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The only way to get a Chromebook without buying one

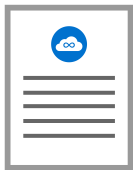# Contents

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Quick Start

This page gives you the basics to start using CloudReady - if you're unsure of anything, read on for more detailed instructions

Instructions

1. Get a USB drive with *8GB* or *16GB* of storage.
2. Download your binary (.bin) file from Neverware.com
3. Write the .bin file to your USB stick - you'll need to either use the *dd* command on Linux, or the [Chrome Recovery Utility](#)
4. Insert your installer and USB-boot on your machine
5. CloudReady will live-boot by default, and you can use it that way direct from the USB stick
6. You can install on your hard drive by making sure you are logged out, and in accessing the system tray (bottom-right) to find the "Install CloudReady" button.

Important Notes

1. Installing CloudReady via the system tray will *completely erase* your computer and OS.
   a. No Dual Boot options are currently supported.
2. You should only Install CloudReady when you are logged out. Installing while logged in may fail unexpectedly.
3. CloudReady collects some anonymous statistics from you when you use it, in order to track how many active users we have. Using CloudReady means you consent to this, but we promise to never collect personal or usage information beyond that.

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Get Ready

We're excited for you to begin using CloudReady. Here are a few things you should know before you dive in.

1) What You'll Need

You'll need a USB drive with **8GB** or **16GB** of storage. Make sure there's nothing important on it, as it will be overwritten!

2) Backup Important Data on All Machines

CloudReady is a full OS and will *erase all data* on your computers.

3) Review Important Model Info

Every machine is different, and some even require special install instructions; check the unique info for certified models *before* installing by clicking on their names.

If you're installing on an a model which isn't certified, be aware that it is possible not everything will work. If you have trouble installing, check out similar models' instructions on the certified list, or visit our forums and explain your problem.

Get Started

Creating your installer sticks is the first step towards transforming your PC or Mac with CloudReady. Here's how.

1. **Get a USB stick -** Your stick must be 8GB or 16GB in size. Larger or smaller could be a problem.
2. **Download your build -** Use the link at neverware.com. *Mac users must download using Safari.*
3. **Take note of your download's location-** Your file will be called "cloudready.bin" or "cloudready.bin.zip".
4. **Install the Chrome Recovery Tool -** Download the tool, created by Google, from the [Chrome Web Store](#).
5. **Launch the app -** At [the same site](#), after download, you can click "Launch".
6. **Click the** ⚙ **icon -** In the upper right corner of the app, once it opens.
7. **Select "Use local image" -** This will open your file browser, where you can locate the file from step 3 above.
8. **Insert and select your USB drive -** Use the menu on the left-side of the Chrome app.
9. **Click "Continue" & "Create Now" -** When the app says you're finished, you can remove the USB and get started!

Get Going

Using CloudReady is fast and easy. If you're unsure or have any issue, visit our forums.

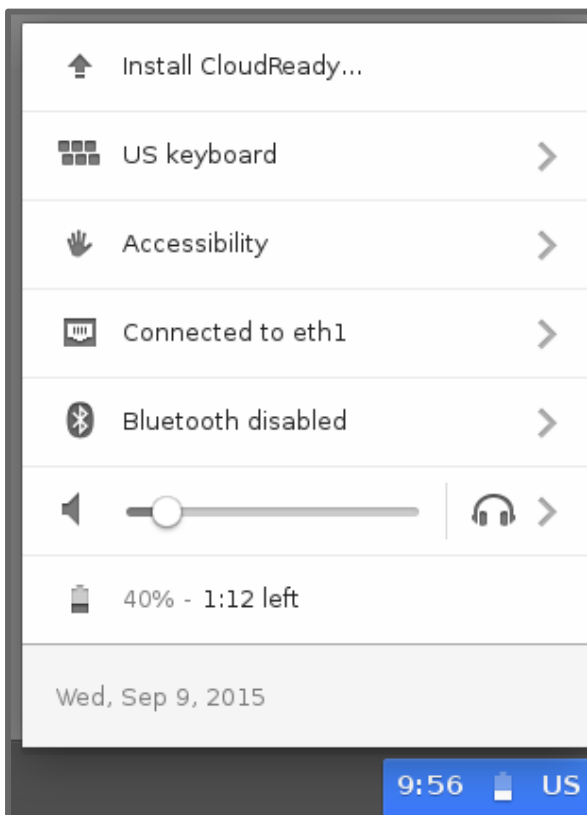1. **Gather your CloudReady machine -** Remember, only some machines are certified models, but CloudReady should work on most others. Visit our forum if you have questions.
2. **Enable USB-boot -** Each model is different, and you may need to access BIOS settings.
3. **Insert your CloudReady Installer -** You can make multiple installers if you need them!
4. **Boot from USB -** Different models require different steps to USB-boot. Watch our tutorial on some of the most common ways.
5. **Start Using CloudReady -** CloudReady will live-boot so you can start using it direct from the USB drive!
6. *(Optional)* **Install -** If you want to, you can locally install using the system-tray (see next page).

*Installing CloudReady will **erase everything** on your computer - backup important data before doing this!*

Get Installed

Installing only takes a couple of clicks - backup all data first and then go for it! You'll get better performance & boot time.

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1. **Backup your data -** We've said it once, we'll say it again - *everything* will be *erased if you locally install.*
2. **Boot from USB -** Your install stick will live-boot by default - you can use CloudReady this way all the time, but installing to your hard drive may improve performance.
3. **Check that things work -** We can't guarantee that all components on your machine will work as expected on CloudReady. If things like wifi or bluetooth are crucial for you, ensure they work before you install CloudReady.
4. **Log Out -** CloudReady installation is super easy - but it starts more consistently when you're not logged in.
5. **Install -** Open the bottom-right system tray and click "Install CloudReady" (as pictured to the left).

Some warnings will appear - read them carefully!

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Get Technical

If you want to dig into the command line and get your hands dirty on CloudReady - you can! Do your worst - a cloud-centric OS means you can always reinstall!

1. **Get to a CLI-** Once you're live-booted or installed, you can press "Ctrl+Alt+F2" to get to a command line.

2. **Log In -** To start, you need to log in with the user "chronos" and the password "chrome".

3. **Get Root Access-** If you're sure you know what you're doing, get root by entering "sudo su" at the command line.

4. **Change passwords -** You can alter the chronos or root password with the bash command "passwd chronos" or "passwd root". *Don't change it unless you're sure you'll remember!*

5. **Explore! -** CloudReady (based on Chromium OS) is not *exactly* like other Linux distros - the command line won't have all the programs, options, and commands you're used to in other bash situations. Visit our forums to let us know the features you'd like to see in the future!

6. **Be Aware -** We respect your privacy, but we want to know how many people are using CloudReady! We collect that info, but always anonymously. We'll be adding opt-out options very soon!

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Get Involved

For any questions or concerns on your install or compatibility you can visit our **User Community**. Make suggestions, learn a lot, help someone out.

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