Chrome Extensions Cleanup Report

\*\*Date\*\*: July 3, 2025

\*\*Browser\*\*: Google Chrome

\*\*Objective\*\*: Identify and remove any suspicious or unnecessary extensions.

# Extensions Reviewed

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| Extension Name | Description | Suspicious? | Action Taken | Reasoning |
| AdBlock | Blocks ads on websites and YouTube | No | Kept | Trusted, popular extension for ad-blocking |
| Autoskip for YouTube™ Ads | Skips YouTube ads automatically | Possibly | Removed | Unofficial, unknown publisher, could violate YT terms or stop working |
| Google Docs Offline | Enables offline editing of Google Docs | No | Kept | Official Google extension |
| JSON Viewer | Beautifies JSON/JSONP content | No | Kept | Open-source and useful for developers |
| Loom – Screen Recorder | Records screen and shares video links | No | Kept | Trusted and frequently used by professionals |
| NeoExamShield | Used for secure online tests on Iamneo portal | No | Kept | Necessary for online proctoring; part of exam platform |
| React Developer Tools | Debugging tool for React-based web applications | No | Kept | Trusted tool for developers; from Meta |

# Actions Taken

- Removed \*\*Autoskip for YouTube™ Ads\*\* due to:

* - Unknown developer
* - Limited functionality with potential privacy or policy concerns

- All other extensions are legitimate and safe, commonly used by professionals or required for specific platforms.

# Browser Performance After Cleanup

- Browser feels slightly smoother

- Extension list is more secure and minimal

- Reduced risk of policy violations or tracking

# What I Learned

- Not all simple extensions are safe—unknown developers and excess permissions are red flags

- It's important to audit Chrome extensions periodically

- Keeping only essential and trusted extensions improves performance and security