

# What are Chromebooks? And why you don?t need Windows any more?

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The central part of Chromebook is the operating system that powers it. Hardware wise, it?s the same hardware that runs Microsoft?s Windows or Apple?s Mac. It?s the OS which separates it from the rest. Chrome OS uses the Linux kernel, the same kernel which is being used by Android, Amazon Kindle, B&N?s Nook. Linux powers stock exchanges, NASA?s missions and a lot of other things that you may not have imagined. More or less Linux is like the plastic of the modern world ? it?s everywhere. Before we go into details, let?s quickly explain what is a kernel as people get scared the moment they hear the word Linux.

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