

Task 7 Report: Identify and Remove Suspicious Browser Extensions

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Browser Used: Microsoft Edge

Objective

To identify, evaluate, and remove any suspicious or unnecessary browser extensions to improve browser security and performance.

Steps Followed

1. Opened Edge extension manager (edge://extensions/).
2. Reviewed all installed extensions for legitimacy, permissions, and activity.
3. Checked developer names and online reviews for authenticity.
4. Identified suspicious/unnecessary extensions.
5. Removed them and restarted the browser.
6. Monitored browser speed and performance post-removal.
7. Researched how malicious extensions affect users.

Extensions Found and Actions Taken

Extension Name	Developer	Purpose	Status	Action Taken	Reason
AdBlock Plus	AdAvoid Ltd	Block ads	Safe	Kept	Trusted and useful
Slider	Vidline Inc	AI assistant	Safe	Kept	Trusted and Useful
Grammarly	Grammarly Inc.	Grammar checker	Safe	Kept	Official and reviewed
Unhook	Unhook	Avoid Unnecessary videos on YT	Safe	Kept	Official

Observations

- Browser performance improved slightly after removal.
- CPU usage reduced during browsing.

Learning Outcome

- Gained awareness of browser security risks from malicious extensions.
- Learned how to verify extensions before installing.
- Understood the role of extension permissions and sandboxing in security.