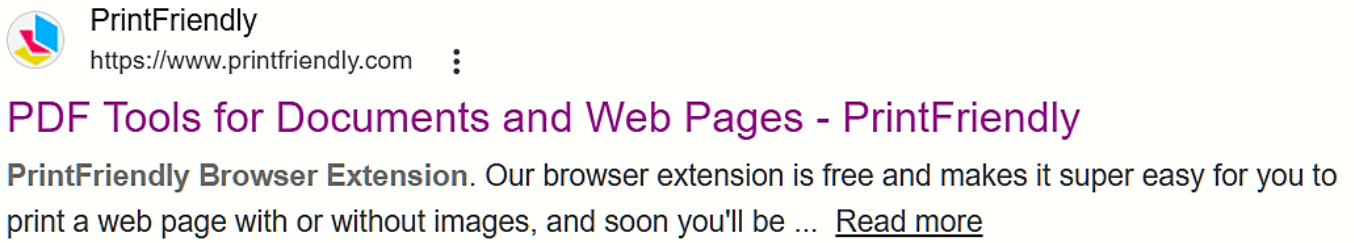
What are browser extensions?

Chrome extensions are small software programs that run on your browser. They can block ads, manage passwords, and provide special tools to websites you visit. Extensions are typically lightweight and easy to install and I use three. When installed they lay on your toolbar.

How to Find and Install Extensions. Search for an extension: Use the search bar in Google to find specific tools, such as ad blockers, password managers, or programs such as “Print Friendly” which I use. Just type “Print friendly extension” into Google and click on this link.



You can download it here

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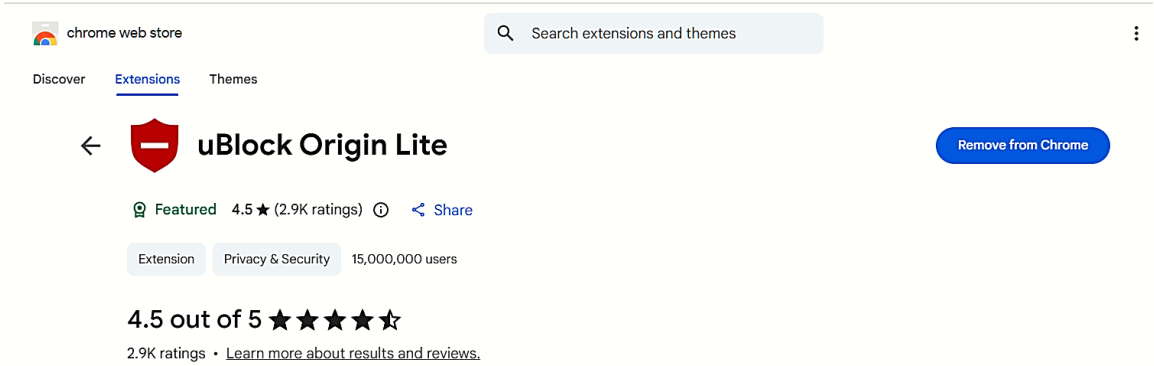
I have a tutorial on this extension.

Here is its icon on my toolbar.

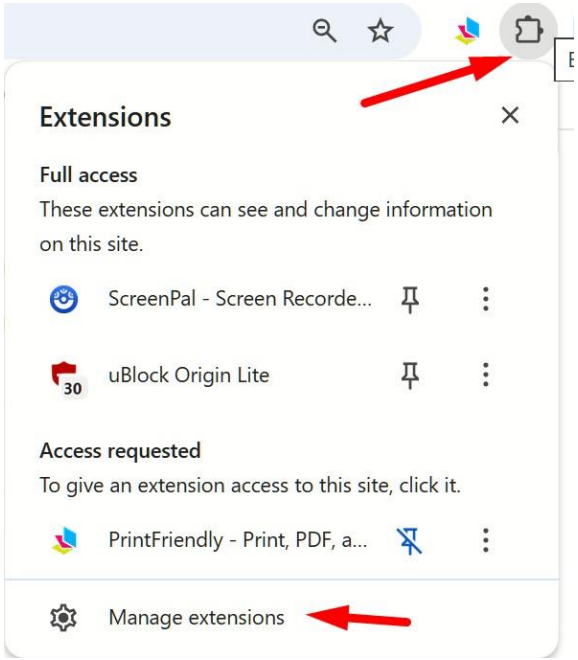
Another browser extension I use is “uBlock Origin Lite” from the Chrome web store which stops ads on Websites. You can download it from the Chrome Web store

https://chromewebstore.google.com/

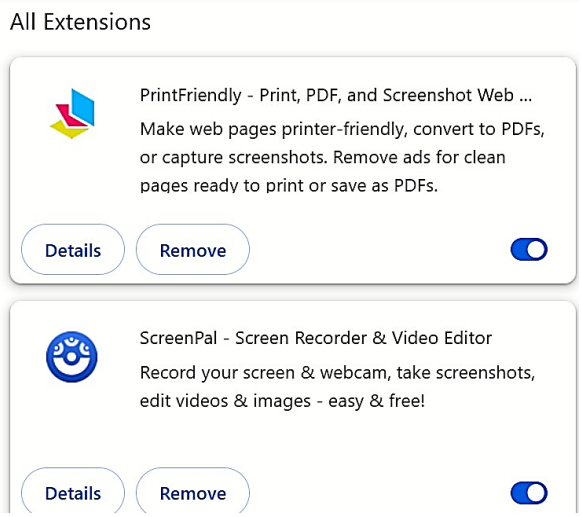
Click on this link and in the search bar type in **uBlock origin lite. It is an excellent Ad blocker. You can download it as an extension.**



Do not download more than one of the same kind of extension, they will clash. Here is my toolbar with my file extensions. If you click on this Puzzle icon you will see all the extensions you have downloaded.



If you click on “Manage extensions’ you can remove them and switch them on or off.



If you have a huge number browser extensions they can significantly slow down browsing speed, increase memory usage, and extend page load times. They function by adding extra computer code and consuming your “RAM” resources for every page. Extensions such as VPNs and some AI tools are the worst.

However they can be very useful used sensibly.