

Edcamp Baltimore Collaborative Session Notes  
APPS

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Title: working with Google docs

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chrome browser = amazing

Go to Chrome store and shop through extensions, lots for education

Apps vs. Extensions

Apps: quick link to a website or tool

Extensions: work on existing webpages to modify them, change them in some way

Extensions are extra-great

Fave Extensions:

- **Extensivity**: gives quick access to all extensions

- if you have a bunch of extensions running all the time it can slow you down, this helps manage them and keep them from getting in the way.
- This might be something that kids could install on chromebooks as well.

- **AdBlock**: blocks ads! Keeps your internet clean for presenting to students etc. Blocks ads & pop-ups. Will have a message at the top to allow pop-ups either just once or for a specific website.

- Consider installing on all student machines!

- **Readability**: Extension for cleaning up and simplifying webpages for reading; also shares with kindle

- If you sign up for a readability account, can 'read it later'

- **Beeline Reader** - print text presented in color gradient helps students read online more easily

- Open Dyslexic Font option in settings!

- **TLDR** (Too Long, Didn't Read): gives leveled summaries of webpage text

- **Read & Write for Google** - pulls highlighted info from reading into a document. Free pro account for teachers! Reads material aloud.

<http://rw.texthelp.com/drive/home/RegisterTeacher> ← link for free pro account

- **EasyReader** - pulls the selected text out of the image so students are not distracted by surrounding graphics, texts, etc.

Save Text to Google Drive - Save text to a google doc

- **One Tab** - creates single page with my tabs on list w/ links - share as a webpage option!

- **Goo.gl** - shortens long URLs, also generates a QR code
- **Speak It** - highlight text to read aloud - adjust speaking rate, voice, accent etc.
- A cleaner Internet** - deletes suggested videos/comments on YouTube



<sup>1</sup>[A Cleaner Internet | CrunchBase](#)

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**Easy Bib** - citation tool

**Google Research Tool** - in google doc, tools tab to research, open research tab on the side - cites everything instantly via Drag & drop!

“Google +” email trick - to generate email addresses for websites

All these tricks and resources at <http://techforteachers.com> - click on Chrome Extensions for more!

[http://techforteachers.com/?page\\_id=1117](http://techforteachers.com/?page_id=1117) <- direct link to my Chrome extensions page

My presentation on Chrome apps and extensions: <http://techforteachers.com/?p=1045>  
Feel free to steal and modify!