

Google Labs shutting down

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Google Labs was an online playground where people could dabble with early versions of new services or products being worked on by engineers at the Internet powerhouse.

Pulling the plug on Labs is part of a strategy by Google chief executive [Larry Page](#) to "put more wood in fewer arrows" by prioritizing projects at the California-based company.

"While we've learned a huge amount by launching very early prototypes in Labs, we believe that greater focus is crucial if we're to make the most of the extraordinary opportunities ahead," research and systems

infrastructure senior vice president Bill Coughran said in a blog post.

Some Labs experiments will be incorporated into [Google](#) products or remain available as applications for devices running on Android software, according to Coughran.

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