Using Google Chrome Extensions and Apps

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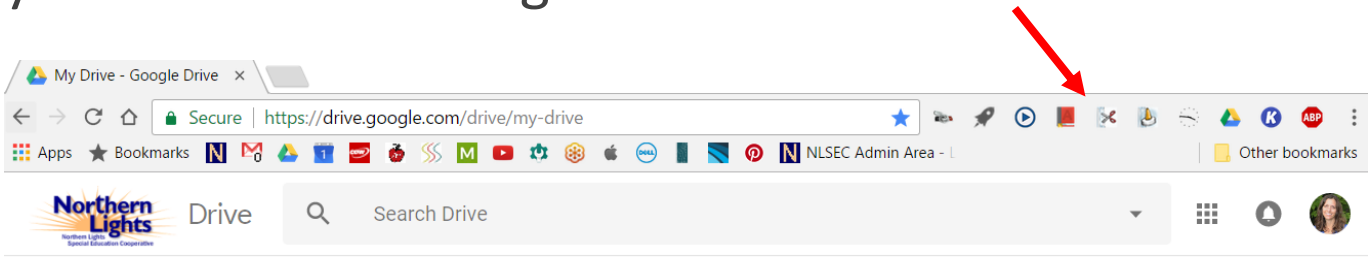
Objectives

- Learn the difference between a Google Extension and Google App
- Learn how to log into the Chrome web browser and how this differs from logging into your school email or Google Drive
- Learn how to download an extension from the Chrome Store
- Learn about several useful chrome extensions available
- Learn how to unlink your Google account from the Chrome browser

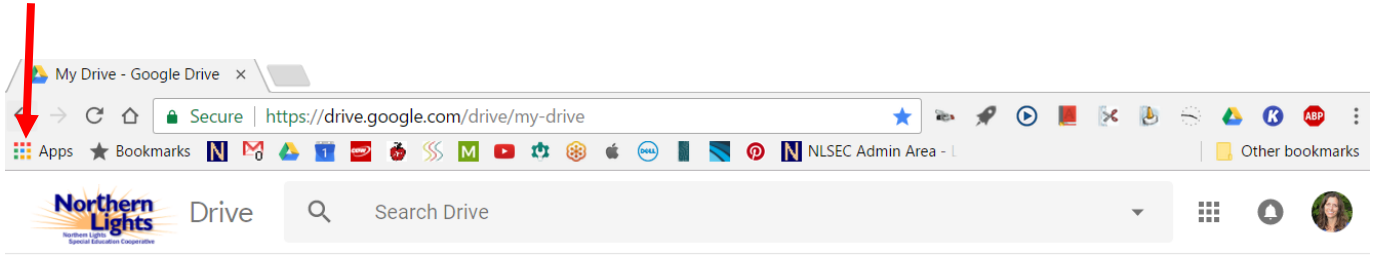
What is an extension?

- Extension are tools in the Chrome browser that add functionality to the web experience
- They can be a simple function like highlighting text on the webpage with one click or more advanced like text read out loud
- They are found to the right on the Chrome browser toolbar



Difference between an extension and app

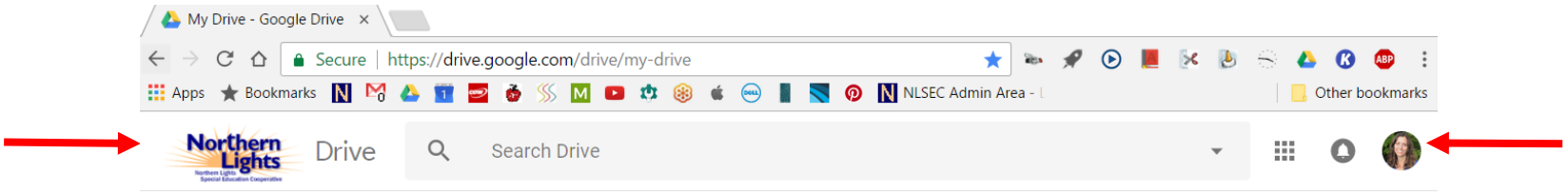
- Apps are links to websites
- Found in the upper left hand corner of browser – colored boxes



- Speech Recognition are typically Apps as they direct to a different website

Logging into gmail vs Chrome browser

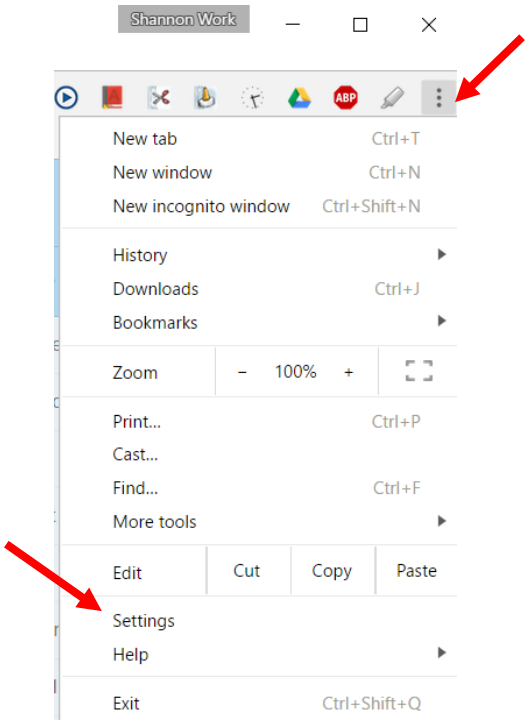
- Linking your Google Account to the Chrome browser is different than logging into your gmail or Google Drive
- Here is have logged into my school google account



- This is different than signing into Chrome browser

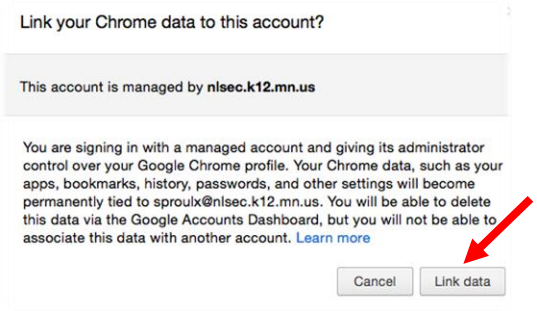
Log into Chrome browser

- Settings (3 dots in upper right corner)
- Sign In
- Enter your school Google account
- Select “link data”

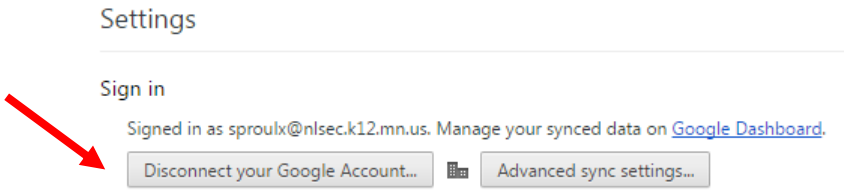


Linking Google Account to Chrome browser (con't)

- Message appears:

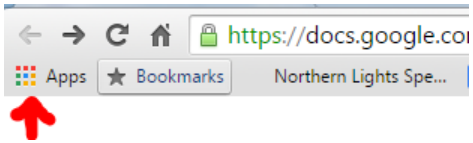


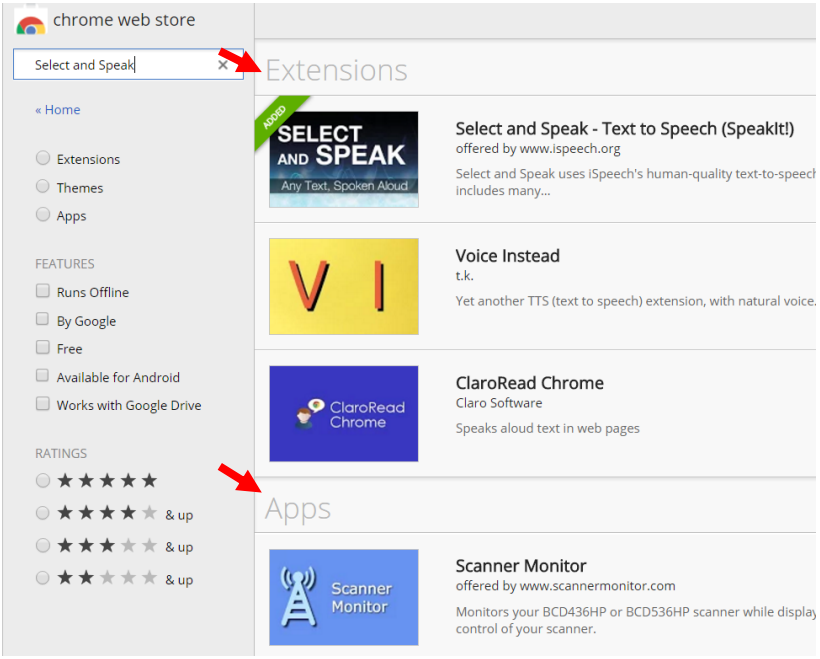
- When correctly linked to the Chrome browser, will look like this in settings:



Download an extension from Chrome Web Store

- To find the Chrome Web Store
  - Look for 9 colored squares in upper left corner
  - Or google “Chrome Store”





Example Reading and Writing Extensions

Reading Extensions

- Mercury Reader (formerly Readability) extension
  - Simplifies webpage, no ads
- Select and Speak (formerly SpeakIt!) extension
  - Reads highlighted words aloud
- Read&Write for Google Chrome extension

Organization/Utility Extensions

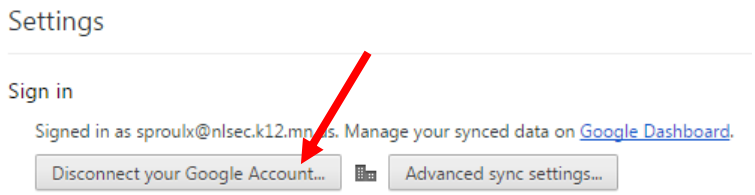
- Clock for Google Chrome extension
- Super Simple Highlighter extension
- Tab Scissors/Tab Glue extensions
- Extension Manager extension
- Save to Google Drive extension

Writing Extensions

- Voice Recognition App
  - Web-based, real time dictation, save as a .txt file
- Tools – Voice Typing in Google Docs
  - Built in voice recognition into Google Docs
- Google Dictionary extension
  - Click on any word to see definition
- Kami extension
  - Add text to PDF, can save into your Google drive

Unlink Google account from Chrome browser

- Back in the Settings under Sign-in, select “Disconnect your Google Account”



- Keep in mind there is no need to “link/disconnect” your Google Account to the Chrome browser if you are using a Chromebook

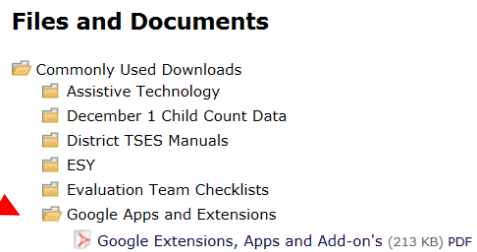
For more information

- Click here for a complete handout with more Google extensions examples

Google Extensions, Apps and Add-ons

AAC **Picto4me AAC Communication Boards** App ACCESSIBILITY **Click Free Browsing** Extension Hover mouse over and will click **Scroll to Top** Extension	BOOKS **Google Play Books** Search book, changes in font, background **Kindle Cloud Reader** App Changes in font, color, background	READING **Mercury Reader** (Readability) Extension Simplifies webpage, no ads **Skimzee** Extension Reduces the amount of sentences on screen. **Read Mode** Extension Simplifies webpage, no ads
SPEECH TO TEXT **Dictanote – Speech Recognizer** App **VoiceNote II – Speech to Text** App/Extension **Voice Recognition** App Web based, real time dictation, saves as a .txt file **Tools – Voice Typing** in Google Docs Built in voice recognition	STUDY/ORGANIZATION **Autocopy Original** Extension Automatically copies once highlighted in web **Oh My Tabs** Extension or **OneTab** Extension Save selected tabs **LucidChart for Education** App and Add-on - Mind mapping **Clock for Google Chrome** Extension **Super Simple Highlighter** Extension – right click on web text to highlight	STUDY/ORGANIZATION **Save to Pocket** Extension Saves selected webpages in one area **StayFocusd** Extension Limiting amount of time on site **Tab Scissors and Tab Glue** Extensions Cuts screen in half so can view two tabs and put it back together **Tools – Research** in Google Docs Highlight word, side bar has search/cite links **Thinkery** Extension Web clipper and idea to do list
TEXT to SPEECH **Select and Speak** (SpeakIt) Extension Speech only free **Read&Write for Google Chrome** Extension Speech only free	UTILITY **Awesome Screenshot** App Take a picture and drop in program; mark-up tools. Similar to Snipping tool on Windows. **Extension Manager or Extensity** Extension Place to easily control all your extensions goo.gl URL Shortener Extension - Makes URL small **Panic Button Plus** Extension Removes all tabs and webpages **Save to Google Drive** Extension Saves website as a picture and automatically puts in Drive	WRITING **Google Dictionary** Extension Web based, click on any word **Grammarbase or Ginger** Extension - Grammar checker **Kaizena** App Leave voice notes in document **Kami** Extension or **DocHub** Extension Add text to PDF **Snapverter** App Take a picture of document and converts it to accessible PDF

- Or go to www.nlsec.k12.mn.us under Downloadable Resources – Commonly Used Downloads – Google Apps and Extensions



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