

# Task 7: Identify and Remove Suspicious Browser Extensions

## Objective:

Learn to spot and remove potentially harmful browser extensions.

## Tools:

Any web browser (I used Chrome).


## Steps Taken:

1. Opened the browser's extension/add-ons manager.
2. Reviewed all installed extensions carefully, checking permissions, reviews, and usage.
3. Identified any unused or suspicious extensions (with excessive permissions, poor reviews, or unknown developers).

## Extensions which are reviewed:

1. **Chrome Remote Desktop**
  - ✓ Safe. This is Google's official tool for remote access. Keep it if you use it.
2. **Free VPN for Chrome - VPN Proxy VeePN**
  - ⚠ **Suspicious/High-Risk.**
    - Many "free VPN" Chrome extensions track user activity or inject ads.
    - VeePN has been flagged in security forums for questionable practices.
    - Unless you really trust it, I recommend **removing it**.
3. **Google Docs Offline**
  - ✓ Safe. This is an official Google extension that lets you use Docs offline.
4. **McAfee® WebAdvisor**
  - ⚠ Mixed.
    - It's legitimate from McAfee, but often slows down browsing and shows unnecessary warnings.
    - If you already have antivirus software, this is usually redundant.
    - Optional: You can disable/remove it for better performance.
5. **Screen Recorder (3.3.1)**
  - ⚠ Needs review.
    - There are many "Screen Recorder" extensions, and not all are safe.
    - If it's not from a trusted developer (like Loom or Screencastify), I recommend **removing it**.
    - Especially risky if it asks for permissions like "Read and change all data on websites."


#### All Extensions



Chrome Remote Desktop 2.1  
Chrome Remote Desktop extension

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Free VPN for Chrome - VPN Proxy VeePN 3.7.2  
Fast, ultra secure, and easy to use VPN service to protect your privacy online. Enjoy Unlimited Traffic and Bandwidth!

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Google Docs Offline 1.96.1  
Edit, create, and view your documents, spreadsheets, and presentations — all without internet access.

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McAfee® WebAdvisor 8.1.0.7320  
McAfee® WebAdvisor

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Screen Recorder 3.3.1  
Record a video from the camera or capture it from the screen (desktop, specific application window or browser tab)

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### Suspicious Extensions Found and Removed:


#### ✓ What to Keep

- Chrome Remote Desktop
- Google Docs Offline

#### ⚠ What to Consider Removing

- Free VPN for Chrome - VPN Proxy VeePN (strongly recommend removing)
- McAfee WebAdvisor (optional, slows down browsing)
- Screen Recorder (if not from a well-known trusted developer)


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### How Malicious Extensions Can Harm Users:

- **Data theft:** Steal login credentials, credit card details, or browsing history.
- **Ad injection:** Show unwanted ads or redirect to malicious sites.
- **Tracking:** Collect sensitive user data and sell it.
- **Browser hijacking:** Change search engine, homepage, or settings.