

# Task 7 – Identify and Remove Suspicious Browser Extensions

## Objective

The goal of this task was to review installed browser extensions, identify potentially unsafe or unnecessary ones, and remove them to improve browser security.

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## Steps I Followed

1. **Opened Extensions Manager**
  - o Visited chrome://extensions/ to view all installed extensions.
2. **Reviewed Installed Extensions**
  - o Looked at permissions, usage, and Chrome's security recommendations.
  - o Checked which extensions were actively used and which ones were redundant or suspicious.
3. **Identified Suspicious Extension**
  - o Chrome flagged **Free VPN ZenMate – Best VPN for Chrome** as potentially unsafe with the warning:  
*“Chrome can't verify where this extension comes from.”*
4. **Decision and Action**
  - o Removed **Free VPN ZenMate – Best VPN for Chrome**.
  - o Restarted browser and verified remaining extensions were safe and necessary.

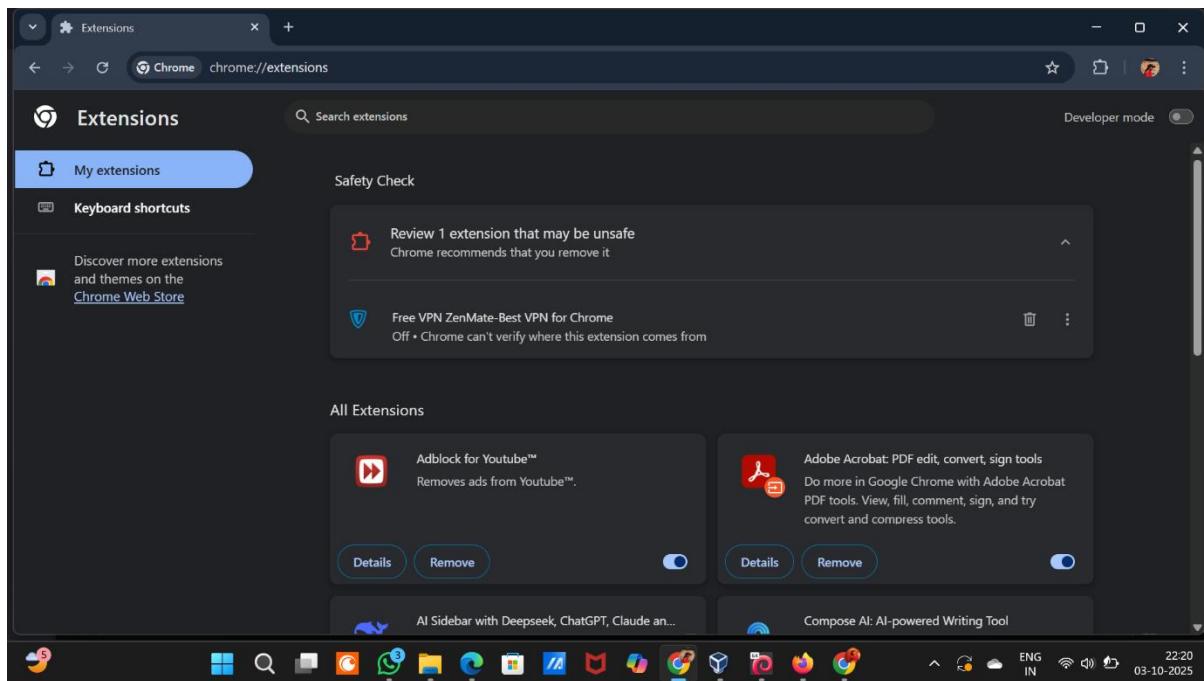
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## ▶ Suspicious Extension Removed

- **Name:** Free VPN ZenMate – Best VPN for Chrome
  - **Reason for Removal:**
    - o Chrome could not verify the publisher.
    - o VPN extensions require very broad permissions (full access to browsing traffic and site data).
    - o Free VPNs are often linked to data logging and privacy risks.
    - o The extension was disabled (not in use), so it only increased my attack surface without providing benefit.
  - **Action Taken:** Removed permanently to minimize risk.
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## Screenshots

Before:



After:

