Chrome Web Distill, Windows

Introduction

Web distilling is the process of cleaning up a web page to ensure that only the most pertinent information is displayed. Commonly, web pages are littered with advertisements and extraneous graphics that may distract a reader from the essential information. There are many ways to distill a web page but this method will allow a user to distill without the addition of third party extensions.

Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with the following:

- Users will become familiar with distilling web pages using a simple command built into the Chrome web browser (Windows and Chromebooks only)

This tutorial assumes:

- that you are using either a Windows computer or a Chromebook
- that you have the most recent version of the Google Chrome web browser

Case Study

Skylar is a Grade Three student who has low vision. She uses a computer to research information to support her curricular studies. However, many of the sites that she visits are often cluttered with ads and graphics or the information is displayed in such a format that it is hard for her to access the information. The use of a web distiller would allow Skylar to access all of the information in a manageable format without having to scroll around the page.
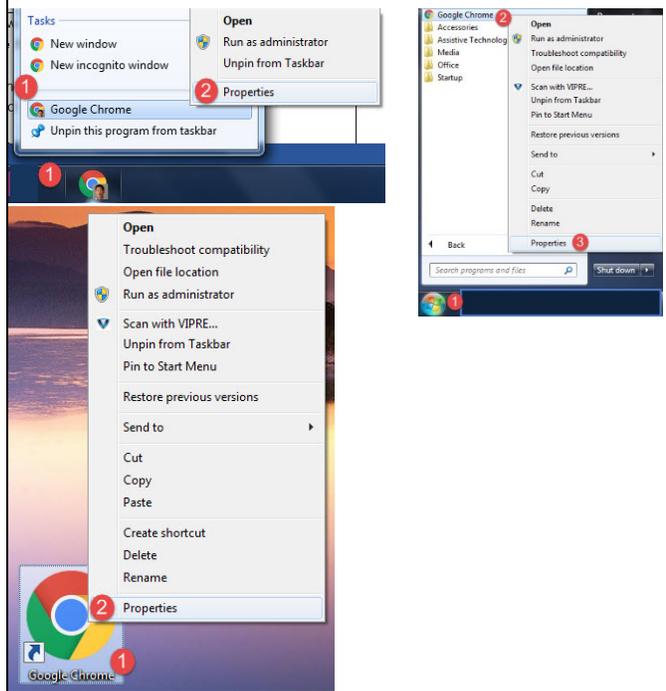
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Setting up the distill function in Chrome

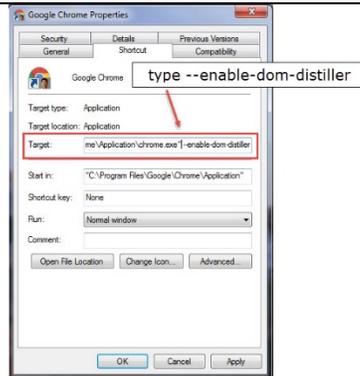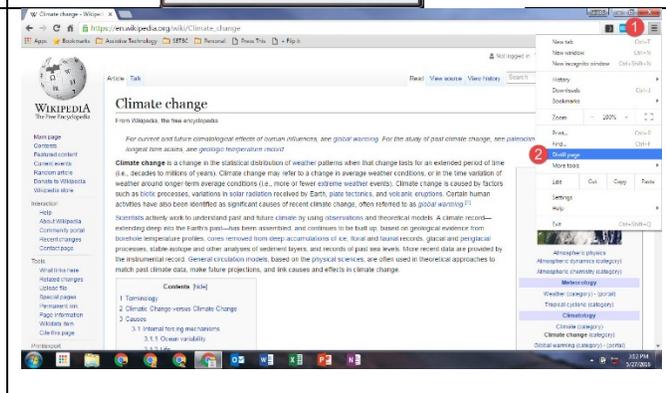|		
1	**Locate** the Chrome browser shortcut on your computer. It will either be (clockwise from top left): a) on the bottom of your screen in your taskbar, b) in the start menu under "All Programs", or c) on your desktop. **Right click** on the shortcut (1), and **select** properties (2) from the resulting menu. If you are right clicking from the task bar, you will need to right click again on the item that says "Google Chrome" before properties shows up.	
2	An application properties window will open. In this window, locate the box that says "Target". **Type** "--enable-dom-distiller" (without the parenthesis) to the end of it and make sure there is a space between the parameter and what is before it.	
3	Start Chrome after you have added the parameter to it and the new option becomes available. You find the option to enable reader mode in the Hamburger menu (1). There you need to click on Distill Page (2) to simplify the page.	

4	This is what the distilled page will look like.	**Climate change - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia** For current and future climatological effects of human influences, see global warming. For the study of past climate change, see paleoclimatology. For temperatures on the longest time scales, see geologic temperature record. **Climate change** is a change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns when that change lasts for an extended period of time (i.e., decades to millions of years). Climate change may refer to a change in average weather conditions, or in the time variation of weather around longer-term average conditions (i.e., more or fewer extreme weather events). Climate change is caused by factors such as biotic processes, variations in solar radiation received by Earth, plate tectonics, and volcanic eruptions. Certain human activities have also been identified as significant causes of recent climate change, often referred to as *global warming*.[1] Scientists actively work to understand past and future climate by using observations and theoretical models. A climate record—extending deep into the Earth's past—has been assembled, and continues to be built up, based on geological evidence from borehole temperature profiles, cores removed from deep accumulations of ice, floral and faunal records, glacial and periglacial processes, stable-isotope and other analyses of sediment layers, and records of past sea levels. More recent data are