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Differences between Google Chrome and Linux distro Chromium

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Introduction

Chromium on Linux has two general flavors: You can either get [Google Chrome](#) or chromium-browser (see [LinuxChromiumPackages](#)). This page tries to describe the differences between the two.

Google Chrome

Google Chrome is the Chromium open source project built, packaged, and distributed by Google. It has the following changes from Chromium:

- colored logo
- opt-in crash reporting
- opt-in user metric reporting
- support for H.264, AAC, MP3, Vorbis and Theora with audio/video tags
- sandbox
- single deb/rpm package
- profile files kept in `~/.config/google-chrome`

The dev channel build is updated about once a week after it passes the automated tests and a small amount of manual QA.

Chromium

- blue logo

- support for Vorbis and Theora with audio/video tags
- sandbox may be optional, depends on package maintainer
- packages are distro specific, sometimes split into multiple parts (locale data, inspector)
- profile files kept in `~/.config/chromium`

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