

Privacy Policy

Ask a Geek — New Tab (Chrome extension) · Effective date: July 23, 2026

Short version: Ask a Geek does not collect, transmit, sell, or share any user data. Everything you create in the extension stays in your browser, on your device. The extension makes no network requests of its own.

1. What this extension does

Ask a Geek replaces Chrome's new tab page with a keyboard-first launcher: a multi-engine search box with bang prefixes, user-defined quick-access shortcuts, and a local todo list.

2. Data the extension stores — locally only

The following information is saved with your browser's standard local storage (`localStorage`), inside your Chrome profile on your device:

- Your quick-access shortcuts (names and URLs you add)
- Your todo items
- Your settings (display name, clock format, accent color, section visibility, preferred search engine)
- Small usage counters used only to adapt on-page hint text (e.g., number of times a new tab was opened)

This data never leaves your device. It is not transmitted to the developer or to any third party, and the extension contains no code capable of doing so. Uninstalling the extension or clearing site data for the extension removes it.

3. Favicons

The extension uses Chrome's `favicon` permission solely to display site icons on your own shortcut cards. Icons are read from Chrome's local favicon cache; no network request is made and no browsing history is read.

4. Web searches

General web searches use Chrome's built-in Search API (`chrome.search`), which sends your query to the default search engine you have configured in Chrome's own settings — the extension neither chooses nor changes that engine. Site-specific searches (GitHub, Stack Overflow, MDN, YouTube) navigate directly to that site's search page, exactly as if you had typed the query there. In both cases your query is handled by the destination service under its own privacy policy; the extension does not log, intercept, or forward your searches anywhere.

5. What the extension does not do

- No analytics, telemetry, or tracking of any kind
- No advertising and no ad identifiers
- No accounts, sign-ins, or profiles
- No remote code — every line of code ships inside the extension package
- No collection of personally identifiable information, health, financial, authentication, communication, location, web-history, activity, or website-content data
- No selling, sharing, or transferring of user data to anyone, for any purpose

6. Permissions summary

- `favicon` — display site icons for your shortcuts from Chrome's local cache (see section 3)
- `search` — send new-tab search queries to your own default search engine (see section 4)
- `chrome_url_overrides.newtab` — replace the new tab page; this is the extension's single purpose

7. Changes to this policy

If a future version of the extension ever changes its data practices, this policy will be updated first, the effective date above will change, and the Chrome Web Store listing's data disclosures will be updated to match before that version is published.

8. Contact

Questions about this policy or the extension: danielsoromou02@gmail.com