Use Google Chrome in Ubuntu on Windows Subsystem Linux

JANUARY 5, 2021 • 1 MIN READ

GUIDE   LINUX   UBUNTU   WSL

⚠️ Hey! Thanks for stopping by! Just a word of warning, this post is **over 3 years old, .** If there's technical information in here it's more than likely out of date.

This is a specific use case for installing Google Chrome in Ubuntu on WSL.

On Ubuntu, Snap is the preferred method to install Chromium and although snap is on the WSL image you get from the Microsoft store it's not functional. There is a [solution untested by me](#) that may work.

There's a nice post from [Greg Brisebois](#) on getting set up for Selenium in WSL and this is partly pulled from there, if you want to use it for Selenium then check out his post.

ⓘ Prerequisites for this is that you are already set up to use GUIs on WSL, if you've not done that then check out [this post](#).

Here's a video detailing the process:

Dependencies, make sure you're up to date first:

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt -y upgrade && sudo apt -y autoremove
```

```
wget https://dl.google.com/linux/direct/google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb

sudo apt -y install ./google-chrome-stable_current_amd64.deb
```

Check that it's installed ok:

```
google-chrome --version
```

Done! Now it can be used either from the command line `google-chrome` and with CLI tools like Cypress, Playwright, Puppeteer etc.

There's also a [really detailed post](#) on getting Chromium set up on Linux from Addictive Tips.

🗨 130	❤ 171	🔖 34	🔖 58

There's a [reactions leaderboard](#) you can check out too.

🔖 **View the stats for this post** 🔖

Useful? Share it on Twitter. 🐦

Change Browser Scrollbar Colour with Tailwind CSS

Views: 19.1k

Use Google Chrome in Ubuntu on Windows Subsystem Linux

Views: 18.4k

SvelteKit Data Loading, Understanding the load function

Views: 8k

Change Text Highlight Color with Tailwind CSS

Views: 6.2k

Looks like you have reached the bottom of this page!

Bummer!

I'll understand if you think it didn't Butt the mustard!

pun me up

POPULAR POSTS

Change Browser Scrollbar Colour with Tailwind CSS 👁 **19.1k**

Use Google Chrome in Ubuntu on Windows Subsystem Linux 👁 **18.4k**

SvelteKit Data Loading, Understanding the load function 👁 **8k**

Change Text Highlight Color with Tailwind CSS 👁 **6.2k**

My Zsh Config 👁 **5.6k**

Customising Fonts in Tailwind CSS and daisyUI 👁 **3k**

SITE LINKS

Writing

About

Now

Portfolio

Speaking

Uses

Newsletter

Contact

SOCIALS

Mastodon

YouTube

GitHub

Threads

Bluesky

Spotify

Twitch

Twitter