Step-by-Step Guide to Setting Up Google Chrome Remote Desktop

1 Setting Up Chrome Remote Desktop on the Host Computer

The host computer is the one you want to access remotely.

1. **Install Google Chrome**:

   - Ensure Google Chrome is installed on the host computer. If not, download and install it from https://www.google.com/chrome/.

2. **Sign In to Chrome**:

   - Open Chrome and sign in to your Google account. Click the profile icon in the top-right corner and sign in with your Google credentials.

3. **Install Chrome Remote Desktop Extension**:

   - Go to the Chrome Web Store: https://remotedesktop.google.com/.

   - Click **Add to Chrome** to install the Chrome Remote Desktop extension.

   - Confirm by clicking **Add extension** in the pop-up.

4. **Download and Install Chrome Remote Desktop Host**:

   - Visit https://remotedesktop.google.com/access in Chrome.

   - Click **Set up remote access** or the download button (a blue arrow).

   - Download the **Chrome Remote Desktop Host** installer (a small .msi or .dmg file, depending on your operating system).

   - Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions to install the host software.

5. **Enable Remote Access**:

   - After installation, return to Chrome and the Remote Desktop page.

   - Click **Turn on** under "Set up remote access."

- Name your computer (e.g., "Home PC") when prompted.

- Set a PIN (at least 6 digits) for secure access. Remember this PIN.

6. **Confirm Setup**:

- Ensure the computer is listed under "My Computers" on the Chrome Remote Desktop page.

- Keep the computer powered on and connected to the internet for remote access.

2 Accessing the Host Computer from Another Computer

The remote computer is the one you'll use to connect to the host.

1. **Install Google Chrome on the Remote Computer**:

- Ensure Chrome is installed on the remote computer. Download it from https://www.google.com/chrome/ if needed.

2. **Sign In to the Same Google Account**:

- Open Chrome and sign in with the same Google account used on the host computer.

3. **Install Chrome Remote Desktop Extension**:

- Go to https://remotedesktop.google.com/ in Chrome.

- Add the Chrome Remote Desktop extension by clicking **Add to Chrome** and confirming.

4. **Access the Host Computer**:

- Navigate to https://remotedesktop.google.com/access.

- Under "My Computers," find the host computer's name (e.g., "Home PC").

- Click the computer's name and enter the PIN you set earlier.

- Click **Connect**.

5. **Control the Host Computer**:

- Once connected, you'll see the host computer's desktop in the Chrome browser.

- Use your mouse and keyboard to control the host computer as if you were physically present.

3 Additional Notes

- **Security**: Ensure both computers are secure. Use a strong PIN and keep your Google account protected with two-factor authentication.

- **Internet Connection**: Both computers need an active internet connection. The host computer must remain powered on and not in sleep mode.

- **Cross-Platform**: Chrome Remote Desktop works on Windows, macOS, Linux, and Chromebooks.

- **Troubleshooting**:

  - If the host computer doesn't appear, ensure the Chrome Remote Desktop Host software is running and the computer is online.

  - Check that both devices are signed into the same Google account.

  - Firewalls or antivirus software may block connections; allow Chrome Remote Desktop through your firewall settings.

For more details, visit Google's support page: `https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/1649523`.