Kyle's Favorite Chrome Extensions

These are the extensions I use to stay organized, save interesting stuff, optimize my experience for browsing and reading. Although I use Chrome as my primary browser, these extensions or ones similar are almost definitely available for Firefox or Safari, and, to a lesser extent, Internet Explorer.

Customizing My Experience

1. **Adblock** - Adblock removes advertising content from most web pages. Occasionally it will accidentally block non-ad content, such as an embedded video, but it is easy to turn on and off should you need to.
2. **OneTab** - Google Chrome can sometimes cause my computer to run slowly if I have too many tabs open at once. OneTab easily consolidates and saves all open tabs into one tab for later viewing.
3. **Tampermonkey** - Tampermonkey allows me to install and use scripts, which are small pieces of software (kind of like extensions) that can do any number of things. I use one to change how my Gmail inbox displays, but you can find countless others over at userscripts.org.
4. **StayFocusd** - If you spend too much time on a particular website (cough cough Facebook cough), you might consider installing StayFocusd, which allows you to set a limit on how long you spend on the sites that waste the most of your time.

Staying Organized

1. **LastPass** - Are all of your passwords different, lengthy, and difficult to guess? If the answer is yes, then you need LastPass. If the answer is no, well, then you *really* need LastPass.
2. **Pinboard** - this isn't actually a stand-alone extension (it requires a paid account with Pinboard.in), but it is by far the most useful bookmarking tool out there, in my opinion.
3. **Evernote Web Clipper** - another extension that isn't a standalone product, but one that allows me to save anything on the web to **Evernote**, a very popular and incredibly useful application for taking notes and staying organized.
4. **Zotero Chrome Connector** - another extension that ties to an external service, in this case **Zotero**, an amazing free tool for organizing research sources. Works in Chrome, Firefox, and Safari (sorry, IE users).

Reading and Sharing

1. **Pocket** - Allows me to save articles and other websites for easy reading later. It also has a very nice mobile app, which is how I use it most.
2. **Readability** - Ever wish the article you're reading was easier to read and didn't have so many distracting images, links, and ads? Readability cleans up the articles you're reading and formats it in an easy-to-read, easy-to-print format.
3. **Feedly** - I was devastated when I learned that Google was shutting down Google Reader, but I've since come around to Feedly as my RSS reader of choice. Feedly works as a browser extension in both Chrome and Firefox.

Being Creative
1. **Lightshot** - Easily capture screenshots of custom areas of a website and instantly share them, save them, or upload them to Pixlr, an online photo editor, for editing. I use this all the time.
2. **Eye Dropper** - I do a little dabbling in web design and graphic design, so it's always nice to be able to identify a color when I see one I like. Eye Dropper allows me to pick colors from web pages for use elsewhere.