

Chrome 134 Enterprise and Education release notes

For administrators who manage Chrome browser or Chrome devices for a business or school.

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Chrome 134 release summary

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Better password form detection with ML	✓		
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Customizing managed profiles with custom logo and label		✓	✓
Device Bound Session Credentials google.com prototype	✓		
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Read aloud in Reading mode in Chrome 134		√	
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Remove nonstandard getUserMedia audio constraints	√		
Updates to Chrome sign-in flows for managed users	√		
New tab page cards for Microsoft Outlook and Sharepoint		✓	
New policies in Chrome browser			✓

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Chrome Enterprise Premium	Security / Privacy	User productivity / Apps	Management
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Screenshot prevention	✓		
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Strict same-origin policy for Storage Access API	✓		
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Remove SwiftShader fallback	✓		
Disallow spaces in non-file:// URL hosts	1		
SafeBrowsing API v4 → v5 migration	1		
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Apple Extensible SSO support for Chrome on macOS		✓	✓
Isolated Web Apps	✓		
Upcoming Chrome Enterprise Premium updates	Security / Privacy	User productivity / Apps	Management
Refactor DLP rules user experience	✓		
URL filtering on iOS and Android	√		
Reporting connector for mobile	✓		
Connectors API	✓		

The enterprise release notes are available in 9 languages. You can read about Chrome's updates in English, German, French, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Indonesian, and Japanese. Allow 1 to 2 weeks for translation for some languages.

Chrome Enterprise and Education release notes are published in line with the <u>Chrome release</u> <u>schedule</u>, on the Early Stable date for Chrome browser.

Current Chrome browser updates

Search your screen with Google Lens on Desktop and iOS

Admins can control all elements of this feature through a policy called <u>LensOverlaySettings</u>. To perform the search, a screenshot of the screen is sent to Google servers but it is not linked to any IDs or accounts, it is not viewed by any human, and data about its contents is not logged. To contextualize the search to the document or website the user is viewing, the PDF bytes or website HTML is sent to Google servers but is not linked to any IDs or accounts, not viewable by any human, and the data or data generated about its contents is not logged.

Desktop

Since Chrome 126, users can search any images or text they see on their Desktop screen with Google Lens. To use this feature, go to a website and click the Google Lens chip on the on-focus omnibox or right-click an image and select Search with Google Lens. Users can select anywhere on the screen to search its contents, and refine their search by adding questions to the search box. Starting in Chrome 132, users can also ask questions about entire web pages or PDF documents and answers will reference their current document and the web. To use this feature, invoke Search with Google Lens as described above and enter queries into the search box on the top right corner of the Chrome window. A side panel will open on the right side of the browser window with search results.

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Since Chrome 131, users can search any images or text they see on their iOS Chrome screen with Google Lens. To use this feature, go to a website and click on the **3-dot menu > Search with Google Lens**. Starting in Chrome 134, users can also invoke this feature by clicking the **Google Lens** icon on the left side of the omnibox. Users can click, highlight, or drag anywhere on the screen to search its contents, and refine their search by adding keywords or questions to the search box.

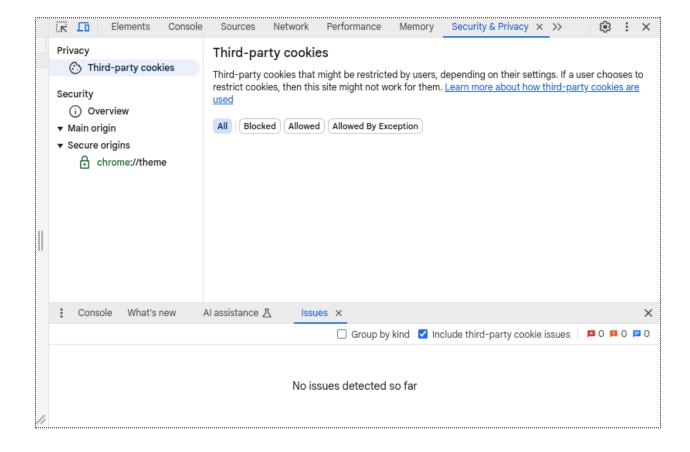
Rollout details:

- Chrome 126 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows: Rollout of the feature to 1% Stable
- Chrome 127 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows: Rollout to 100% Stable
- Chrome 131 on iOS: Rollout of the feature to 1% Stable

- Chrome 132 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows: Rollout of the expanded feature to 1%
 Stable
- Chrome 133 on iOS: Rollout to 100% Stable
- Chrome 134 on iOS: Rollout of the expanded feature to 100% Stable

Security & Privacy panel in Chrome DevTools

Starting in Chrome 134, developers can use the new **Security & Privacy** panel in Chrome DevTools to test how their site behaves when third-party cookies are limited. Developers can temporarily limit third-party cookies, observe how their site behaves, and review the status of third-party cookies on their site.



This feature does not make any permanent changes to existing enterprise policies, but it lets third-party cookie related enterprise policies (that is, BlockThirdPartyCookies and CookiesAllowedForUrls) be temporarily overridden, to test enhanced restrictions. If your enterprise policy already blocks third-party cookies using BlockThirdPartyCookies, this feature will be disabled.

The new **Security & Privacy** panel replaces the existing **Security** panel. TLS connection and certificate information continue to be available on the **Security** menu on the left, within the **Security & Privacy** panel.

Chrome 134 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows

Better password form detection with ML

Chrome 134 introduces a new client-side Machine Learning (ML) model to better parse password forms on the web to increase detection and filling accuracy. You can control this feature using the PasswordManagerEnabled policy.

Chrome 134 on Android, iOS, ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows

Client's LLM assistance in mitigating scams

Users on the webs are facing enormous amounts of several kinds of scams a day. To combat these scams, Chrome will leverage on-device Large Language Model (LLM) to identify scam websites for Enhanced Safe Browsing (ESB) users. Chrome will send the page content to an on-device LLM to infer security-related signals of the page and send these signals to Safe Browsing server side for a final verdict. When enabled, Chrome may consume more bandwidth to download the LLM. An enterprise policy SafeBrowsingProtectionLevel is available to control safe browsing and the mode it operates in.

Chrome 134 on Linux, macOS, Windows
 Gather the brand name and intent summary of the page that requested keyboard lock API to identify scam websites.

LLM-powered on-device detection of abusive notifications on Android

This launch aims to hide the contents of notifications that are suspected to be abusive. The user then has the options to dismiss, show the notification, or unsubscribe from the origin. This detection is to be done by an on-device model.

Chrome 134 on Android

Customizing managed profiles with custom logo and label

New toolbar and profile menu customizations that help users easily identify if their Chrome profile is managed, whether they're on a work or personal device. This is especially useful for scenarios where employees use their own devices with managed accounts.

To help tailor this experience, we're adding three new policies:

- <u>EnterpriseCustomLabel</u>: Customize the text displayed on the toolbar element to match your organization's branding.
- EnterpriseLogoUrl: Add your company logo to the profile menu.
- EnterpriseProfileBadgeToolbarSettings: This policy can disable the default label for a managed profile in the Chrome toolbar.

In Chrome 134, these policies will be available to customize the logo and label shown on a managed profile. The policies will take effect on user's managed profiles.

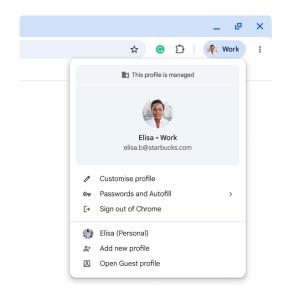
Starting Chrome 135, there will be updates to the default behavior of the profile label and icon overlaid on the account avatar. Managed profiles will show a *work* or *school* label in addition to the profile disk. In the profile menu, there will be a building icon overlaid on the account avatar. The expanded profile disk can be disabled via EnterpriseProfileBadgeToolbarSettings.

Chrome 134 on macOS, Windows, Linux

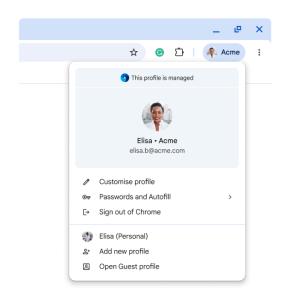
Policies to customize the toolbar label and icon (in profile menu) are available in the Admin console. If policies have already been set, the user will see the customized logo and label.

- Chrome 135: Starting rollout of defaults including:
 - o 1) work or school label shown in toolbar, next to user avatar
 - 2) A building icon overlayed on the user's account photo in the profile menu. The label can be turned off via EnterpriseProfileBadgeToolbarSettings. Starting with 1% and gradual slow rollout thereafter.

Default



Customized



Device Bound Session Credentials google.com prototype

The <u>Device Bound Session Credentials</u> (DBSC) project is intended to move the web away from long-lived bearer credentials like cookies, which can be stolen and reused, to credentials which are either short-lived or cryptographically bound to a device.

The feature aims at protecting users against credential theft which is typically performed by malware running on the user's device.

The current launch is a proof-of-concept targeting the **google.com** website. In the future, we plan to standardize this approach for other websites and web browsers.

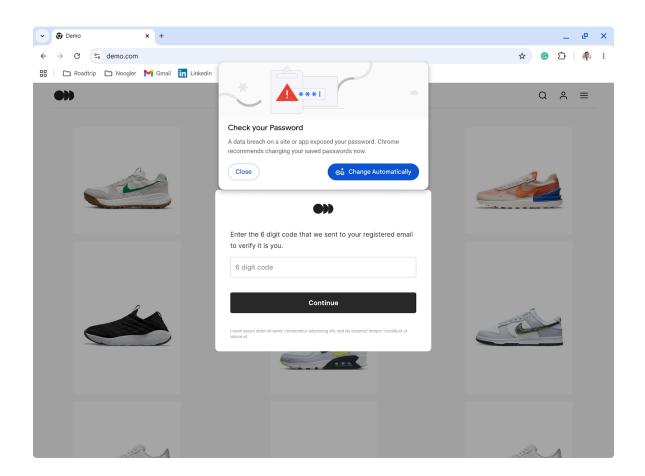
Enterprise admins can control the feature state using the <u>BoundSessionCredentialsEnabled</u> boolean policy.

- Chrome 124 on Windows
 Planned 1% rollout on Chrome stable for google.com cookie binding for the general population.
- Chrome 134 on Windows
 Added binding support for OAuth2.0 refresh tokens that are used for Chrome sign-in.

Password change

This feature gives users the option to change leaked credentials immediately. The feature can only be triggered from the **Check your Password** dialog. When users see a warning for an eligible website, they can change the password there and then.

• Chrome 134 on Linux, macOS, Windows



Read aloud in Reading mode in Chrome 134

Reading mode is a side-panel feature that provides a simplified view of text-dense web pages.

Reading mode now includes a **Read aloud** feature that allows users to hear the text they are reading spoken out loud. You can choose different natural voices and speeds, and see visual highlights as the text is spoken.

• Chrome 134 on Linux, macOS, Windows

Restrict unpacked extensions to developer mode

Starting in Chrome 134, unpacked extensions loaded from the chrome: //extensions page will only be enabled if the developer mode switch is turned on. This change is intended to improve security by mitigating the risks associated with harmful unpacked extensions and developer mode tampering exploitation. An enterprise policy, ExtensionDeveloperModeSettings, is available to gate the existing developer mode switch.

• Chrome 134 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows

The feature will roll out to 100% of users on Chrome 134.

Show enterprise settings for AI features

Previously, AI features were hidden from settings when they are disabled by enterprise policy. Now, we will keep showing the features and show a *Disabled by your organization* notice, similar to other settings when they are disabled by policy.

• Chrome 134 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows

Customizable <select> element

Customizable <select> allows developers to take complete control of the rendering of <select> elements by adding the appearance:base-select CSS property.

This feature relies on the <code>SelectParserRelaxation</code> flag, which changes the HTML parser to allow more tags within the <code>Select</code> tag. Sites that include additional tags inside <code>Select</code>, which were getting removed before, such as <code>Span</code> tags, or sites that include an extremely large number of <code>Soption</code> tags in their <code>Select</code>, might be affected by <code>SelectParserRelaxation</code>. This feature and <code>SelectParserRelaxation</code> can be controlled with the <code>SelectParserRelaxation</code> enterprise policy. Some issues that have come up in prior launches of <code>SelectParserRelaxation</code>

include <select> elements taking a very long time to open or <option> tags not showing up anymore.

Chrome 134 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

HTML parser relaxation for <select>

In Chrome 134, the HTML parser allows more tags in <select> in addition to <option>, <optgroup>, and <hr>>.

This supports the customizable <select> feature but is being shipped first because it can be done separately and has some compatibility risk.

This feature is gated by the temporary policy <u>SelectParserRelaxationEnabled</u>. This is a temporary transition period, and the policy will stop working by Chrome 141.

For more details, see the Customizable Select Element (Explainer).

Chrome 134 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Remove nonstandard getUserMedia audio constraints

Chrome 134 removes a number of nonstandard goog-prefixed <u>constraints for getUserMedia</u>, which existed before audio constraints were properly standardized.

Usage has gone down significantly ~0.000001% to 0.0009% (depending on the constraint) and some of them do not even have an effect due to changes in the Chromium audio-capture stack. Soon none of them will have any effect due to other upcoming changes.

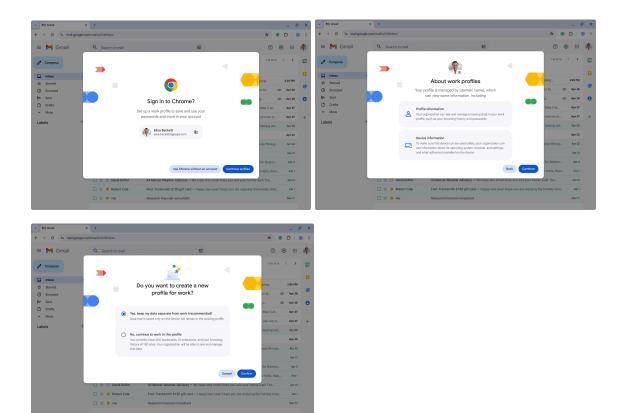
We do not expect any major regressions due to this change. Applications using these constraints will continue to work, but will get audio with default settings (as if no constraints were passed). They can easily migrate to standard constraints.

• Chrome 134 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Updates to Chrome sign-in flows for managed users

Enterprise users signing into the web or Chrome now see refreshed sign-in flows and management disclosures. In addition, the user might be prompted to create a new profile or continue working in the existing profile. Admins can continue to use BrowserSignIn or ProfileSeparationSettings to enforce a managed profile.

• Chrome 134 on Linux, macOS, Windows Roll-out continues



New tab page cards for Microsoft Outlook and Sharepoint

Enterprise users with Outlook or Sharepoint can now access their upcoming meetings or suggested files directly from the **New tab** page. This streamlined experience eliminates the need to switch tabs or waste time searching for your next meeting, allowing you to focus on what matters most. Admins who are interested in testing out this feature can <u>Sign up to become a Trusted Tester</u>.

Available to Trusted Testers Chrome 134 on Windows, macOS, Linux

New policies in Chrome browser

Policy	Description
<u>ProfileSeparationDataMigrationSettings</u>	Profile separation data migration settings
<u>NTPSharepointCardVisible</u>	Show SharePoint and OneDrive File Card on the New Tab Page
NTPOutlookCardVisible	Show Outlook Calendar card on the New Tab Page
<u>ServiceWorkerToControlSrcdocIframeEnabled</u>	Allow ServiceWorker to control srcdoc iframes
<u>PasswordManagerPasskeysEnabled</u>	Enable saving passkeys to the password manager

Removed policies in Chrome browser

Policy	Description
N/A	

Current Chrome Enterprise Core updates

Chrome Enterprise Companion

Chrome Enterprise Companion is a new administrative binary that will be automatically installed with Chrome browsers enrolled into Chrome Enterprise Core or Chrome Enterprise Premium. It is meant to support Enterprise use cases, policies, and reporting.

• Chrome 134 on Windows, macOS

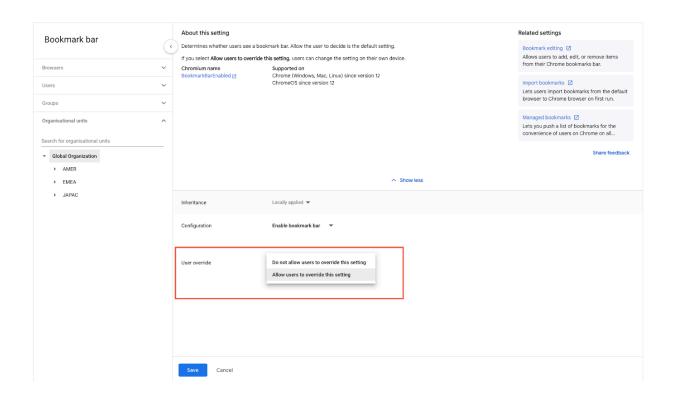
DownloadRestrictions policy support on iOS

<u>DownloadRestrictions</u> is a universal policy available to Chrome Enterprise Core users on Desktop platforms and on Android. The <u>DownloadRestrictions</u> policy is now supported on iOS. This allows admins to block all downloads on mobile Chrome on iOS.

Chrome 135 on iOS

Recommended policies (User override)

Chrome has introduced the **User override** configuration in the Google Admin console for policies that can be set as recommended. This means that IT administrators can apply a policy value and allow users to override the policy value.



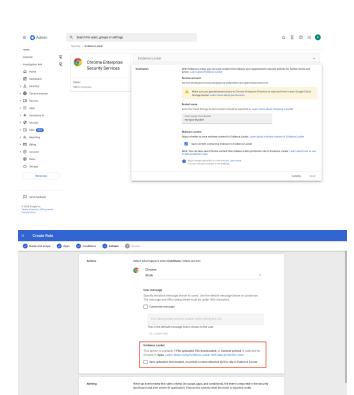
 On Chrome 134: the following policies are supported: <u>BookmarkBarEnabled</u>, <u>PasswordManagerEnabled</u>, <u>PinUnlockAutosubmitEnabled</u>, <u>SchedulerConfiguration</u>, <u>PrintHeaderFooter</u>, <u>TranslateEnabled</u>, <u>SpellCheckServiceEnabled</u>, <u>ShowFullUrlsInAddressBar</u>

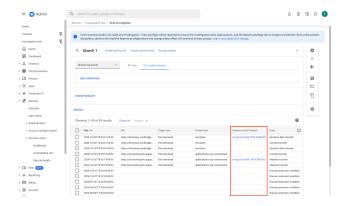
Current Chrome Enterprise Premium updates

Evidence Locker

Evidence Locker allows Chrome Enterprise Premium administrators to store and inspect files that are flagged as malware or those that violate a Data Protection rule. A copy of the file is saved to the Google Cloud Storage bucket that is owned and specified by the organization. The security administrator can investigate the incidents using the <u>security investigation tool</u> and download the files that triggered the incident to analyze further. For more details, see <u>Investigate and take action on suspicious files</u>.

• Chrome 134 on ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows





Screenshot prevention

Chrome 134 enhances the existing screenshot prevention feature by extending screen-sharing blocking to meeting apps like Google Meet, Zoom, Teams, and Slack. With this update, we build upon the successful release of <u>data protection controls</u> by adding key features and addressing gaps and user feedback.

• Chrome 134 on Windows, macOS

Read more about the differences between <u>Chrome Enterprise Core and Chrome Enterprise</u> <u>Premium</u>.

Coming soon

Note: The items listed below are experimental or planned updates. They might change, be delayed, or canceled before launching to the Stable channel.

Upcoming Chrome browser updates

Deprecate mutation events

Synchronous mutation events, including DOMSubtreeModified, DOMNodeInserted, DOMNodeRemoved, DOMNodeRemovedFromDocument, DOMNodeInsertedIntoDocument, and DOMCharacterDataModified, negatively affect page performance, and also significantly increase the complexity of adding new features to the Web. These APIs were deprecated from the spec in 2011, and were replaced (in 2012) by the much better-behaved Mutation Observer API. Usage of the obsolete mutation events must be removed or migrated to Mutation Observer.

Since Chrome 124, a temporary enterprise policy, <u>MutationEventsEnabled</u>, is available to re-enable deprecated or removed mutation events. To read more, see this <u>Chrome for Developers</u> blog post. If you encounter any issues, you can file a <u>Chromium bug</u>.

Mutation event support is disabled by default, since Chrome 127, or around July 30, 2024. Code should have been migrated before that date to avoid site breakage. If more time is needed, there are a few options:

- The <u>Mutation Events Deprecation Trial</u> can be used to re-enable the feature for a limited time on a given site. This can be used up until Chrome 134, ending March 25, 2025.
- A <u>MutationEventsEnabled</u> enterprise policy can also be used for the same purpose, also through Chrome 134.
- Chrome 135 on Android, Linux, macOS, Windows: The <u>MutationEventsEnabled</u> enterprise policy will be deprecated.

Extensions improvements on Chrome Desktop

On Chrome 135 on Desktop, some users who sign in to Chrome when installing a new extension can now use and save extensions in their Google Account.

Relevant enterprise policies controlling extensions, as well as <u>BrowserSignin</u>, <u>SyncDisabled</u> or <u>SyncTypesListDisabled</u>, will continue to work as before, so admins can configure whether users can use and save items in their Google Account.

For more information about how to use extensions on any computer, see <u>Install and manage</u> extensions in the Chrome Web Store help center.

Note: this change is a follow-up to the launch of the new identity model on Chrome Desktop.

• Chrome 135 on Linux, macOS, Windows

Removal of Private Network Access enterprise policies

Private Network Access (PNA 1.0) is an unshipped security feature designed to limit website access to local networks. Due to deployability concerns, PNA 1.0 was never able to ship by default, as it was incompatible with too many existing devices.

PNA 1.0 required changes to devices on local networks. Instead, Chrome is implementing an updated proposal, Private Network Access 2.0 (PNA 2.0). PNA 2.0 only requires changes to sites that need to access the local network, rather than requiring changes to devices on the local network. Sites are much easier to update than devices, and so this approach should be much more straightforward to roll out.

The only way to enforce PNA 1.0 is via enterprise policy. To avoid regressing security for enterprise customers opting-in to PNA 1.0 prior to shipping PNA 2.0, we will maintain the PrivateNetworkAccessRestrictionsEnabled policy, which causes Chrome to send special preflight messages, until such time that it becomes incompatible with PNA 2.0.

The <u>InsecurePrivateNetworkRequestsAllowedForUrls</u> and <u>InsecurePrivateNetworkRequestsAllowed</u> policies, which loosen PNA 1.0 restrictions, will be removed in Chrome 135. These policies currently have no effect, since PNA 1.0 is not shipped, and they will have no meaning once PNA 1.0 is removed.

PNA 2.0 is described in this explainer on GitHub.

- Chrome 135 on Android, ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows, Fuchsia
 Removal of <u>InsecurePrivateNetworkRequestsAllowedForUrls</u> and <u>InsecurePrivateNetworkRequestsAllowed</u> policies.
- Chrome 137 on Android, ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows, Fuchsia Removal of <u>PrivateNetworkAccessRestrictionsEnabled</u>.

Remove ThirdPartyBlockingEnabled policy

Due to unexpected issues, <u>ThirdPartyBlockingEnabled</u> will be removed in Chrome 135. If you have feedback about this removal, you can file a <u>Chromium buq</u>.

- Chrome 132 on Windows
 Deprecation of <u>ThirdPartyBlockingEnabled</u> policy
- Chrome 135 on Windows
 Removal of <u>ThirdPartyBlockingEnabled</u> policy

Settings, site shortcuts, and themes improvements on Chrome Desktop

On Chrome 135 on Desktop, for users who newly sign in to Chrome or who have Sync enabled, settings, site shortcuts and themes synced to their Google Account will now be kept separate from the local ones, that is, settings from when they're signed out or when Sync is turned off.

This allows for strictly less data sharing than previously: local settings don't get automatically uploaded when signing in or turning on Sync, and no settings from the account are left behind on the device when Sync is turned off.

Existing enterprise policies <u>SyncDisabled</u> and <u>SyncTypesListDisabled</u> will continue to apply so admins can restrict or disable the Sync feature if they want to.

Note: This change is a follow-up to the launch of the new identity model on Chrome Desktop. For more details, see <u>Chrome Platform Status</u>.

• Chrome 135 on Linux, macOS, Windows

Sunsetting the legacy Password Manager in Chrome on Android

Users with old versions of Google Play Services will lose Password Manager functionality in Chrome. This is a step towards sunsetting the legacy Password Manager in Chrome on Android. These users can download a CSV file with their passwords from Chrome Settings and import it to their preferred Password Manager. The new Google Password Manager is available on devices with a recent version of Google Play Services.

• Chrome 135 on Android

Third-party cookies always blocked in Incognito mode

Starting in Chrome 135, users will start having third-party cookies blocked in Incognito mode with no way to globally re-enable them. Site-level controls for allowing third-party cookies will not be changed.

With this launch, the <u>BlockThirdPartyCookies</u> policy will only apply to regular mode when set to false, not Incognito mode. There will be no changes when the policy is true or unset. There will also be no changes to the <u>CookieAllowedForUrls</u> policy, which will continue to apply in both regular and Incognito modes, as it applies at the site level and not globally.

Chrome 135 on Android, ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows

Blob URL Partitioning: Fetching/Navigation

As a continuation of Storage Partitioning, Chromium will implement partitioning of <u>Blob URL</u> access by Storage Key (top-level site, frame origin, and the has-cross-site-ancestor boolean), with the exception of top-level navigations which will remain partitioned only by frame origin. This behavior is similar to what's currently implemented by both Firefox and Safari, and aligns Blob URL usage with the partitioning scheme used by other storage APIs as part of Storage Partitioning. In addition, Chromium will enforce noopener on renderer-initiated top-level navigations to Blob URLs where the corresponding site is cross-site to the top-level site performing the navigation. This aligns Chromium with similar behavior in Safari, and the relevant specs have been updated to reflect these changes.

This change can be temporarily reverted by setting the **PartitionedBlobURLUsage policy**. The policy will be deprecated when the other storage partitioning related enterprise policies are deprecated.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux

Create service worker client and inherit service worker controller for srcdoc iframe

Srcdoc context documents are currently not service worker clients and are not covered by their parent page's service worker. This results in some discrepancies (for example, Resource Timing reports the URLs that these documents load, but the service worker doesn't intercept them). We aim to fix the discrepancies by creating service worker clients for srcdoc iframes and make them inherit the parent page's service worker controller.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Deprecate getters of Intl Locale Info API

Intl Locale Info API is a Stage 3 ECMAScript TC39 proposal to enhance the Intl.Locale object by exposing locale information, such as week data (first day in a week, weekend start day, weekend end day, minimum day in the first week), and text direction hour cycle used in the locale. We shipped our implementation in Chrome 99 but later on the proposal made some changes in Stage 3 and moved several getters to functions. We need to remove the deprecated getters and relaunch the renamed functions.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Partitioning :visited links history

To eliminate user browsing history leaks, anchor elements are styled as :visited only if they have been clicked from this top-level site and frame origin before. On the browser-side, this means that the VisitedLinks hashtable is now partitioned by triple-keying, or by storing the following for each visited link: link URL, top-level site, frame origin>. By only styling links that have been clicked on this site and frame before, the many side-channel attacks that have been developed to obtain :visited links styling information are now obsolete, as they no longer provide sites with new information about users.

There is an exception for *self-links*, where links to a site's own pages can be styled as :visited even if they have not been clicked on in this exact top-level site and frame origin before. This

exemption is only enabled in top-level frames or subframes, which are same-origin with the top-level frame. The privacy benefits above are still achieved because sites already know which of its subpages a user has visited, so no new information is exposed. This was a community-requested exception that improves user experience as well.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

HSTS tracking prevention

HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) allows sites to declare themselves accessible through secure connections only. As early as Chrome 135, HSTS tracking prevention will mitigate user tracking by third-parties using the HSTS cache. It only allows HSTS upgrades for top-level navigations and blocks HSTS upgrades for sub-resource requests. This will prevent third-party sites using the HSTS cache to track users across the web. For more information, see this HSTS Tracking Prevention explainer on Github.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Remove deprecated navigator.xr.supportsSession method

navigator.xr.supportsSession was replaced in the WebXR spec by the navigator.xr.isSessionSupported method in September of 2019 after receiving feedback on the API shape from the TAG. It has been marked as deprecated in Chromium since then, producing a console warning redirecting developers to the updated API.

Usage of the call is very low, as shown by <u>Chrome Status usage metrics</u>. Additionally, all major frameworks that are used to build WebXR content have been confirmed to have been updated to use the newer call.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Strict Same Origin Policy for Storage Access API

Chrome 135 will adjust Storage Access API semantics to strictly follow the Same Origin Policy, to enhance security. This means that using document.requestStorageAccess() in a frame will only attach cookies to requests to the iframe's origin (not site) by default.

Note: the <u>CookiesAllowedForUrls</u> policy or Storage Access headers can still be used to unblock cross-site cookies.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

UI Automation accessibility framework provider on Windows

Starting in Chrome 126, Chrome started directly supporting accessibility client software that uses Microsoft Windows's UI Automation accessibility framework. Prior to this change, such software interoperated with Chrome by way of a compatibility shim in Microsoft Windows. This change is being made to improve the accessible user experience for many users. It provides complete support for Narrator, Magnifier, and Voice Access; and will improve third-party apps that use Windows's UI Automation accessibility framework. Users of Chrome will find reduced memory usage and processing overhead when used with accessibility tools. It will also ease development of software using assistive technologies.

Admins might use the <u>UiAutomationProviderEnabled</u> enterprise policy, available from Chrome 125, to either force-enable the new provider (so that all users receive the new functionality), or disable the new provider. This policy will be supported through Chrome 136, and will be removed in Chrome 137. This one-year period is intended to give enterprises sufficient time to work with third-party vendors so that they may fix any incompatibilities resulting from the switch from Microsoft's compatibility shim to Chrome's UI Automation provider.

- Chrome 125 on Windows: The <u>UiAutomationProviderEnabled</u> policy is introduced so that admins can enable Chrome's UI Automation accessibility framework provider and validate that third-party accessibility tools continue to work.
- Chrome 126 on Windows: The Chrome variations framework will be used to begin enabling
 Chrome's UI Automation accessibility framework provider for users. It will be progressively
 enabled to the full stable population, with pauses as needed to address compatibility issues
 that can be resolved in Chrome. Enterprise admins may continue to use the
 <u>UiAutomationProviderEnabled</u> policy to either opt-in early to the new behavior, or to
 temporarily opt-out through Chrome 136.

 Chrome 137 on Windows: The <u>UiAutomationProviderEnabled</u> policy will be removed from Chrome. All clients will use the browser's UI Automation accessibility framework provider.

Remove SwiftShader fallback

As early as Chrome 137, we plan to deprecate automatic fallback to WebGL backed by SwiftShader. WebGL context creation will fail instead of falling back to SwiftShader. We plan to remove SwiftShader fallback for two primary reasons:

- 1. SwiftShader is a high security risk due to JIT-ed code running in Chromium's GPU process.
- Users have a poor experience when falling back from a high-performance GPU-backed WebGL to a CPU-backed implementation. Users have no control over this behavior and it is difficult to describe in bug reports.

<u>SwiftShader</u> is a useful tool for web developers to test their sites on systems that are headless or do not have a supported GPU. This use case will still be supported by opting in but is not intended for running untrusted content.

To opt-in to lower security guarantees and allow SwiftShader for WebGL, run the chrome executable with the --enable-unsafe-swiftshader command-line switch.

During the deprecation period, a warning will appear in the JavaScript console when a WebGL context is created and backed with SwiftShader. Passing --enable-unsafe-swiftshader will remove this warning message.

Chromium and other browsers do not guarantee WebGL availability. You can test and handle WebGL context creation failure and fall back to other web APIs such as Canvas2D or an appropriate message to the user.

Chrome 137 on Windows, macOS, Linux, Android

Disallow spaces in non-file:// URL host

As stated in the <u>WhatWG.org</u> spec, <u>URL hosts</u> cannot contain the space character, but currently URL parsing in Chromium allows spaces in the host.

This causes Chromium to fail several tests included in the <u>Interop2024 'HTTPS URLs for WebSocket</u>' and URL <u>focus areas</u>.

To bring Chromium into spec compliance, we would like to remove spaces from URL hosts altogether, but a difficulty with this is that they are used in the host part in Windows file://URLs. To read more, see the discussion on <u>Github</u>.

This feature will be part of the ongoing work to bring Chromium closer to spec compliance by forbidding spaces in non-file URLs only.

Chrome 138 on Android, ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows, Fuchsia

SafeBrowsing API v4 to v5 migration

Chrome calls into the <u>SafeBrowsing v4 API</u> will be migrated to call into the v5 API instead. The method names are also different between v4 and v5.

If admins have any v4-specific URL allowlisting to allow network requests to ${\tt https://safebrowsing.googleapis.com/v4*, these should be modified to allow network requests to the whole domain instead: {\tt safebrowsing.googleapis.com}. Otherwise, rejected network requests to the v5 API will cause security regressions for users.}$

Chrome 145 on Android, iOS, ChromeOS, Linux, macOS, Windows
 This will be a gradual roll-out.

Upcoming Chrome Enterprise Core updates

Apple Extensible SSO support for Chrome on macOS

Chrome 135 on macOS will enable seamless authentication for identity providers that are enabled via an OS-configured Enterprise Single Sign On (SSO) extension. For this initial release, it will allow end users on managed browsers to sign in to any Microsoft Entra-authenticated resources without the need to enter any credentials. Extensible SSO needs to be pre-configured in your environment and deployed with its respective enterprise device management solution. Additional Identity Providers might be supported in the near future.

As early as Chrome 135 on macOS

Isolated Web Apps

devices.

Isolated Web Apps (IWAs) are an extension of existing work on PWA installation and Web Packaging that provide stronger protections against server compromise and other tampering, which is necessary for developers of security-sensitive applications.

Rather than being hosted on live web servers and fetched over HTTPS, these applications are packaged into Web Bundles, signed by their developer, and distributed to end-users through one or more of the potential methods described in <u>Getting started with Isolated Web Apps</u>.

In the initial release, IWAs will only be installable through a policy on enterprise-managed ChromeOS

Chrome 140 on Windows

This rollout adds support for Isolated Web Apps in enterprise-managed browser configurations on Windows.

Upcoming Chrome Enterprise Premium updates

Refactor DLP rules user experience

We aim to create a more user-friendly and efficient interface for Chrome-specific DLP rules. This involves redesigning the rule creation workflow in the Admin console to better accommodate existing and upcoming security features for Chrome Enterprise Premium customers.

Chrome 135 on Windows, macOS, Linux, ChromeOS

URL filtering on iOS and Android

We will extend the existing URL filtering capabilities from desktop to mobile platforms, providing organizations with the ability to audit, warn, or block certain URLs or categories of URLs from loading on managed Chrome browsers or managed user profiles on mobile devices. This includes ensuring the functionality works seamlessly with Context-Aware Access (CAA) which allows admins

to set access policies based on user context (for example, user role, location) and device state (for example, managed device, security compliance).

• Chrome 137 on Android, iOS

Reporting connector for mobile

We are working towards feature parity with the desktop version, enabling organizations to monitor and respond to security events on mobile devices, such as unsafe site visits and potential data exfiltration attempts. This helps ensure consistent security and policy enforcement across different platforms.

- Chrome 136 on Android
- Chrome 137 on iOS

Connectors API

We plan to simplify the setup process for third-party security connectors and enable providers to manage configurations directly from their own UI. This aims to make it easier for organizations to integrate their preferred security tools and services with Chrome, enhancing security and management across different platforms.

• Chrome 137 on Windows, macOS, Linux, ChromeOS

Previous release notes

Chrome version & targeted Stable channel release date

Chrome 133: January 9, 2025

Chrome 132: January 8, 2025

Chrome 131: November 6, 2024

Chrome 130: October 9, 2024

Archived release notes

Additional resources

- For emails about future releases, sign up here.
- To try out new features before they're released, sign up for the trusted tester program.
- Connect with other Chrome Enterprise IT admins through the Chrome Enterprise Customer Forum.
- How Chrome releases work—Chrome Release Cycle
- Chrome browser downloads and Chrome Enterprise product overviews—Chrome browser for enterprise
- Chrome version status and timelines—Chrome Platform Status | Google Update Server
 Viewer
- Announcements: Chrome Releases Blog | Chromium Blog
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- Chrome Administrators Forum
- Chrome Enterprise Help Center

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