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Chromebook: using Android apps and Google Play

Many newer Chromebooks can install Android apps from the Google Play Store, such as games and other tools. Not every Chromebook supports this, and managed Chromebooks may block it.

Is Google Play available?

1. Open **Settings**.
2. Look for **Apps** in the left-hand list.
3. If you see **Google Play Store**, you can turn it on. If you do not, your Chromebook may be too old, or the organisation may have blocked it.

Turn on Google Play

Under **Apps**, click **Google Play Store**, then **Turn on**. Read and accept the terms, and wait for it to finish. A **Play Store** icon will then appear in your launcher.

Install an app

1. Open **Play Store** from the launcher.
2. Search for the app name.
3. Check the developer name and reviews, then click **Install**.
4. When it has finished, click **Open**, or find it in the launcher.

Is it safe?

- Only install from the Play Store and only from developers you trust.
- Be wary of apps that ask for lots of permissions that they should not need.
- Do not enter bank or payment details in an app you do not trust.

Apps that do not work well

Android apps are made for phones, so some look odd on a laptop screen. If an app opens in a small window, try the maximise button or check app settings. If an app will not work, many have a website version that you can open in Chrome.

Remove an app

Right-click the app in the launcher and choose **Uninstall**.

Storage

Android apps take up storage, so remove those you do not use. See our storage guide.

Updates

Apps update from the Play Store. Open it, click your profile picture and choose **Manage apps and device**.

When to get more help

Contact us if the Play Store option is missing, if apps fail to install, or if you want to know whether a particular app works on your Chromebook. Tell us the make and model.

Still stuck? Email admin@visiontech336.com and tell us what you can see on the screen. Menus and button names can differ slightly between versions and makes. If something does not match, stop and ask rather than guess. Please never send passwords or card details.