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Documentation



Extensions

Extensions are software programs, built on web technologies (such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript) that enable users to customize the Chrome browsing experience.

Welcome

Documentation for Chrome extensions developers.

What's new in Chrome extensions

Recent changes to the Chrome extensions platform, documentation, and policy

Getting started

Step-by-step instructions on how to create a Chrome Extension.

Introducing Manifest V3



Welcome to Manifest V3

An introduction to Manifest V3

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A description of the features and changes introduced by Manifest V3.



Migrating to Manifest V3

A high-level guide to how you can migrate your MV2 extensions to MV3.



Manifest V3 migration checklist

A quick reference on migrating your Chrome Extensions from Manifest V2 to Manifest V3.

Overview

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What are extensions?

An overview of the purpose of Chrome Extensions and how they're developed.



What are themes?

Guidelines on how to create a theme.



Frequently asked questions

Frequently asked questions about Chrome Extensions.



Extensions quality guidelines FAQ

Frequently asked questions about the single purpose policy.

API Reference

The complete reference to all APIs made available to Chrome Extensions. This includes APIs for the deprecated Chrome Apps platform as well as APIs still in beta and dev.

Samples **☑**

Examples of extensions that address various use cases and call appropriate Chrome APIs. Use these to learn how extensions work or as a starting point for building your own

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Extension development overview

An overview of Chrome Extension capabilities and components.



Manifest file format

An overview of the manifest.json properties that you can use in your Chrome Extension.



Architecture overview

A high-level explanation of the software architecture of Chrome Extensions.



Declare permissions

An overview of the valid values for the permissions property in manifest.json.



Design the user interface

UI and design guidelines for Chrome Extensions.



Debugging extensions

Step-by-step instructions on how to debug Chrome Extensions.



Samples

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Message passing

How to pass messages between extensions and content scripts.



Content scripts

An explanation of content scripts and how to use them in your Chrome Extension.



Match patterns

How host permission and content script pattern matching works, with examples.

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Overview of cross-origin isolation for extensions

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How to implement cross-origin XHR in your Chrome Extension.

Using eval in Chrome extensions

How to use eval() in a Chrome Extension.

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Overriding Chrome settings

How to override Chrome settings from a Chrome Extension.

Extending DevTools

How to create a Chrome Extension that adds functionality to Chrome DevTools.

OAuth2: Authenticate users with Google

Step-by-step instructions on how to build an extension that accesses a user's Google contacts via the Google People API, the Chrome Identity API, and OAuth2.

Overriding Chrome pages

How to override the Chrome bookmark manager, history, and new tab pages from your Chrome Extension.

Rich notifications API

How to show notifications to your Chrome Extension users.

Modernize your extensions

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Best practices

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Guidlines for ensuring that your Chrome Extension protects user privacy.

Declare permissions and warn users

How to implement permissions to protect your users and your Extension.

Stay secure

How to keep your Chrome Extension secure.

Accessibility (a11y)

How to make your Chrome Extension accessible.

E Localization message formats

Reference documentation about the format of the messages.json file for Chrome Extensions.

Give users options

How to let users customize your Extension.

Distributing your extensions

Chrome Web Store

How to host your extension in the Chrome Web Store and update an extension that's hosted in the Chrome Web Store.

Alternative extension distribution options

How to distibute Chrome Extensions outside of the Chrome Web Store.

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Step-by-step instructions on how to track usage of your Extension with Google Analytics.

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