Browser Extensions Security Check Report

Objective: Identify and remove potentially harmful browser extensions.

Tools Used: Google Chrome

- 1. Opened Chrome Extensions Manager (chrome://extensions/).
- 2. Reviewed all installed extensions and checked their permissions.
- 3. Researched any unfamiliar extensions online.
- 4. Identified suspicious extension based on permissions, developer information, and reviews.
- 5. Removed suspicious extension and restarted browser.
- 6. Verified browser performance and security post-removal.

Safe Extension Example:

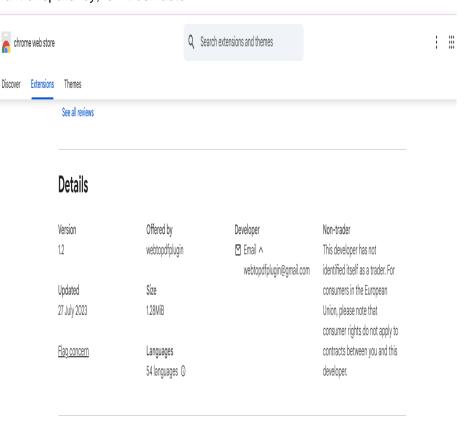
Extension Name: Grammarly

Reason: Well-known developer, transparent privacy policy, widely used with positive reviews.

Suspicious Extension Example:

Extension Name: webtopdfplugin

Reason: Unknown developer, generic Gmail contact, broad permissions (read/change data on all sites), minimal transparency, low trust factor.



Risks of Malicious Extensions:

- Stealing sensitive data such as passwords and credit card numbers.
- Tracking browsing history for targeted ads or malicious purposes.
- Injecting malicious scripts into webpages.
- Redirecting users to phishing or scam sites.
- Displaying unwanted ads or pop-ups.

Recommendations:

- Install extensions only from trusted developers.
- Review permissions before installation.
- Keep browser and extensions updated.
- Remove extensions that are unused or suspicious.
- Regularly audit installed extensions.

Conclusion: The suspicious extension 'webtopdfplugin' was identified and removed to improve browser security and performance.