Task 7: Identify and Remove Suspicious Browser Extensions – Solved Report

Objective:
Learn to spot and remove potentially harmful browser extensions.

Tools Used:
Google Chrome (can also be done on Firefox or other browsers)

Deliverables:
List of suspicious extensions found and removed:

- Extension Found: "PDF Converter Pro"
  - Issue: Requested excessive permissions (read browsing history, access to all websites)
  - Status: Removed

- Extension Found: "Easy Coupons Finder"
  - Issue: Redirected searches, poor reviews mentioning adware behavior
  - Status: Removed

Steps Taken:
1. Opened Chrome Extensions Manager: Navigated to chrome://extensions/

2. Reviewed Installed Extensions: Checked all extensions one by one.

3. Checked Permissions & Reviews: Verified what data the extensions access and read user reviews.

4. Identified Suspicious/Unused Extensions: Noticed two extensions with red flags (unnecessary access, poor ratings, unusual behavior).

5. Removed Problematic Extensions: Used the 'Remove' button in the extension settings for each.

6. Restarted Browser: Restarted Chrome to ensure all changes took effect.

7. Research Conducted: Found that some extensions can act as spyware, inject ads, or track user data.

8. Documentation: Listed above the extensions found and removed, and kept screenshots for evidence (if needed).