

Chromebooks Tutorial 101.2b

Chrome/Chromium O/S, Buying vs DIY, Machine Owner Info, Login Screen Orientation

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1) Resetting and Powerwashing a Machine

Resetting a machine is done when it's not behaving properly and you don't feel it's related to your user account information. The machine is returned to factory settings without removing user account information.

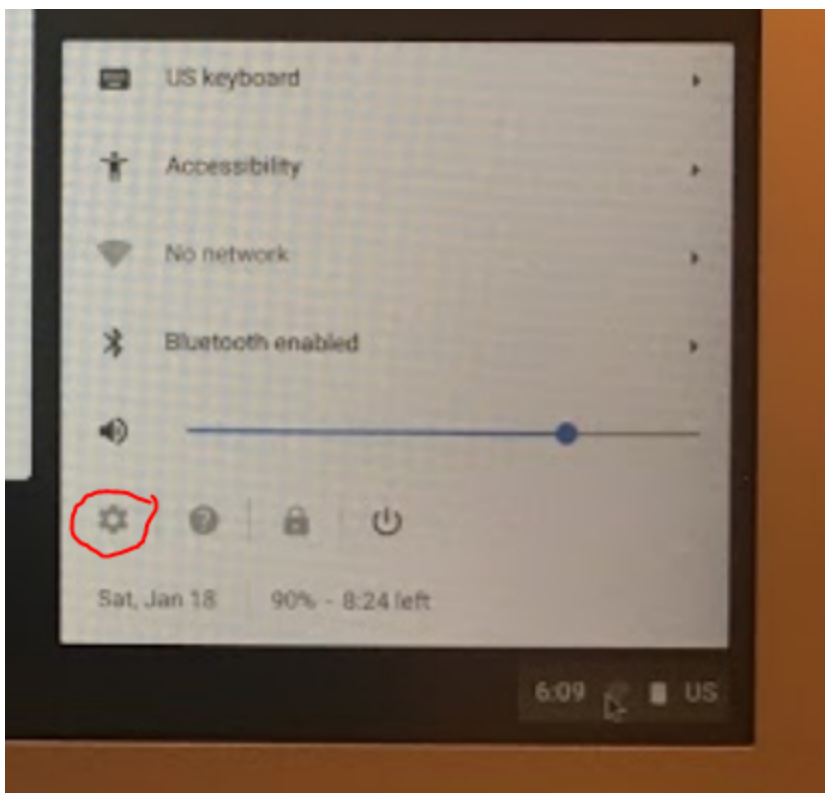
Power Wash is a machine reset PLUS it removes all your user data from the machine (not from the cloud). That said if someone had stored some downloaded data like videos or music locally and not in their cloud drive, that could be lost.

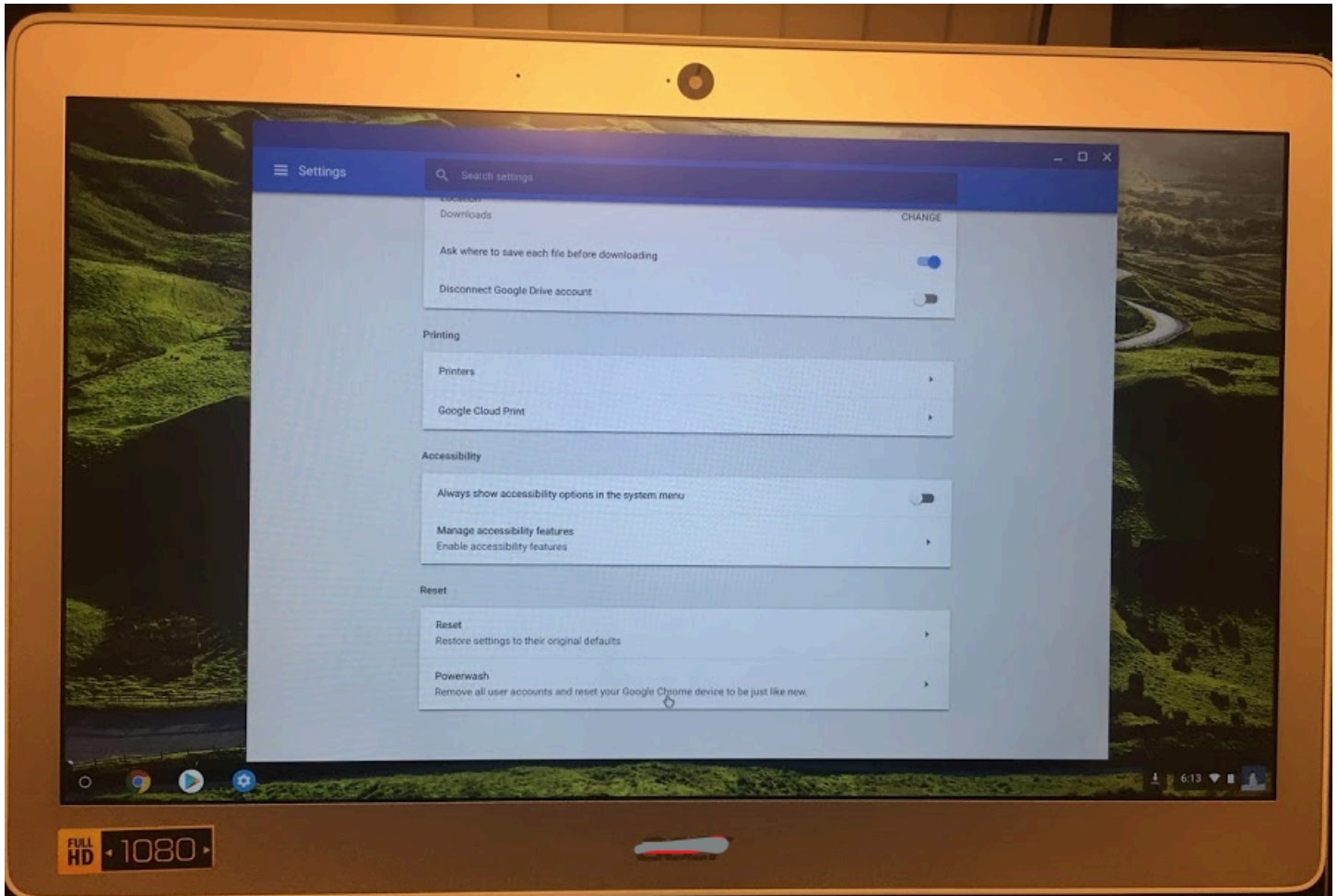
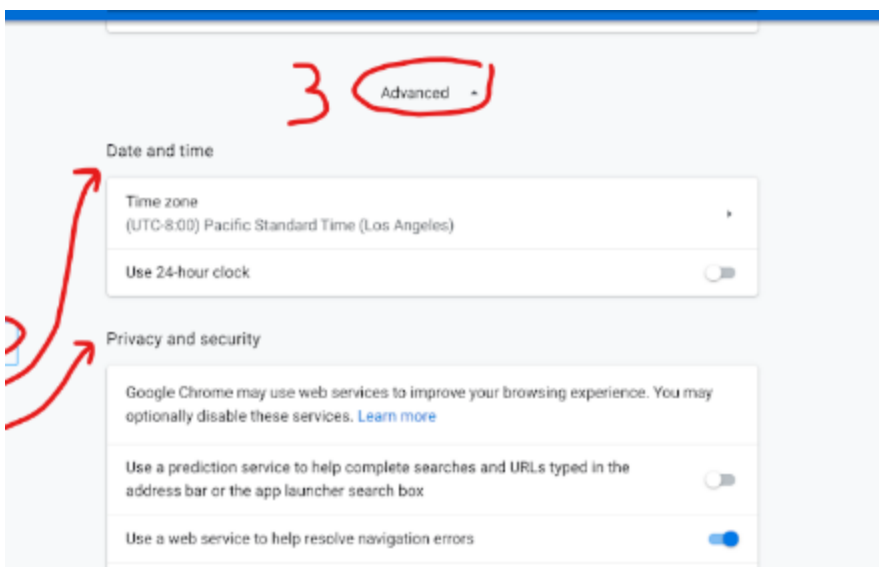
Reasons for Powerwash

1. If you buy a machine, login and find the eMMC slowness to be too bad, you might want to return it
2. You would also do this when giving the machine to someone, donating it, or selling it.
3. You would also do this if you need to change the machine owner.

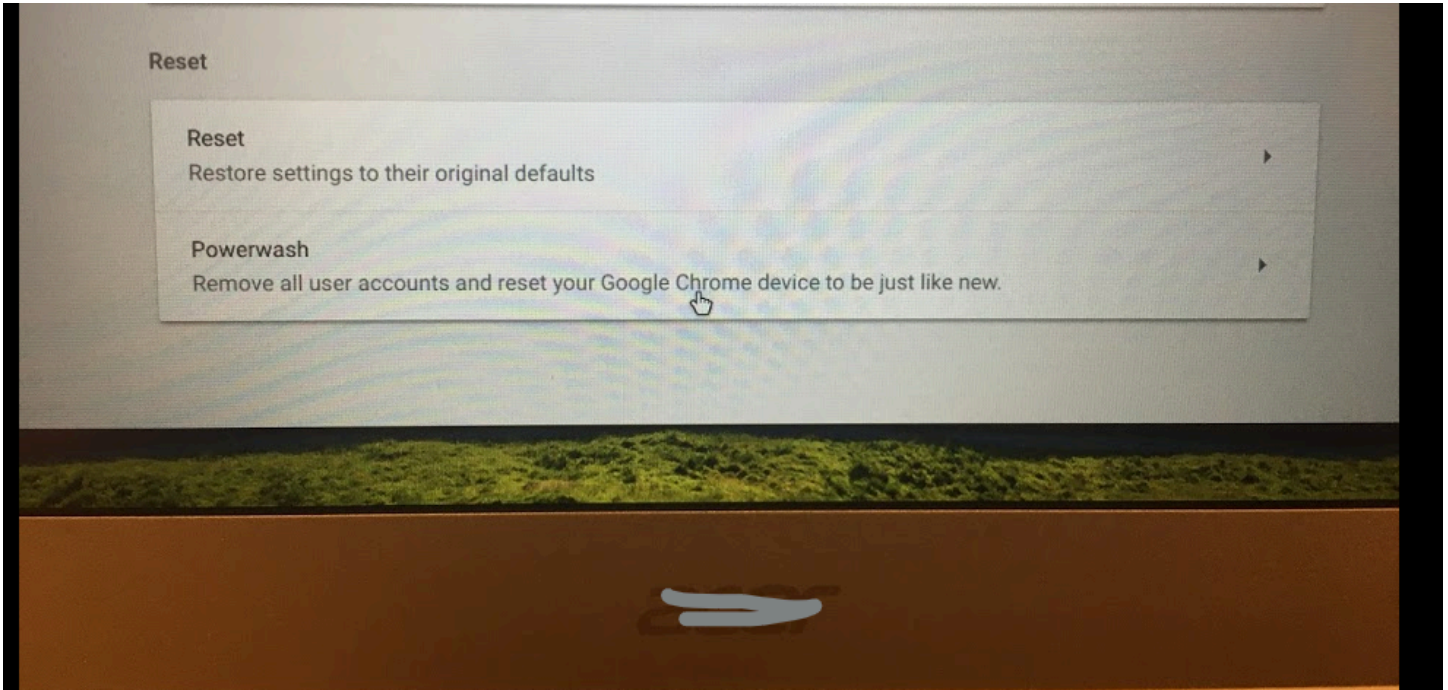
2) Step by Step Instructions for Resetting or Power washing...

STEP 1: Click on the bottom right status area for the popup and select the GEAR icon (settings icon)

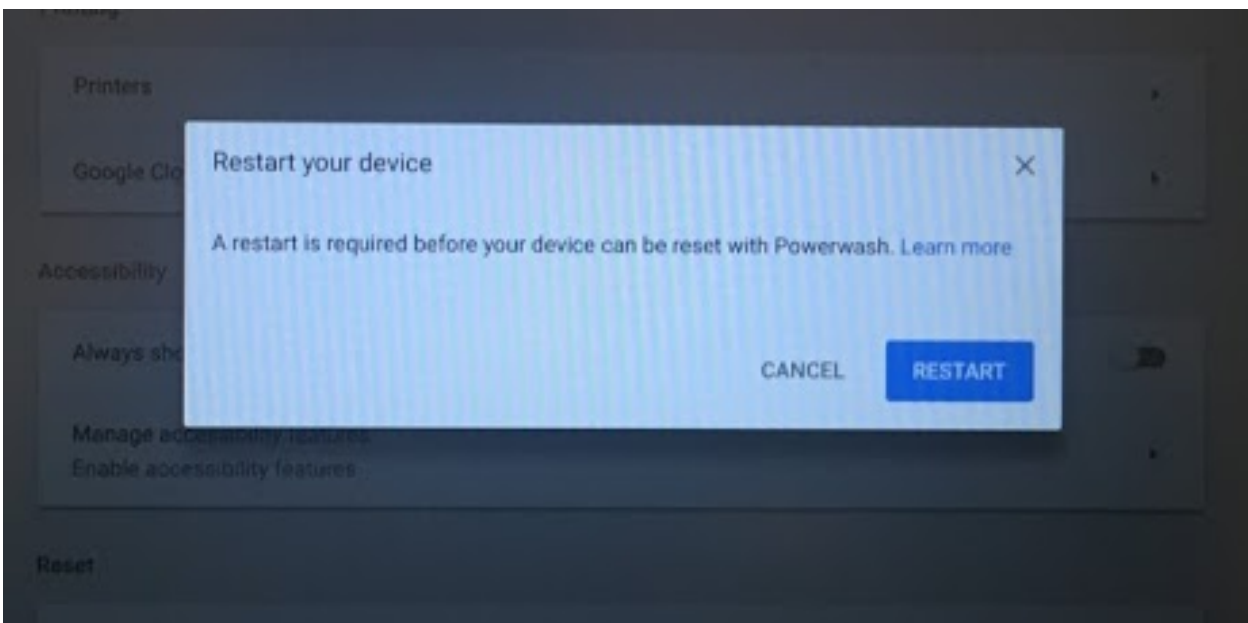


STEP 2: When a settings window like this comes up.. SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM**STEP 3: There will be an “Advanced” option, TOGGLE THAT..**

STEP 4: Scroll to the Bottom of the “advanced section” and you will find the Reset and Power Wash Options

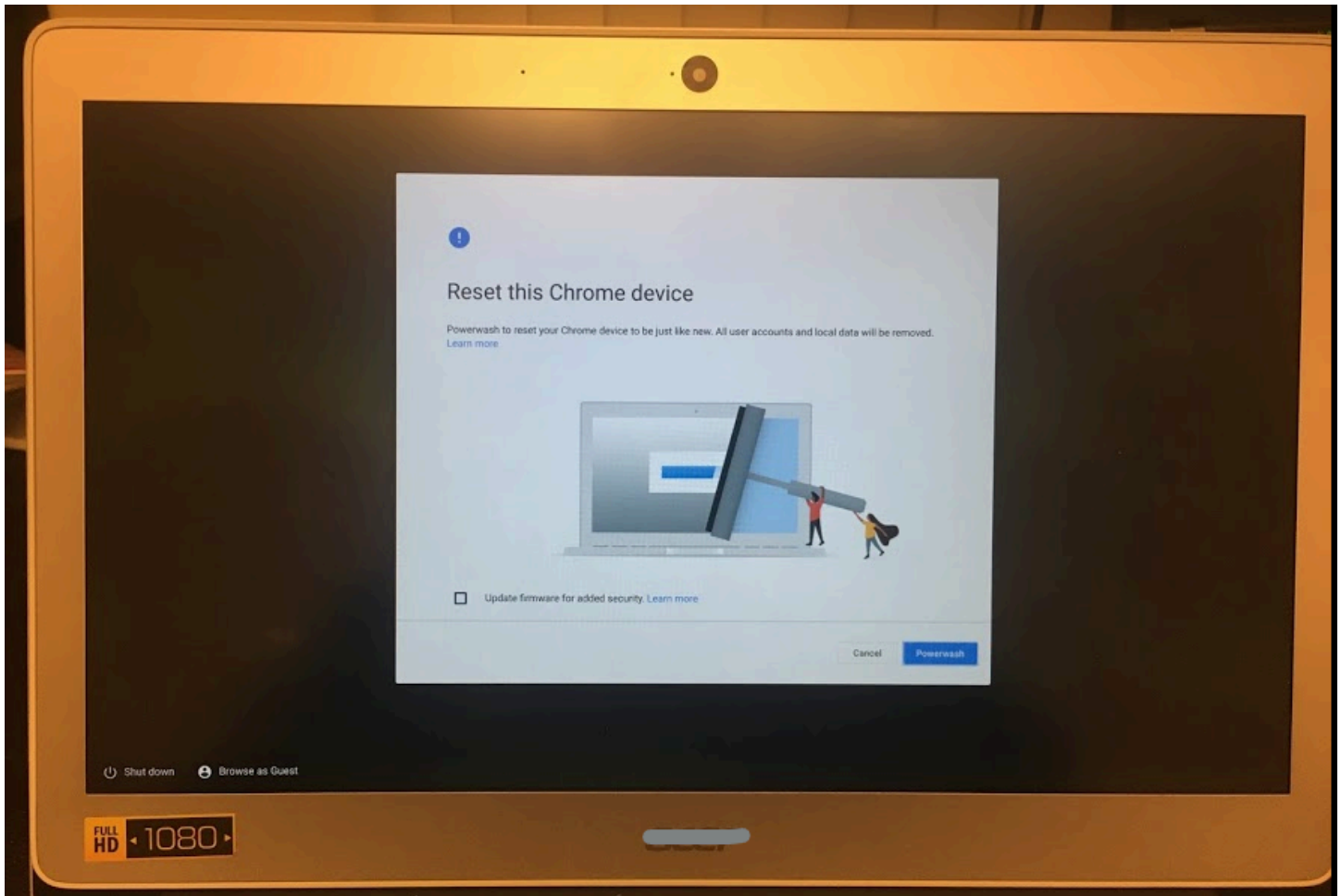


STEP 5: Powerwash asks for confirmation and requires a restart (presumably a Reset does too, but didn't test that)



STEP 6: You will be logged out and presented a screen similar to this.

Click on the powerwash button and it's typically reset and cleaned within a minute or so.



99) Exercises

1. Login to a new machine. Make some changes to the desktop or the apps. Then reset it and or Power Wash it.

NOTE: There is a local downloads folder on these machines that is separate from Google Drive, the cloud drive for the machines. If you were to power wash a machine that had other users on it, if they had downloaded things like videos or music and stored those on the local machine and not in their Google Drive, that would be lost in a Power Wash but not a Reset.

99) Update Log

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