

Google releases Chrome browser for Macintosh computers

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"We took a hefty dose of goodness from the Windows version to build a fast, polished [browser](#) for Mac," software engineers John Grabowski and Mike Pinkerton of the Google Chrome team said in a blog post.

Late last year Google released a Chrome browser for personal computers running on Windows software made by technology rival Microsoft, which promotes its own [Internet Explorer](#) browsers.

The Macintosh version of Chrome is in "beta," or test, mode and does not yet have customization features such as allowing extension programs or bookmark management, according to the engineers.

Google on Tuesday also released a beta version of Chrome for computers running on open-source Linux operating systems.

Linux and Windows compatible versions of Chrome could be customized with features such as mini "extension" programs.

"We hope the betas for Mac, Linux and extensions were some of the things on your wish list this year," [Google](#) product manager Brian Rakowski said in a blog post.

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