



# Chrome OS Security & Threat Prevention

Take control of your  
security with Chrome OS



# Cybersecurity crimes are **growing & costly**

## Malware

**320%**

increase in year-over-year reports in **global potentially unwanted applications (PAUs)**<sup>1</sup>

## Ransomware

**150%**

Increase in **global ransomware** in 2020<sup>2</sup>

## Phishing

**75%**

of organizations **experienced a phishing attack** in 2020<sup>3</sup>

# Employees and human error **put data at risk**

**85%**

of studied data breaches were  
**caused by human error**<sup>1</sup>

**70%**

of IT leaders say employees have  
**put data at risk accidentally** in the  
last 12 months<sup>2</sup>

# Factors when choosing an operating system to keep data secure



Built-in protection from  
external threats



Intelligent security to reduce  
employee negligence



Customized policies for greater  
IT control



Automatic updates for  
continuous protection

# Rethink your approach to security

Chrome OS and browser are secure by design and prevent end users from falling hostage to harmful cybersecurity attacks and their consequences.



# Take control of your security with Chrome OS

## Built-in, proactive security

-  No need for antivirus
-  Read-only OS and no executables
-  Active threat prevention

## Granular, flexible policy controls

-  500+ policies in the Admin console
-  Approve or block apps & extensions
-  Granular reporting

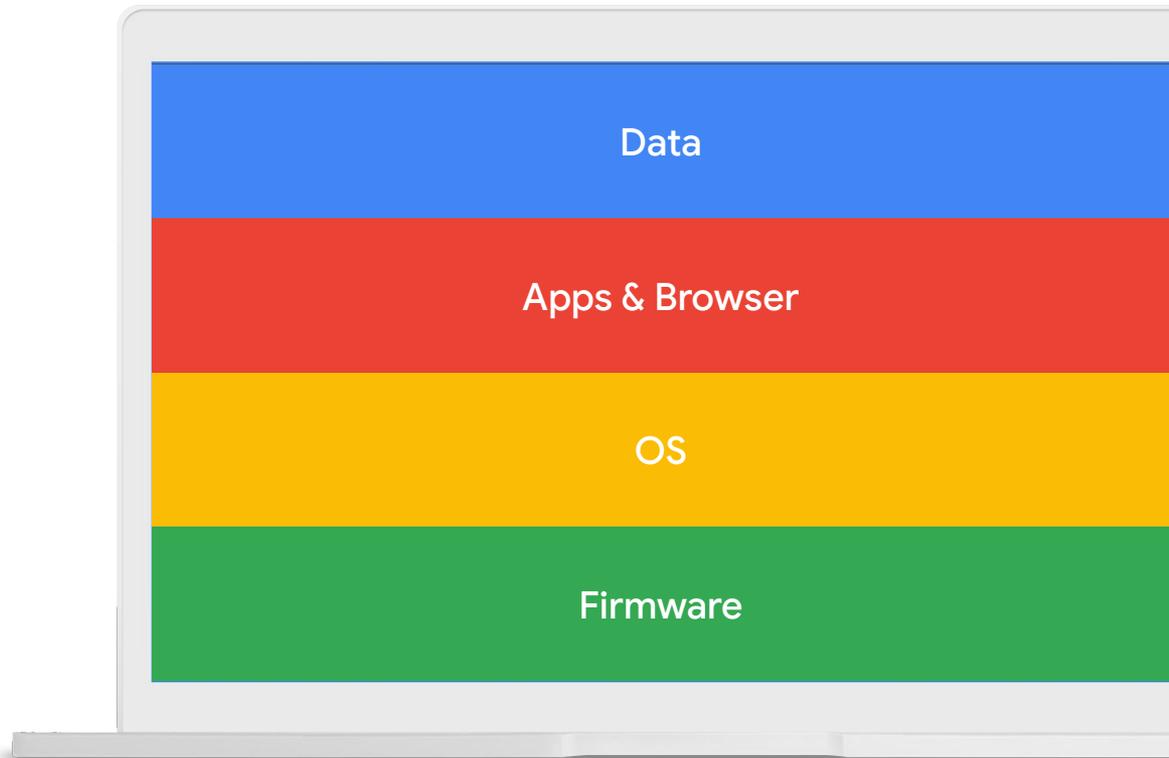
## Continuous and automatic updates

-  Consistent, frequent and ultrafast
-  No downtime or disruption
-  Lower support costs

# Multi-layered OS architecture

The layers of Chrome OS work together to provide innovative security benefits. OEM manufacturers follow strict hardware requirements.

Google verified hardware



# ZERO

reported ransomware attacks on Chrome OS ever



**Built in and proactive security** to deter negligence and limit attack surfaces

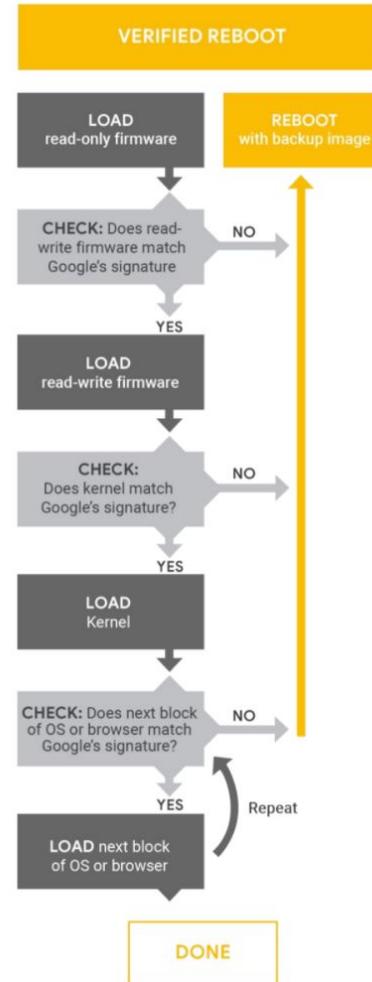


# Read-only, tamper-proof operating system backed by Verified Boot

**Read-only, tamper-proof operating system:** System files are kept in a separate partition to ensure the OS cannot be modified by apps or extensions and is inaccessible by ransomware.

## Verified boot:

- **Protects against dangerous attacks** by ensuring that the firmware and operating system have not been tampered with or corrupted in any way after a reboot.
- **Detects malware** and stops the reboot process when threats are identified. Reboots the device with a version of the writable firmware and operating system.
- **Enables employees** to avoid work required to remediate compromised firmware and files.



# Hardware-backed protection powered by the Titan C security chip



## Continuous security

Designed and updated by Google so you're always protected from the most recent threats.



## User protection

Protect from logins on remote devices, brute force attacks, and phishing scams.



## System Integrity

Ensure the OS and encryption keys haven't been compromised and enforce policies remotely.

# Data and settings encryption

**All Chrome OS devices encrypt user data and settings.** All data and settings are encrypted with a unique key, meaning that an attacker would always need both the user password and access to the security module. This makes it extremely difficult for attackers to read user data.

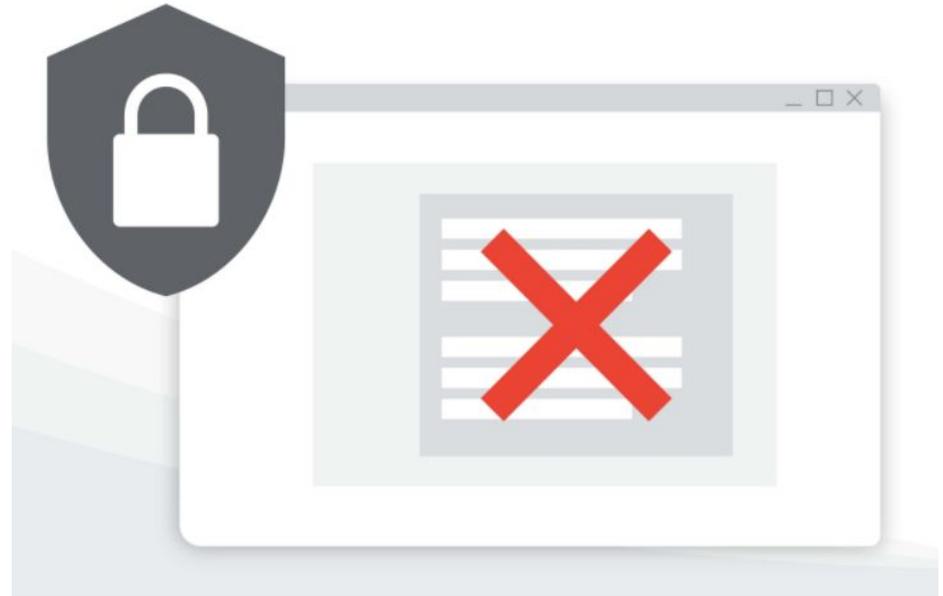
**This encryption cannot be disabled,** allowing colleagues to share loaner devices safely and adopt “Grab and Go” practices.



# Blocked Executables

## Chrome OS blocks executables from running:

Malicious threats often hide in executable files that corrupt your data. These executable files cannot run on Chrome OS, which blocks apps from running that are not from the Google Play Store. .

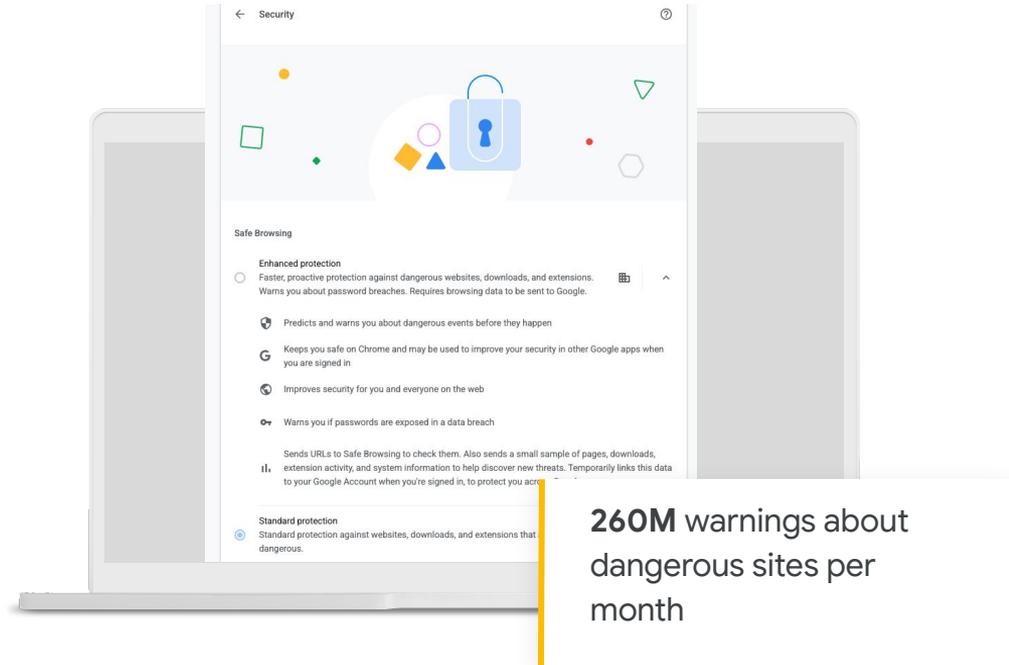


# Google Safe Browsing

**Warns users before** they attempt to navigate to dangerous sites or download malicious files.

**Finds harmful and deceptive** content/software by constantly scanning the web and classifying the danger.

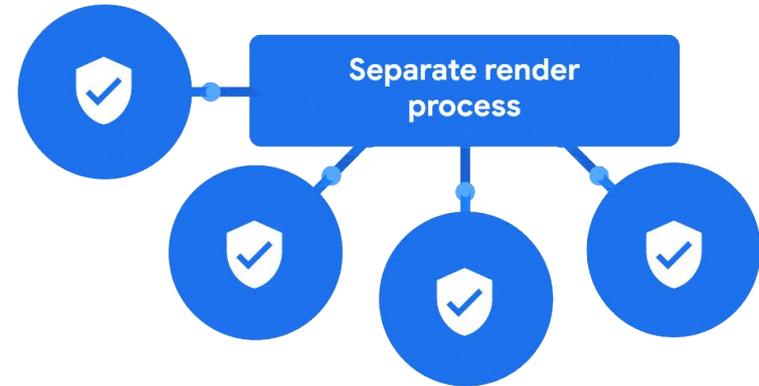
**Offers scalable and ultra fast support** with input from Global Threat Intelligence and hundreds of Google Security Analysts and Engineers.



# Sandboxing and Site Isolation

**Sandboxing** limits all security threats to a single application or browser tab to keep the rest of the operating system secure.

**Site isolation** keeps all processes within each browser tab separating & stopping malicious sites from the rest of the OS.



# HTTPS by Default

When a user types an address into the address bar without specifying the protocol, Chrome will attempt to navigate using https first, then fallback to http if https is not available.

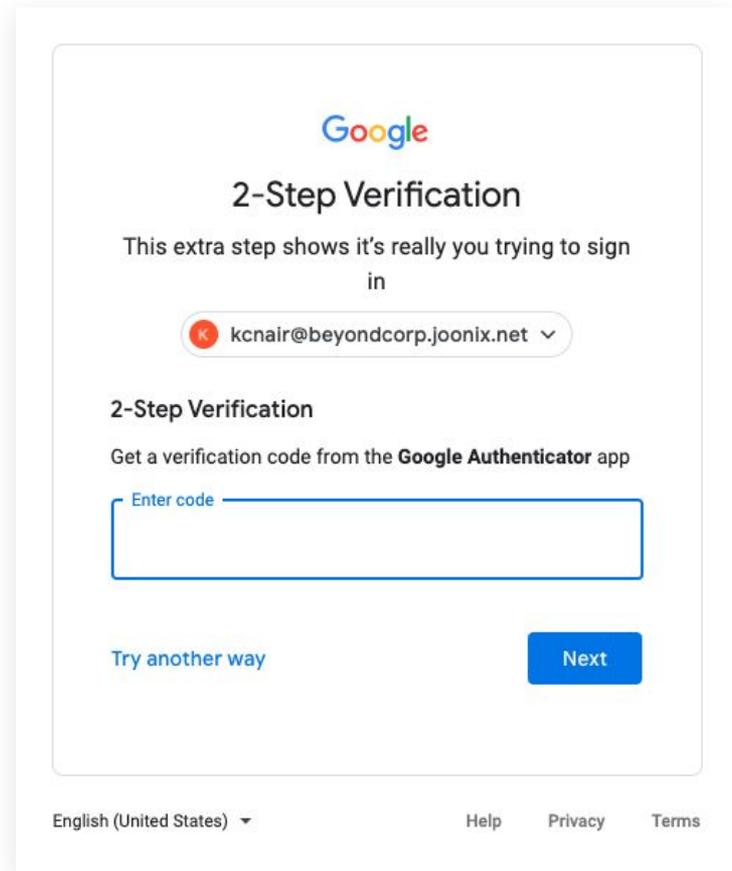
HTTPS by default improves **privacy and loading speed** for users visiting websites that support HTTPS.

# Two-Factor Authentication and Single Sign-on (SSO)

**Protect employees against phishing attacks** by turning on two-factor authentication, which requires users to provide a password and authentication key/code when logging into their Google account.

**Set parameters for remote access and SAML-based single sign-on (SSO)** so users can access network and web applications with the right balance of security and convenience.

**Enroll special user accounts into the Advanced Protection program**, a free program from Google that proves 2FA in addition to other protections.



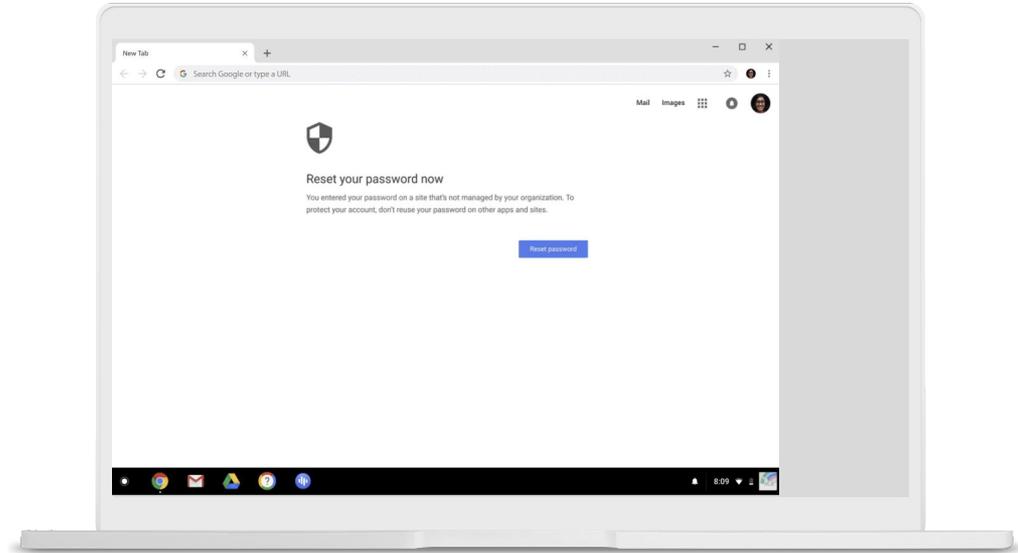
The screenshot shows the Google 2-Step Verification interface. At the top is the Google logo. Below it is the heading "2-Step Verification" and the text "This extra step shows it's really you trying to sign in". A dropdown menu shows the email address "kcnair@beyondcorp.joonix.net". Below this is another heading "2-Step Verification" and the instruction "Get a verification code from the Google Authenticator app". There is a text input field with the placeholder "Enter code". At the bottom left is a link "Try another way" and at the bottom right is a blue "Next" button. The footer contains "English (United States)", "Help", "Privacy", and "Terms".

# Password Alert Policy

**Prevents password reuse** by automatically prompting users to change their corporate password if they enter it on an untrusted website.

**Protects the integrity** of corporate Google and non-Google accounts.

**Reduces the potential for a breach**, lowering the risk of compliance penalties and fines.



# Flexible, comprehensive policy controls



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## **Restrict apps & extensions:**

Block or allow users from installing specific apps and extensions based on the name, category, or device permissions they require to run.

## **Block external storage devices:**

Restrict the use of external storage devices such as USB flash drives and optical storage devices.

## **Ephemeral mode (wipe user data on log-out):**

Set devices to automatically wipe all data and settings after a user logs out. Ephemeral mode makes it safer for shared and short-term users and kiosks.



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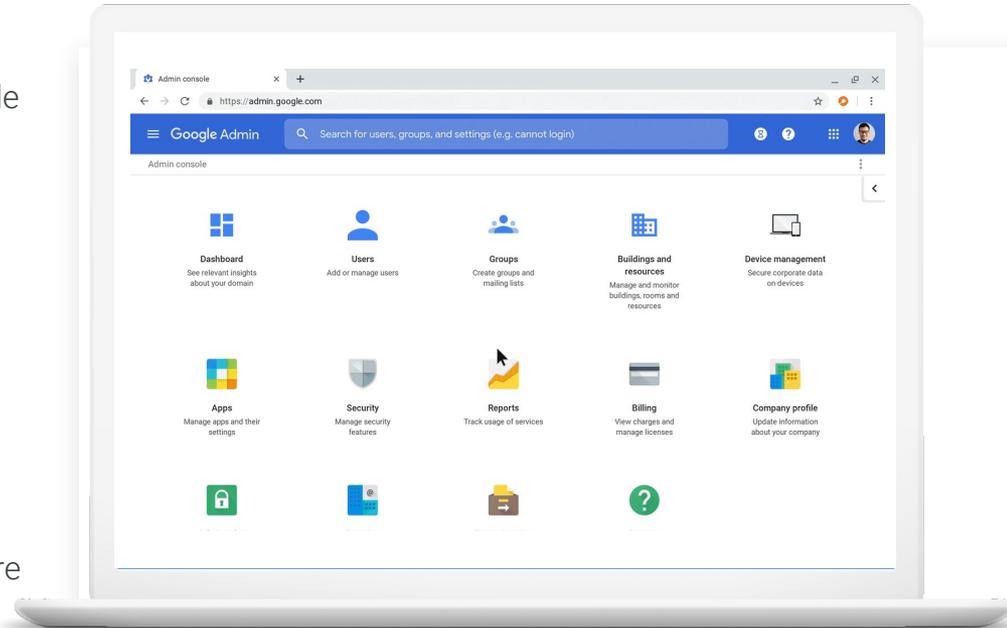
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## Deprovision devices:

Remotely deprovision devices and prevent them from accessing corporate resources.

## Remote disablement and powerwash:

Remotely disable or wipe devices that have been lost or stolen and post a message that lets the finder know where to return them.



# Granular Reporting

## Extensions:

Get visibility into version, install type, and permissions around extensions

## Version Report:

View all versions of Chrome in your fleet in a daily report

## Auto Update Expiration Chrome Insights Report:

See how many Chrome OS devices in your fleet have reached their AUE dates or are expiring soon

The screenshot shows a web interface for device administration. On the left, a sidebar lists several domains: Demo, marketing\_test, my domain, Provider\_A, and Provider\_B. The main area displays a table of installed extensions for the 'Demo' domain.

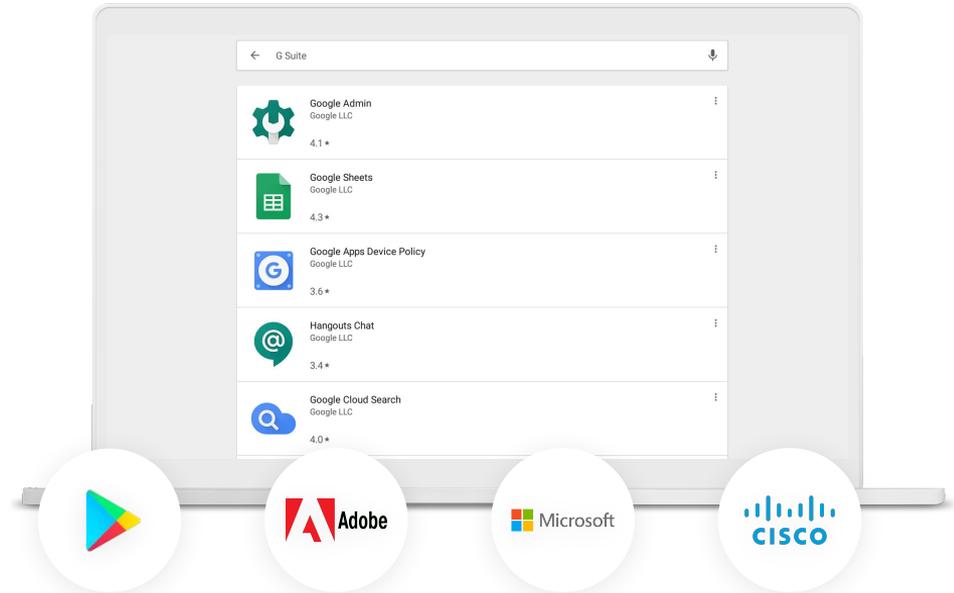
Extension name	Version	Install type	Installed ↓	Disabled	Forced	Permissions
Gmail	8.1	normal	4	0	0	1
Sheets	1.2	normal	4	0	0	0
YouTube	4.2.8	normal	4	0	0	0
Docs	0.10	normal	4	0	0	0
Slides	0.10	normal	4	0	0	0
Chrome Reporting Extension	0.24.2	admin	3	0	3	14
Google Docs Offline	1.6	multiple	3	0	0	8
Google Drive	14.3	normal	3	0	0	0
Google Docs Offline	1.7	sideload	2	0	0	8
Password Alert	1.27	admin	1	0	1	7
Office Online	1.5.8	normal	1	0	0	11

# Managed Google Play Store with built in threat detection

**Managed Google Play:** Provide employees with a curated store containing secure, tested, and approved applications. This prevents users from downloading malicious or vulnerable applications.

**Google Play Protect:** Google Play Protect is the most widely deployed mobile threat protection in the world with 2B daily users. It continuously scans and verifies apps in the Google Play Store, identifying malware and uninstalling any malicious apps from affected devices.

**Configure app-specific policies** with managed configuration



# Chrome Web Store

## The Chrome Web Store:

- **Offers manual and automatic** extension reviews
- **Provides visible permissions** that show users and admins what's required to run the extension
- **Accepts Manifest V3 extensions** for stricter privacy and more control of your data

**Inline Installs** of extensions are disabled as of mid 2018.





# Automatic updates for continuous protection



# How Chrome OS automatic updates provide continuous protection

**Consistent, frequent, and ultrafast updates:** Chrome OS firmware and feature updates happen every six weeks, far more often than other majority systems. Updates apply on reboot, taking only seconds to complete.

**No downtime or disruption:** Updates happen automatically in the background while users work. Two versions of the OS mean that one can be used while the other gets updated, keeping data secure and employees productive.

**Lower support costs:** With Chrome OS, there's no need for costly manual patching or routine updates of operating system components.

**Manufacturer consistency:** All Chrome OS devices, regardless of manufacturer, get the same updates.



# Why Chrome OS doesn't need third-party antivirus

- **Read-Only OS** does not allow installed apps and extensions to modify it
- **Sandboxing** isolates any attack to a limited surface
- **Verified Boot** prevents boot up of tampered devices
- **Review Process** is required for all extensions and apps
- **Low on-device footprint** means less data at risk of attack



# Protection from Phishing Attacks

## Common Attack

**Google Safe Browsing** warns users of malicious sites before navigating to them.

**Security keys and 2SV** help prevent hackers from using stolen passwords.

**If attack prevails:** Password Alert Policy requires users to change a password when its used with an unauthorized site.



# Protection from Ransomware attacks

## Common Attack

**Low-on device data footprint** limits data that can be held at ransom.

**Read-only, tamper-proof OS** prevents executables and malicious apps from running locally.

**If attack prevails:** Verified Boot confirms the system is unmodified or tampered at boot up.



# Protection from Malicious Apps & Extensions

Common Attack

**Per-permission based blocklisting** controls which extensions can be accessed.

**Managed Google Play Store** facilitates curation by user group and policy configuration by app.

**If attack prevails:** Sandboxing and site isolation limit attack surfaces.



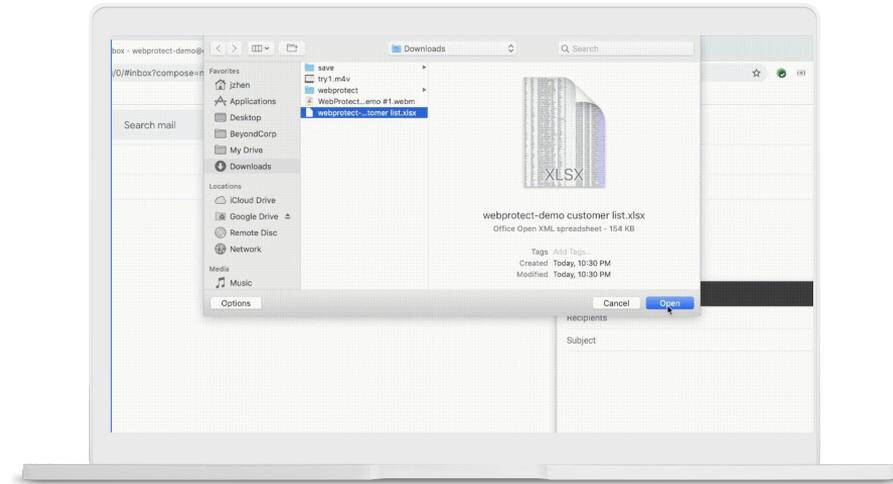
# Advanced capabilities available in Chrome with BeyondCorp Enterprise

**Real-Time Phishing and Malware Protections** – Enhanced Safe Browsing and malware scanning reduces threat to your users

**Sensitive Data Protection** – Prevents both accidental and intentional exfiltration of company data

**Visibility and Insights** – Supports remediation efforts, compliance reporting, and overall security hardening efforts

**Easy Configuration and Management** – Apply security and data protection policies across Chrome, with built-in auto-updates



# It's time for a change

**Rethink your security**

