Google's new Chrome browser: Interesting, but is it ready for prime time?

Google recently unveiled its own Web browser, Chrome (available for Windows, and eventually Mac and Linux), designed to be fast, dependable and secure. Chrome is still in beta, so it won't become your primary browser anytime soon, but it does offer some interesting features that have the IT world talking.

Security is something Google Chrome really stresses as a strength. It claims that its multiple tab layout can help prevent malware in a technique called sandboxing. Google Chrome also has a privacy mode in which you use an "incognito window," and nothing that occurs there is logged onto your computer's browser. However, within days of Chrome's release on the internet, both of these security features were compromised.

IT Security Analyst Julie Fugett offers her take on the new browser. She says one thing that Chromeusers do effectively is prevent memory leak/ blob with its multi-tab (process) design. Regardless, it would be unwise to commit to Chrome now because it hasn't been thoroughly tested. "For myself, I am using and recommending Firefox 3," says Fugett. To learn more or try the Google Chrome beta for yourself, visit www.google.com/chrome.

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