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## Chrome video playing

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Screenshot: Brendan Hesse (Google Chrome)While Chrome has let users mute audio in individual tabs for some time, Google is currently testing a new media control feature in the browser’s latest Canary build. When enabled, users can play, pause, and skip/rewind audio and video content directly from the browser’s toolbar—incredibly convenient for silencing (or starting) Spotify while you work, for example, even if you’re not looking at the Spotify tab.Google teased this feature for some Chrome users in a previous stable version of the browser, but it disappeared just as suddenly as it appeared. Hopefully Google is finally bringing the feature back—this time for good.How to turn on Global Media Controls in Chrome CanaryIf you don’t want to deal with Canary, you can get similar controls with various Chrome extensions, but their functionality is limited to only specific apps and media. In contrast, Chrome’s new controls are universal. They work the same for all supported media, and they let you pause and play media that’s blasting from a number of sites and services.Screenshot: Brendan Hesse (Chrome Canary)Here's how to try out Chrome's new media controls.Download the latest Chrome Canary build from Google Type "chrome://flags/" into your URL bar and hit Enter to open the flags menuIn the search bar, search for the flag "Global Media Controls"Set the option's drop-down menu to "Enable."Relaunch Chrome Canary to apply the changesAfter relaunching, the media controls will appear next to Chrome's URL bar.All the normal warnings regarding unfinished, beta features and software apply here: Chrome will probably crash and the playback controls may not work for every service or web app you use, but it's still a super-helpful feature. We're curious to see what form it takes in the final, public version. Picture-in-picture (PIP) video playback is a user-favorite feature on Android’s Chrome app, and you can now get it on your Chrome desktop browser—as long as you’ve updated to Chrome 70, that is.How to watch videos PIP in Chrome 70You can check to make sure you’re running the latest version of Chrome by opening a Chrome browser window. You'll see an icon in the upper-right corner if an update is available—green means the update is less than two days old, orange means it’s four days old, and red means it’s seven or more days old. If you have an update available, click the icon, then click Update Google Chrome to run the update. After it’s done, relaunch Chrome. You're now ready to watch videos in PIP.Chrome in Windows, Mac, and LinuxIf you're on Windows or Mac, you can enable PIP by right-clicking a video and clicking "Picture in Picture Mode." If you're watching on YouTube, you'll need to double-right click. Some developers might also offer buttons you can use to enable PIP, as seen here, and some videos might even launch automatically in PIP. (Some video players don't support this feature, but you can try using the Picture-in-Picture extension to fix that.) You can click and drag the corners or sides of the PIP window to resize it. The player will remain on top of any Chrome windows you have open, and the tab where the video originates will have a blue-outlined asterisk icon prominently displayed to the left of the tab's title, which makes it easy to find if you're bouncing between multiple tabs.Don't close the tab or leave the video's website if you wish to continue watching, however. If that tab is closed or the domain is changed, you'll sever the player's connection to the video and it'll close.Chrome OS While PIP is turned on by default for Chrome 70 on Windows, Mac, and Linux, getting it working in Chrome OS is slightly more complicated. For now, you'll need to type or copy/paste the following into your Chrome address bar: chrome://flags#enable-surfaces-for-videos Then, set the feature "Enable the use of SurfaceLayer objects for videos" to "Enabled." You may need to restart Chrome, but you'll then be able to right-click on videos (double-right click for YouTube), then click "Picture in Picture mode" to open the video in the pop-out player. Photo: ShutterstockPicture-in-picture (PIP) video playback is a near-universal feature for many people—unless you own a Chromebook, that is. There, the feature only works for a couple of apps, unlike the experience you'd get in web browsers and video streaming apps on Android, iOS, Windows, and macOS.Support appears to be growing, however. The most recent Chrome OS update adds automatic PIP support for Netflix streams, which hopefully means more apps will support PIP in the future. But unlike other platforms, where switching to PIP is mostly automatic, the method for enabling PIP in Netflix's Chrome OS app works differently than when watching a Youtube video in Chrome. Here's how to enable PIP on the two Chrome OS apps that support it.NetflixWhile watching Netflix in the Chrome OS app, simply swap to another app and the video will shrink down into a smaller window and continue playing. You can also tap/click the video to return to full screen, play/pause, or drag it to other parts of your screen if it's obstructing another app.Google ChromeOne of the only other Chrome OS apps with PIP support is the Chrome browser itself. The feature will let you watch just about any video content in a PIP window, which means that just about every video platform or website that supports Chrome can technically be played in a PIP window as long as you're watching through the browser. You'll need to first download and install this official Chrome extension. Then, while you're watching a video, press "Alt + P" to pop the video out into a separate, smaller video player. The video will continue playing even while you browse other tabs and apps, and it can be dragged around the screen. Tapping or clicking the video will also bring up basic playback functions. chrome video playing problem. youtube video not playing in chrome. html5 video not playing in chrome. how do i fix video not playing on chrome. video not playing in chrome mobile. mp4 video not playing in chrome. video stops playing when i switch tabs chrome. voot video not playing in chrome

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