ABOUT THE EXTENSION

The Prosthetic Chrome Extension will look for semantic, syntactic, and prosodic echoes between gestures included in my thesis work and the content (i.e. webpage) you are on (ideally, the thesis work itself.)

As the code finds connections, a snippet of text will be highlighted. Clicking on this highlighted text will initiate a pop-up box with relevant text + art work title. If you click on this pop-up box, a new tab will open to related artwork, or, if you click on the highlighted text once more, the pop-up will disappear.

Refreshing the page will reload the code and reset the snippet; you are encouraged to refresh your browser for each section/reading as many times as desired.

The extension collects no personal information, search history, or location data. It does write a small file to local memory to store which artworks you have seen so as not to serve the same site up too often. This local storage takes up ~10kb of data and may be clear by either clearing your browser history or deleting the extension.

A NOTE ON INSTALLATION

This plugin is currently pending approval in the Google Chrome Developer Store. Approval times range, but a general estimate is 3-4 weeks from submission (prosthetic was submitted on June 16th, 2022.) Given this estimate, it could mid July before the extension is publicly available. In lieu of waiting for such, the instructions for loading an "unpacked" (unpublished) extension into a browser are below as well as listed in this helpful + recent YouTube video.
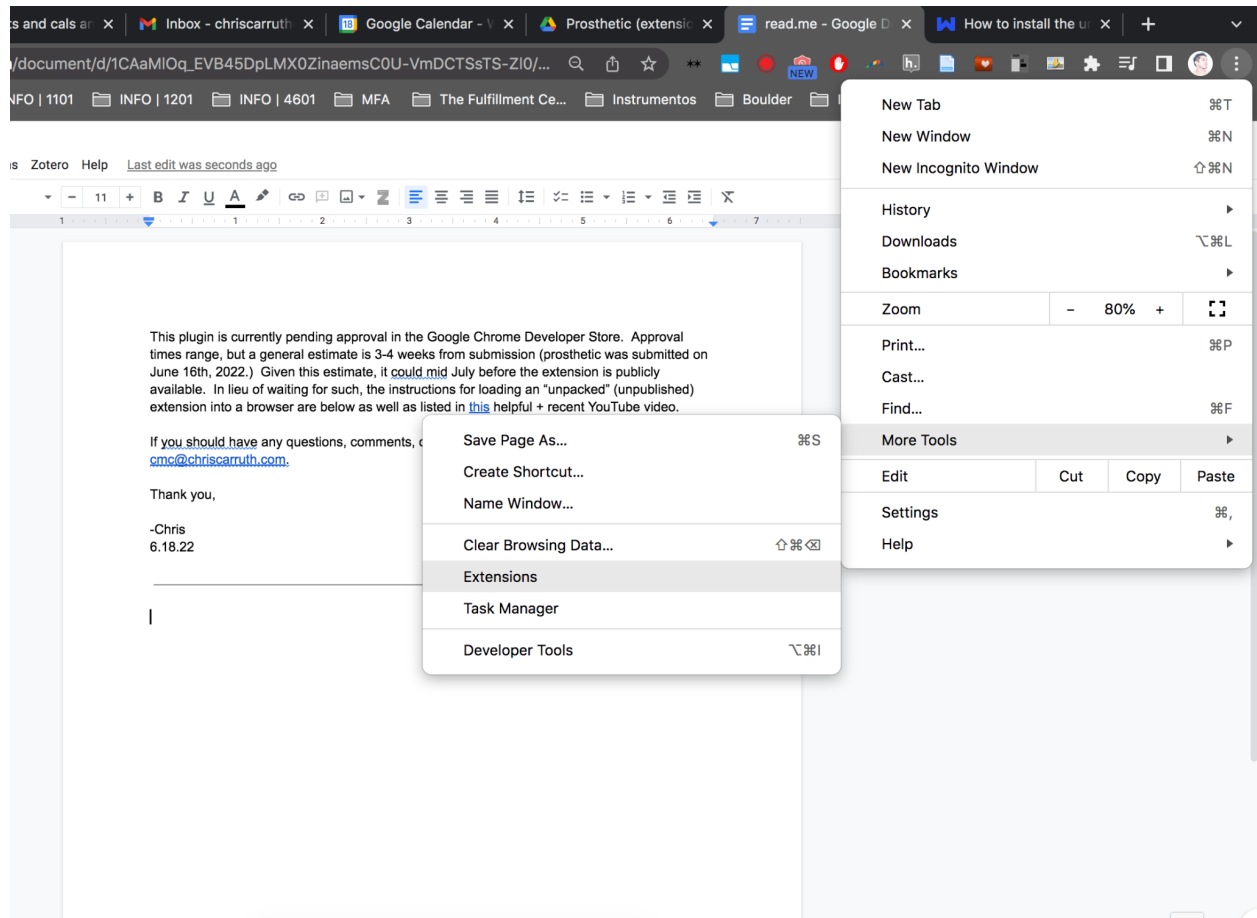
If you should have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email me directly @ cmc@chriscarruth.com.
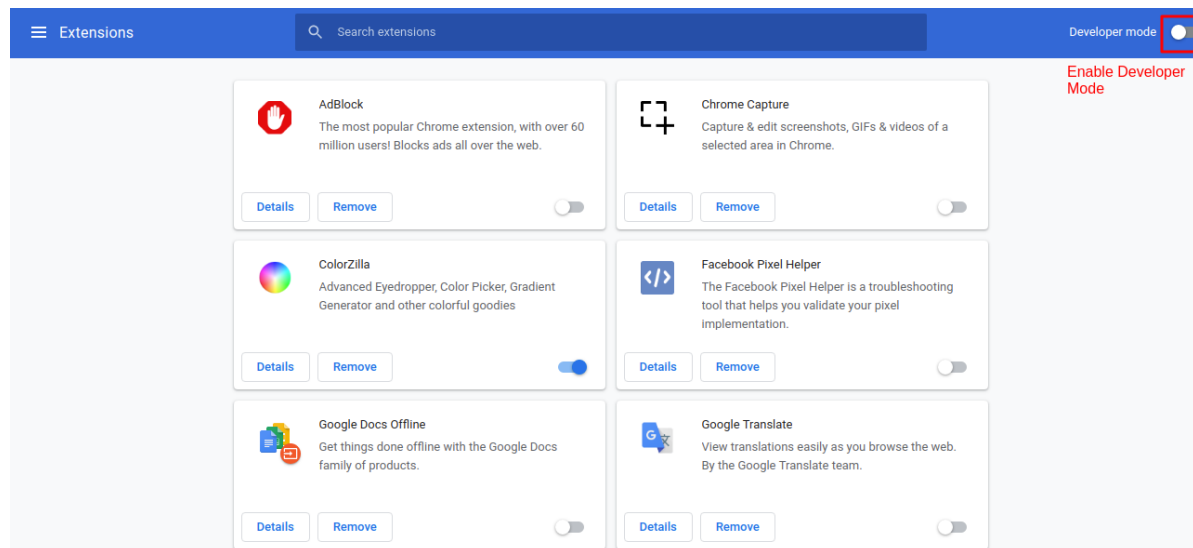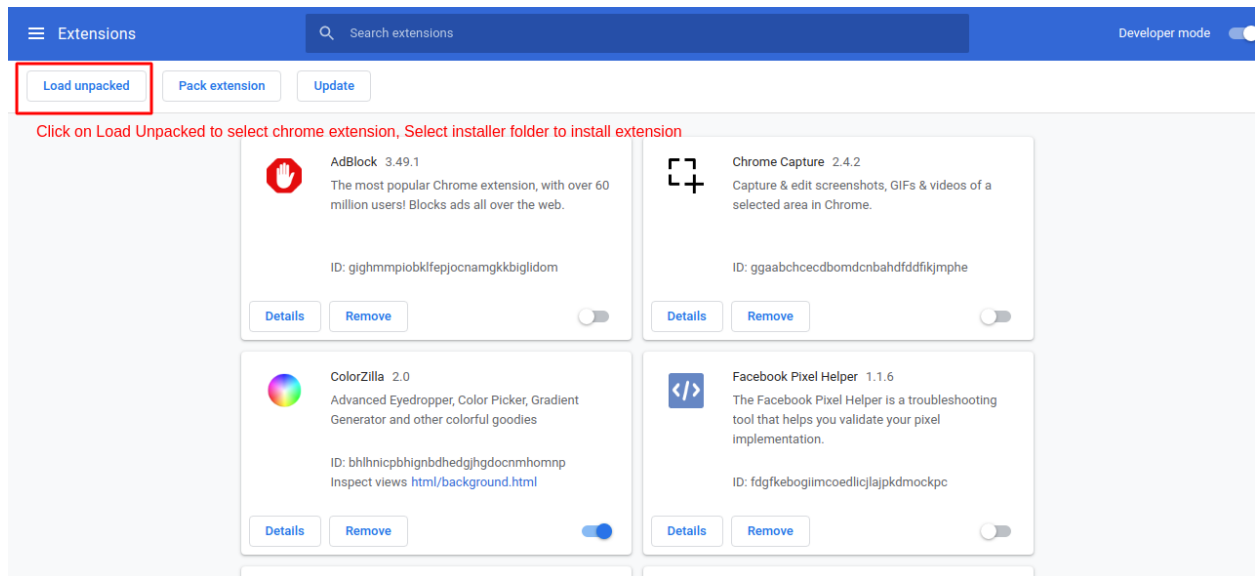
Thank you,

-Chris
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INSTALLATION STEPS

First you must turn on Developer Mode in Chrome. To accomplish this, open the Chrome Extension dashboard by navigating to the More Tools → Extensions dashboard found under the three dots on the top right corner.
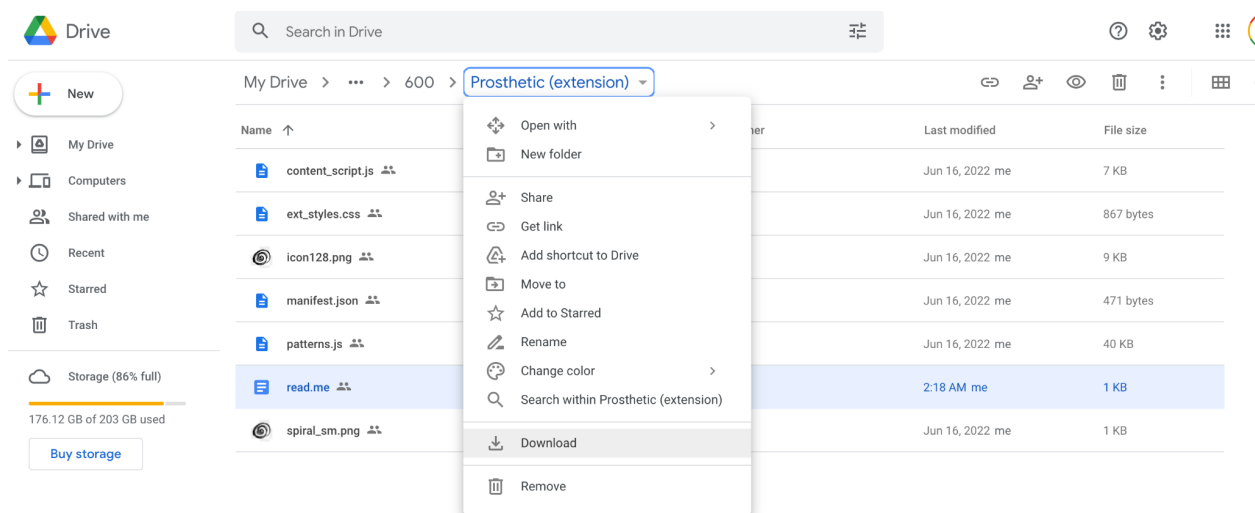

Once in the dashboard, enable Developer Mode:

New options will appear on the top, note the first one, "Load Unpacked".
(This allows developers to load/test unpublished extensions before submitting to the dev store.)

Now that we're set on this front, download the entire contents of the prosthetic folder as a .zip file. To accomplish this, go to the root of the file share where Prosthetic is located, select the top level menu's drop-down option, then the "download" option at bottom:

The folder containing all relevant plugin files is downloaded as a compressed .zip file. Note the download location, unzip the file (decompress) by double-clicking on the

downloaded file, then return to the chrome dashboard (pro-tip simply type "chrome://extensions/' sans quotes). Once here, select "Load Unpacked" and locate the now unzipped folder. This will load the plugin.

No further action needs to be taken as the extension is now installed.

If you wish to disable, return to chrome://extensions and toggle off, or remove, the extension.