



# How Google is doing **Hybrid Work**

And how you can make your strategy possible  
with the help of Chrome OS.

# Work has never been this **flexible**

The business world spent the past year and a half experiencing remote work. It was an abrupt change for many, especially those who had never tested remote work models, and IT teams had to scramble to make working from home work for everyone.



The reality is, more flexibility in where people work was on the horizon, and the pandemic simply accelerated what was soon to come. As the world works to make meeting in-person safe again, organizations are planning for a return to office, and that looks different for everyone. What we know is that less than 1 in 5 executives expect the workplace to return as it was pre-pandemic and half of employees want to work from home at least 3 days a week<sup>1</sup>, but there's always going to be value in working and collaborating in-person.

At Google, we've set our sights on a hybrid work structure, where Googlers will spend three days per week in office and two days wherever they work best. As you plan for a return to office and consider options that offer flexibility for your teams, this is your chance to reimagine the workplace.

Here's your inside look at some of Google's strategies for our return to office, and some inspiration for how you can design a work environment that's right for your organization with the flexibility and security of Chrome OS.



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<sup>1</sup> [U.S. Remote Work Survey, PWC](#)

# How Chrome OS enables flexible work for Google's employees

Google's campuses are an essential component of our community and culture. Our teams value in-person collaboration and enjoy many benefits of being in our offices across the globe, but we know that many employees will still enjoy and benefit from the flexibility of working from home a couple days of the week.



The key to striking the right balance between working in-office and remotely lies in our technology. While flexibility is important, security, collaboration, and access to the tools Googlers need in order to be productive can not be compromised. The modern, secure, cloud-first Chrome OS platform is helping us realize our hybrid work vision. Here's how.



**Seamless access to work environments with Flex desks:** Googlers in select office locations can reserve desks set up with a high-performance Chromebox, keyboard, mouse, and monitor. Chromeboxes sync the employee's cloud profile and allow them to work seamlessly with the same environment they have on all their Chrome OS devices.



**New docking stations for a full desktop experience:** Googlers can benefit from two types of docks: smaller docks that extend to one external HDMI display for remote working, and enterprise docks capable of extending up to 3 external displays via HDMI, DP or USB-C. With these larger docking stations, Googlers can bring their Chromebooks to the office, connect to a dock, and work with a monitor, keyboard, and mouse for a full desktop experience.



**Secure access to apps:** 72% of ITDMs agree that giving workers access to business apps anytime, any place, from any device is now business-critical<sup>2</sup>. Because the Chrome OS ecosystem is cloud-first, collaboration and productivity thrive whether employees are together in-person or working virtually. Our workforce benefits from simple and secure access to the applications they need to do their best work, with additional security controls for IT.

Every team and every Googler is different, but we all benefit from flexibility. We're eager to meet in-person again, and we find peace of mind in knowing that Chrome OS is carrying us securely into a future of hybrid work.

<sup>2</sup> Cloud Workers Are Key To Disruption Preparedness, Forrester

# How others are using Chrome OS for hybrid work

While flexibility in where employees work may be ideal for many, it's not necessarily easy to plan for. IT leaders are under pressure to find cost-effective, user-friendly solutions that help their teams get back in the workplace, and with the right platform, remote working can also be baked into your long-term strategy.

Regardless of what your return to the office looks like, Chrome OS makes the transition as smooth as possible.

## Move to the cloud with the new, free Chrome OS Readiness Tool

Segment your workforce to easily identify the employees who are ready to switch from Windows to Chrome OS, expanding the latest security, deployment, and manageability benefits to more of the workforce.

## Access legacy apps on Chrome OS with Parallels Desktop

Have employees who still need access to legacy tools? They can join your organization's transition to cloud working with Parallels Desktop for Chromebook Enterprise, which grants users access to legacy, proprietary and full-featured Windows applications locally on Chrome OS. Applications leveraging Parallels Desktop can be accessed without internet connection on a Chrome OS device, and IT can manage the apps that can be deployed directly with the Parallels Desktop infrastructure via the Google Admin Console.

## Deploy devices faster than ever with zero-touch enrollment

Chrome OS eases the burden on IT with devices that can automatically enroll into a corporate domain without IT configuration. Simply drop ship Chrome OS devices straight to your end user's doorstep, and once the device is connected to WiFi and Google confirms its identity, they can log in to your enterprise domain and start work. There's no need for IT to touch the device, and they can rest assured that each device is fully secure.

## Grab and Go Chromebooks for simple device sharing

Chrome OS devices are adaptive and designed for sharing. Frontline and hybrid workers can get to work right away with Grab and Go. Employees can simply grab a Chromebook, sign in, their Cloud Profile downloads automatically, and they can pick up where they left off.

## Modernize the computers your business already uses with a Chrome OS experience

Deliver the speed of Chrome OS on Windows and Mac with the device-agnostic CloudReady operating system. CloudReady optimizes your existing computers for the cloud and allows you to manage them in the Google Admin console alongside the rest of your Chrome OS devices.

Planning for a return to office is an exciting and hopeful time for many; maybe even a sigh of relief. Whether you need your teams in-person full-time or are planning for a hybrid work structure, making the transition with Chrome OS will modernize your business and make things easier and more secure for your end users and IT.

## Watch our digital event on hybrid work

Last year, we announced the launch of the [Modern Computing Alliance](#): a collaboration of industry leaders including HP, Box, Zoom, VMWare, and Dell dedicated to pioneering business solutions. Watch the latest digital discussion on returning to work, from security priorities to fostering collaboration, on demand now.



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