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Checking out [Comet](#) by Perplexity AI.

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Each time I feel saturated with the performative facade everyone has for these tools.

I have tried a few AI browsers from the Arc Company, namely, the Arc Browser and Dia. Dia is more of the AI specific browser. It was pretty nice in the beginning but I started to realize that I am not really using any of the AI capabilities enough.

The biggest drawback of Dia — it chugged battery juice like I chug electrolytes after coming from a long run. It is because of the fact that it ran models locally.

That's when I gave up on these AI browsers and went back to the sweet old Safari and Chrome (yes, I use two browsers, because why not?).

Until, I came across a tweet from Aravind Srinivas, mentioning that Perplexity has launched their own AI browser. That's when I also realized that I had enrolled myself in the waitlist long time ago but due to the saturation and gimmicks in the AI world, I had overlooked this as just another gimmicky browser.

Why did I install it?

I am currently in grad school, brute forcing my way through a million internship applications (exaggerated). My inability to be organized meant that I wasn't tracking any of my internship applications (womp womp).

Before that, the fun part about being a student? You get free access to all these AI tools in this

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With Google placing big bets on their strategy to lure students into upgrading to the Pro plan for free — for a year, I had to jump on the bandwagon before the offer ended. The problem with me is that I try to make rational decisions and mansplain myself that all of this is a strategy, none of this is free. But can't help it, I had to upgrade for nano banana.

So I did upgrade my personal google account to Google One (or whatever the AI suite name is). The caveat? Most of the internship application mails were on my university mail ID (womp womp again) and for some reason, I don't have access to Gemini on that mail.

Mid-way through my Machine Learning lecture, to clarify some of the doubts, I remembered about Comet and decided to install it.

TLDR: It exceeded my expectations.

It has an assistant built-in

It's not any normal assistant. It is a full-fledged agent that uses MCP (or function calling) to integrate with apps such as G-suite and others.

The first thing I tried after installing, can it read my mails? Yes, I forgot about the questions I needed to clarify about Principle Component Analysis.

As I opened the assistant in my Gmail tab, it asked me to connect my Google Account and provide permissions (a lot of them). I was skeptical but well, I had no other choice.

Once it was integrated, I queried it to find all internship application mails and within a couple of seconds I had the response.

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The Voice mode is amazing

I love audiobooks and podcasts. That's the very reason I am a big advocate of NotebookLM's audio overview. Sometimes, I would also use the "read aloud" feature on Safari to listen to research papers while washing utensils or cooking.

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Comet takes it a step further where you can interact with any webpage using a voice assistant and get responses in couple of seconds. This is unlike NotebookLM where you need to wait for 5–10 mins for the audio-overview to be generated completely.

The interaction is pretty seamless and you can interrupt the assistant mid-response (similar to GPT or Gemini), making it feel more humane to use.

If I have to nitpick something, it would be the fact that there is no persistence between tabs for the assistant.

For eg. If I am writing an article on medium and would like to check my mail, it would open Gmail on a new tab but the voice assistant has to be manually initialized again.

However, you can easily access and control your mail using the textual AI assistance. You can also schedule when exactly the mail should be sent, which is pretty cool.

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Also generates images

Image generation integrated on the sidebar of my browser? Yes, Comet has that too!

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Okay, there is an infinite mirror screenshot.

The next time I am missing home, I can simply generate an image of butter chicken while chomping away my Trader Joe's salad kit :(

Is it actually worth it?

Currently, I am on a free trial for Perplexity Pro for a month with the education plan which would later on be \$4.99/mo. If you ask me, it is pretty reasonable for all that you are getting. There is a free plan available for everyone, with limited features.

If you want to try out 1 month of Perplexity Pro for free, use my referral link:
<https://pplx.ai/ok9774183>

This was just a quick overview of Comet after 24 hours of usage. I may have not covered all of the features yet, but so far, it is looking good to me as it has handled everything I have thrown at it.

Kindly excuse any grammatical errors as I have decided to reduce the use of generative AI which is crucial to relate with

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
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