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Bringing together Android and Chrome OS devices and making Chrome OS a more user-friendly platform is one of the top priority plans in the software development strategy of Google today. The launch of the extremely useful Phone Hub feature is the clearest demonstration.

What is Phone Hub?

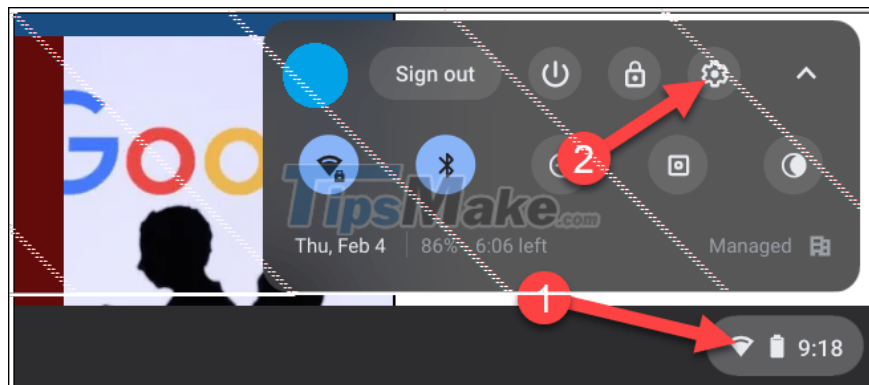
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Google has been working on the Phone Hub for Chrome OS for a while now, but has only recently launched it officially on Chrome OS 89. Phone Hub works essentially similarly to Microsoft's 'Your Phone' app on Windows 10. In this article we learn how to use the Phone Hub offline.

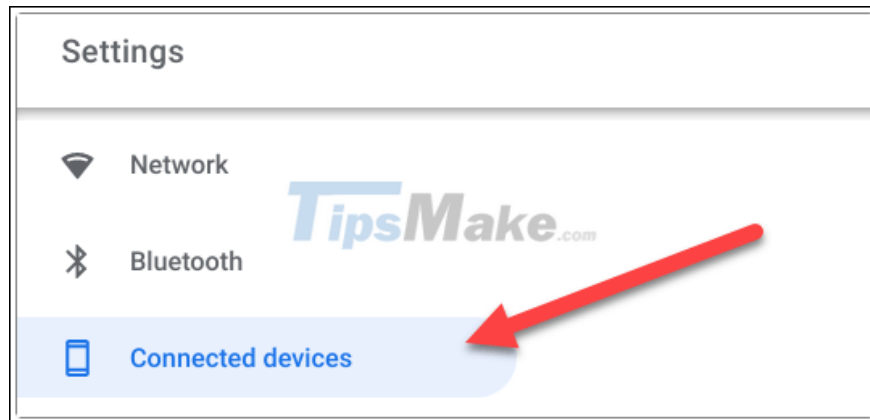
Connect Chrome OS to Android using Phone Hub

To use the new Phone Hub feature, do the following:

Step 1: Connect your Android phone to your Chromebook by clicking the clock section in the bottom right corner of the Chromebook screen > clicking the gear icon to open the **Settings** menu .



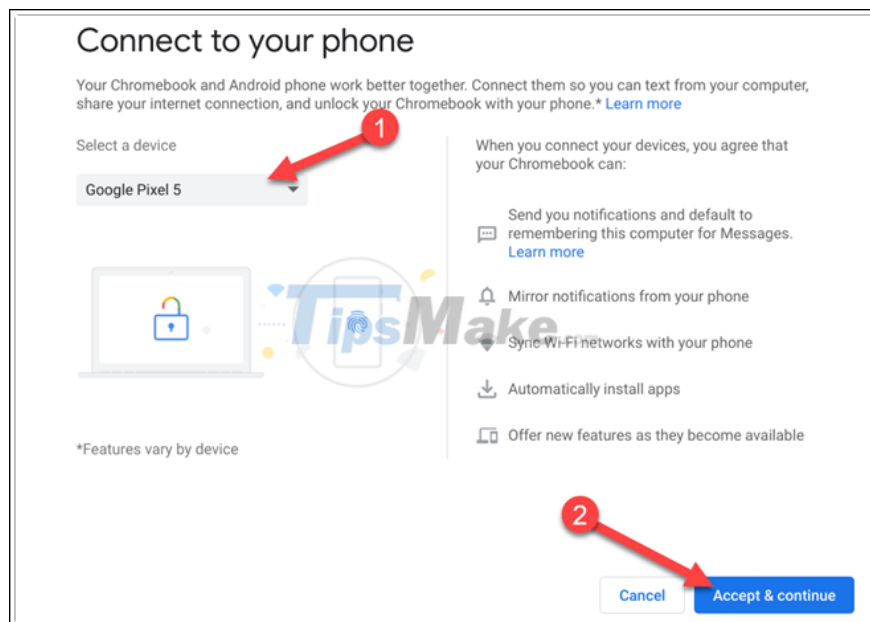
Step 2: In the Settings menu that appears, click on the tab ' **Connected Devices** '.



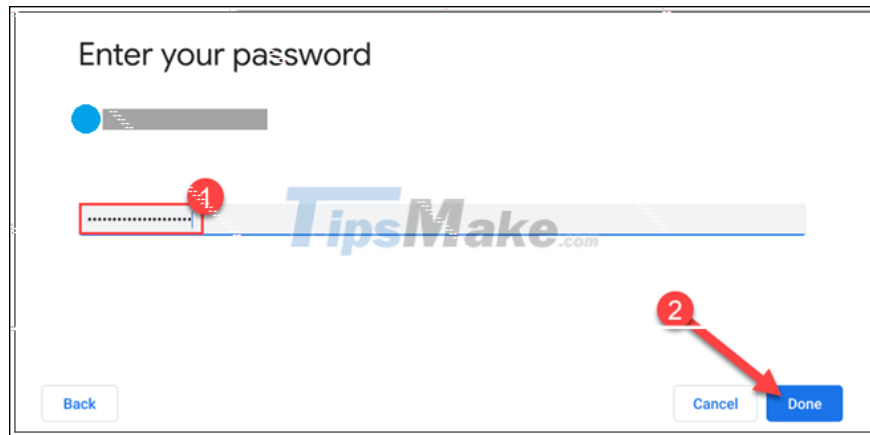
Step 3: You will see ' **Android Phone** ' here. Click the " **Set Up** " button to start the customization process.



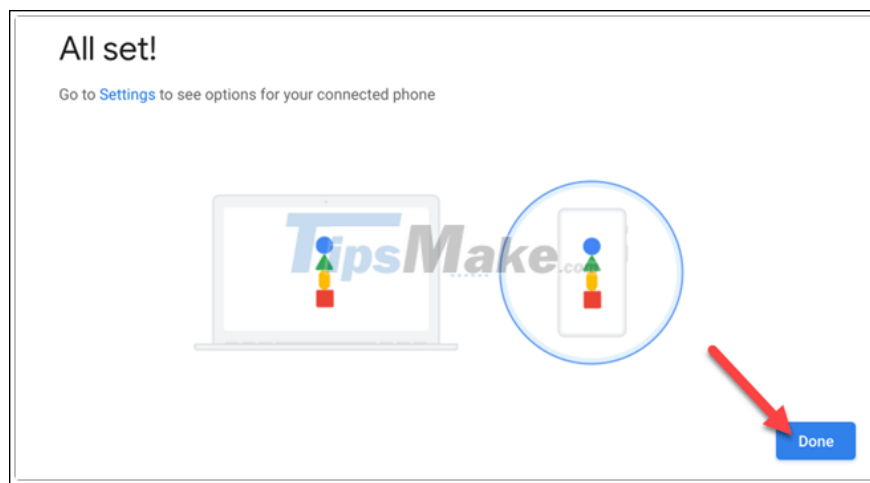
Step 4: A new window will open with a drop-down menu listing active Android devices associated with your Google account. Select a device you want to use and click ' **Accept & Continue** '.



Step 5: Enter your Google account password and click ' **Done** '.



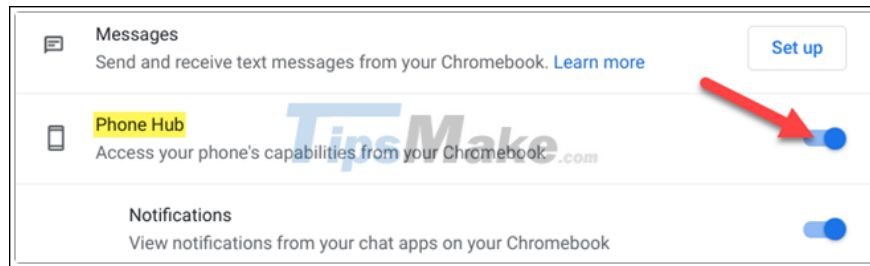
Step 6 : If authenticated correctly, the two devices will be connected. Click '**Done**' to return to the Chromebook's Settings menu.



Step 7: Your phone name will now be listed under '**Connected Devices**'. Click on it to continue.

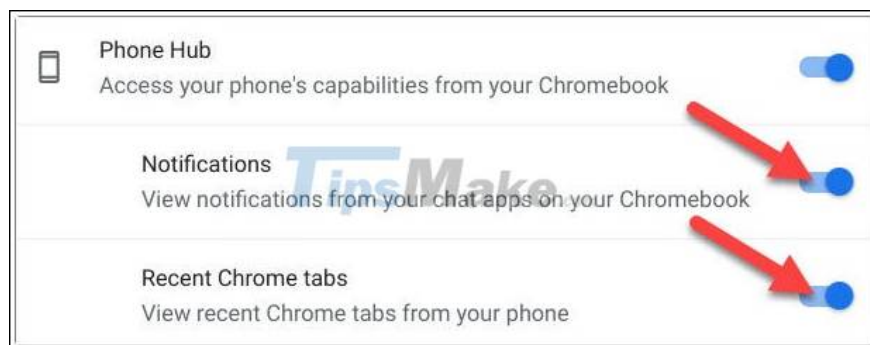


Here are all the settings related to your connected Android device. First, make sure that '**Phone Hub**' is enabled.

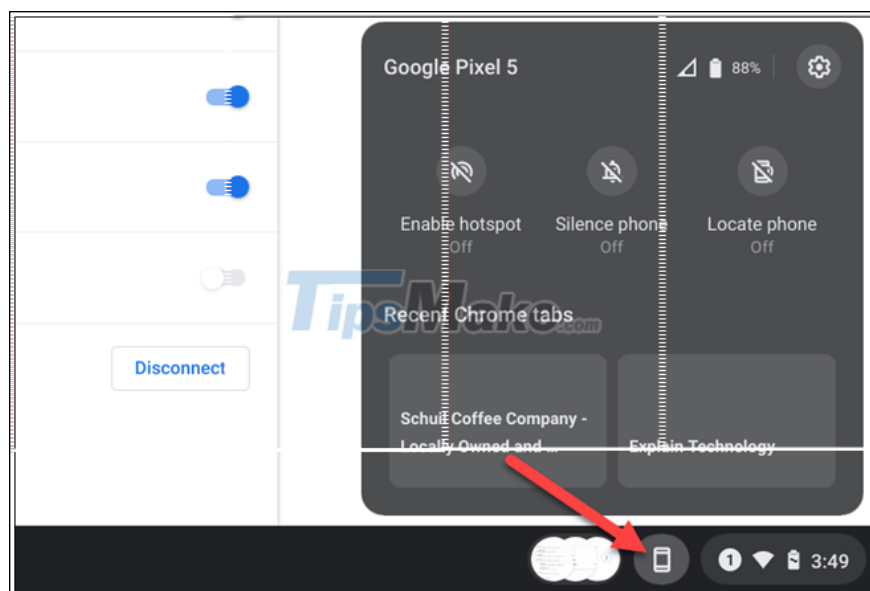


There will be two switch buttons under the " **Phone Hub** " section corresponding to additional features. Turn on the options you want to use.

1. **Notifications** : **Notifications** from 'chat apps' on your connected Android device will be synced and displayed on the Chromebook.
2. **Recent Chrome Tabs** : If you use Chrome on your Android device, the tabs you recently opened will appear in the Hub.



Once you've completed the above steps, you'll see a phone icon appear on the Shelf area of ??your Chromebook. Click it to open Phone Hub.



Let's learn through the Phone Hub interface.

Starting at the top, you can see your Android device's name, its signal strength, and its battery level. The gear icon will take you directly to the Settings we saw earlier.



The middle section has a few buttons to help control the connected Android device.

1. **Enable Hotspot** : If your phone supports this feature and you've turned on Instant Tethering on your Chromebook, your computer will connect to your phone's Internet.
2. **Silence Phone** (silent mode: Mute the ringing and notification sounds on your Android device.
3. **Locate Phone** : Make your phone ring loud so you can easily identify where it is.



The bottom area will display the two most recent tabs you visited in the Google Chrome browser on your Android device. Just click to open them on your Chromebook.



Thus, if you own an Android device and a Chromebook, the connection between them has become very easy from now on thanks to Phone Hub. You can focus on your computer and still don't miss what's important on your phone.

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