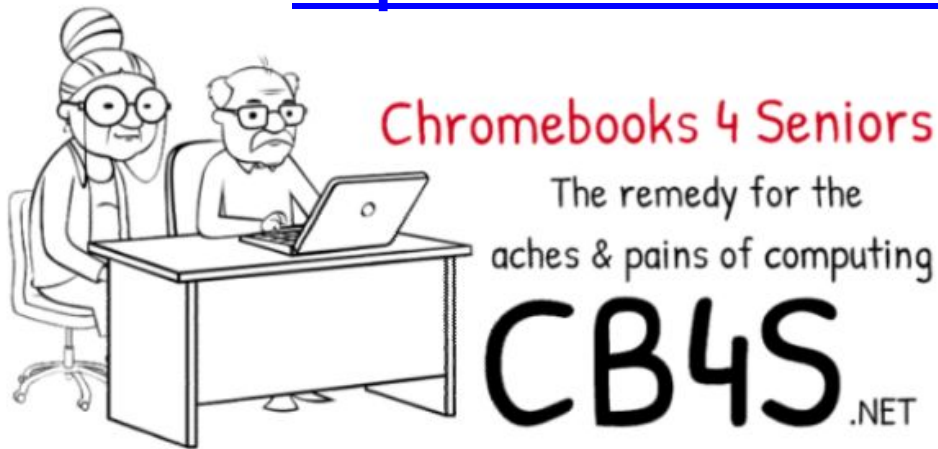
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**I can assist with choosing a CB,
setting up new, or help with
any ongoing issues.**

Some resources

HHI Chromebooks Training and Notes - blog

<http://hhichromebooks.blogspot.com/>



<http://cb4s.net>

Google Drive Tutorial 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LW9gh2myDhA>

Google Docs and Sheets Tutorial 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7wOQaGbf-A&t=47s>

More resources










Google has launched a number of quick, well-produced videos to help users make the most of their Chromebooks

<https://www.google.com/chromebook/howto/>

THE CHROMEBOOK SIMULATOR

Step-by-step tutorials

-  Get Started
-  Explore your Chromebook
-  Use your apps
-  Manage your files
-  Explore accessibility features
-  Fix Chromebook problems
-  Use your Chromebook offline

<https://partnerdash.google.com/apps/simulator/chromebook#?l=en>

And, even more help ...



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

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