

Introduction to Samsung Chromebook

- ...or, how I came to win and explore Chromebookeland courtesy of a Zagat's/Google raffle...
- ...and why it was very useful during a power failure...
- ...but isn't (yet) "strategic" to me compared to iPad.
- (Based on Jim Rhodes presentation!)

Typical Specifications (Vary!)

- Operating System – Google Chrome
 - Picked (exciting?) developer channel update
- Processor – Samsung Exynos 5 Dual
- Model Number – XE303C12-A01US
- Display – 11.6” LED HD (1365x768)
- Memory – 2GB DDR3L
- Storage – 16GB eMMC SSD

Features (Vary!)

- Stereo speakers (1.5Wx2)
- Internal mic
- 0.3 MP web camera
- Wireless LAN 802.11 a/b/g/n
- HDMI or mini-USB video port
- USB ports (3.0 & 2.0)
- 3-in-1 SD/SDHC/SDXC multi-card slot
- Earset / headset jack

Pluses

- Price - \$249 (varies!)
- Weight – 2.43lbs (varies!)
- Quick start/always on
- 7 Hour battery life
- 1 Year warranty parts & labor
- Little/no heat generated
- WiFi and 3G connectivity
- Multiple connection ports

Minuses

- Chronos Operating System
 - Runs Chrome browser
 - Runs Chromos apps (many free)
 - May lack important apps
- No VGA output
 - Chromebook to VGA dongle (maybe included)
- Non-standard keyboard (no Home/Del keys)

Standard Google Apps

- Chrome
- Store
- Get Help
- Google Search
- YouTube
- Gmail
- Google Calendar
- Google Maps
- Google Drive
- Google Docs
- Google Sheet
- Google Slides
- Google+
- Hangouts call
- Google Play
Music/Books/Film

Other Included Apps

- Games
- Calculator
- Camera
- Google Keep
- Chrome Repair
- Google Photo

Other Chromebooks

- ACER
- HP
- TOSHIBA

Variations

- Different Processors
- Larger Hard Drives
- More Memory
- Wide Range of Prices

In Summary...

- Advantages

- Cost
- Weight (?)
- Battery life
- Automatic online backups
- Underlying Linux
- Dual connectivity
- Multiple ports
- Simplicity
- Not Windows!
 - Fewer problems(?)

- Disadvantages

- Designed for online
- Clunky apps
- May lack favorite apps
- New/different OS
- Non-standard keyboard
- Expired 3G service
- Looks like PC but isn't!
 - Lack of community
- Requires learning
 - Some doc + online info

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