

# Chromebook Developer Mode (Getting a terminal)

Chromebooks are good for installs as they are cheap and all you need is a browser and a terminal anyway.

To get a standard terminal you have to put the Chromebook in developer mode:

**This will erase your login info and any local data!**

- Turn the Chromebook off
- Turn it on while holding esc and ⌘ (escape and reload)
- Wait for the next screen that says something like "Chrome OS is missing or..."
- Press Ctrl-D
- Wait for next screen
- Press enter

The Chromebook should restart and you can sign in as guest or enter your gmail etc to set up the laptop.

- ctrl-T to get a terminal
- type `shell` at the prompt to get a standard shell

The next time you start your Chromebook-

- Press Ctrl-D to continue (don't press the spacebar!)

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