

# ESCAPE GOOGLE

*Before It's Too Late*

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Chrome secretly installs 4 GB AI on your device.  
Android 17 hands your phone's autonomy to Google.  
Here's what to do — right now.

Part 1: The Breach

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01

SECTION 01

# The Breach

Chrome · Gemini Nano · consent you never gave

# What Chrome Secretly Put on Your Disk

# 4 GB

of AI model data  
written to your disk

File name:	weights.bin
Location:	~/OptGuideOnDeviceModel/
Model:	Gemini Nano (on-device LLM)
Install trigger:	Chrome AI features active (default)
User consent:	None. Zero. Not asked.
Can you remove it?:	It re-downloads itself on next restart

⚠ Chrome batched the 4 GB AI model download alongside routine security updates — as if they were equivalent.

## How we know:

macOS kernel filesystem logs (.fsevents) caught the install on a profile that received zero human input. Chrome itself wasn't even open — the model arrived while an automated audit script waited for a 5-minute timer. Install time: 14 minutes 28 seconds. Source: Alexander Hanff / ThatPrivacyGuy, May 2026.

# The Deception Layer — What You See vs. What's Real

## What you SEE in Chrome 147

### "AI Mode" pill

Visible in the address bar — looks local, looks private, looks like it uses your on-device Gemini Nano model.

#### User inference (reasonable but wrong):

- Queries stay on my device
- The 4 GB model is powering this
- My data doesn't leave Chrome



## What is ACTUALLY happening

### Cloud-routed LLM

Every query typed into AI Mode is sent over the network to Google's servers. Gemini Nano is NOT invoked by this UI.

#### The actual reality:

- ✗ Queries go to Google's cloud
- ✗ The 4 GB sits unused, wasting disk
- ✗ Google logs your searches anyway

# Legal Violations & Environmental Cost

## Legal Exposure (EU)

### ePrivacy Directive Art. 5(3)

Storing info on device requires prior, freely-given, specific, informed consent. Chrome gives none.

### GDPR Art. 5(1)

Lawfulness, fairness, transparency. All three violated by silent install.

### GDPR Art. 25

Privacy-by-design: the default must be the most privacy-friendly option. Chrome's default is the opposite.

## Environmental Cost Nobody Authorized

# 6,000 – 60,000

tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e — just from the file transfer

- ▶ = 13,000 cars running for a year
- ▶ + 640,000t CO<sub>2</sub>e embodied SSD carbon (1B devices × 4 GB)
- ▶ + ongoing inference energy when features trigger
- ▶ **Zero users consented. The planet pays the bill.**

# 02

SECTION 02

## The Vision

Android 17 · Gemini Intelligence · your phone is no longer yours

# Android 17: Google Officially Ends "Your Phone"

## Google's Official Announcement

***"We are transitioning Android from an operating system to an intelligence system."***

— Google, *The Android Show: I/O Edition*, May 12, 2026

- ▶ Books appointments for you, unprompted
- ▶ Builds shopping carts from your notes
- ▶ Replies to your texts automatically in the car
- ▶ Reads your Gmail and Photos for autofill
- ▶ **Decides when to interrupt you (Pause Point)**

## What This Actually Means

### Proactive, not reactive

AI doesn't wait for you to ask — it acts on context it continuously reads from your device.

### Intelligence = access

"Context-aware" means Gemini reads your screen, apps, calendar, messages — all the time.

### Everywhere deployment

Phone → watch → car → glasses → laptop (Googlebook). No surface left unmonitored.

### Pause Point is the tell

Android 17 adds a feature to stop you doom-scrolling. Google knows it's building something addictive.

03

SECTION 03

# Ditch Chrome

Today. Right now. Here's how.

# Remove Chrome & Kill the AI Model — Step by Step

1

## Export your Chrome data

`chrome://settings/privacy` → Download your data  
Passwords → export CSV → import into a password manager

2

## Delete the Nano model NOW

Find: `~/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/OptGuideOnDeviceModel/`  
Delete the entire folder. (It will re-download if Chrome runs – so do step 3 first.)

3

## Uninstall Chrome completely

Windows: Apps & Features → Google Chrome → Uninstall (check 'Also delete browsing data')  
macOS: Drag Chrome.app to Trash, then delete `~/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/`  
Linux: `sudo apt remove google-chrome-stable && sudo apt purge google-chrome-stable`

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## Install your new browser

Brave: [brave.com](https://brave.com) — Firefox: [firefox.com](https://firefox.com) — Mullvad Browser: [mullvad.net/browser](https://mullvad.net/browser)

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## Set it as default

System Settings → Default Browser. Done.  
Your bookmarks, passwords, and extensions are all importable in < 5 minutes.

# Which Browser? Pick Your Threat Level.

## Brave

EASY

### Best for most people

- ✓ Chromium-based — all Chrome extensions work
- ✓ Blocks 97%+ trackers by default, no config needed
- ✓ Fingerprint randomization built in
- ✓ Familiar Chrome-like interface — zero learning curve

*Trade-off: Chromium engine = still Google's rendering code*

## Firefox

MEDIUM

### Best independent engine

- ✓ Only major non-Chromium browser left
- ✓ Open source, Mozilla non-profit
- ✓ Strong extension ecosystem (uBlock Origin)
- ✓ Full cross-platform sync without Google

*Trade-off: Needs hardening — install uBlock Origin + arkenfox*

## Mullvad Browser

ADVANCED

### Best anti-fingerprinting

- ✓ Tor Project + Mullvad collaboration
- ✓ Every user looks identical — fingerprinting impossible
- ✓ No sync, no account, no persistent data by design
- ✓ Pair with Mullvad VPN for full traffic privacy

*Trade-off: No extensions, no sync — intentional, but needs adjustment*

Recommendation: Start with Brave if you want zero friction. Switch to Firefox if you want to escape Chromium entirely. Use both — they're free.

# 04

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## Ditch Android

The phone case · Jolla · GrapheneOS · what your options are

# Android 17: What "Gemini Intelligence" Means for Your Data

Gemini Intelligence accesses...

## 🔍 Gmail

Reads your emails for Intelligent Autofill and context

## 🔍 Photos

Scans your photos for document data (passport, IDs)

## 🔍 Calendar

Monitors schedule to predict and act proactively

## 🔍 Messages

Auto-replies to texts in Android Auto mode

## 🔍 📄 Notes / Apps

Reads open-app content for agentic task execution

## 🔍 Screen content

Visual context from whatever is on screen, in real time

⚠️ This is not speculation — these are features Google announced by name at The Android Show I/O Edition, May 12, 2026.

# Jolla Phone — Europe's Independent Smartphone

## Jolla Phone · Sailfish OS 5

<b>OS:</b>	Sailfish OS 5 — Linux, not Android. No Google account required.
<b>Origin:</b>	Finnish company. Built from Nokia MeeGo ashes. European supply chain.
<b>Privacy switch:</b>	Physical hardware switch: disables mic, camera, Bluetooth on demand.
<b>Android apps:</b>	AppSupport layer runs Android apps in sandboxed isolation. microG available.
<b>Battery:</b>	Removable 5,450 mAh — user-replaceable. Charges every 2 days typical use.
<b>5-year support:</b>	OS updates + security patches included free, minimum 5 years.
<b>Price:</b>	€649 (Jolla Phone) · €299 (Jolla C2 Community Edition)
<b>Shipping:</b>	EU, UK, Norway, Switzerland — June/September 2026 batches

## Why Sailfish OS Matters

- ✓ Does not call home. Network traffic is structurally lower than Android.
- ✓ No background AI reading your screen. No proactive "intelligence system".
- ✓ Data encrypted at rest. Apps sandboxed via Firejail. MDM-capable.
- ✓ Only European mobile OS. Your data stays under EU jurisdiction.

## Honest caveats

- △ Some Android apps behave differently via AppSupport
- △ Banking apps may not work without microG tuning
- △ Mid-range hardware — not a flagship performer
- △ Community is enthusiast-focused, not mass-market

# If Not Jolla — Your Full Escape Map

## Jolla Phone

Sailfish OS 5 · €649 / C2 Community · €299

Best: true non-Android OS

Linux OS by architecture — not Android with Google stripped out. No Google account, no call-home, physical privacy switch. Only European mobile OS. First shipments June 2026.

✓ European sovereignty. Linux OS. Hardware privacy switch. 5-yr support.

△ App compatibility needs effort. Mid-range hardware. EU shipping only.

★ TOP PICK

## Pixel + GrapheneOS

DIY flash · Pixel hardware ~€400–700

Best: hardened de-Googled Android

Flash GrapheneOS on a Google Pixel. Strips all Google services at OS level. Best security patch cadence of any Android fork. Sandboxed Google Play available if needed — fully isolated.

✓ Best-in-class security patches. Full Android app compat. Mature project.

△ Still Pixel (Google) hardware. Requires manual flashing. No EU manufacturer.

POWER USER

## Volla Phone

Volla OS / Ubuntu Touch · from ~€400

Best: European multi-boot alternative

European-made hardware (GmbH, Germany). Ships with Volla OS (Android-based, degoogled) or Ubuntu Touch. Some models support multi-boot. Aurora Store + microG. No Google account required.

✓ German company. Multi-OS support. MicroG. No Google out of the box.

△ Slower security patches than GrapheneOS. Hobbyist-leaning. Smaller community.

EUROPEAN

# The Minimum Viable Escape — Do This First

*Start here. You don't have to do everything at once.*

## Uninstall Chrome

10 min

Export data → delete OptGuideOnDeviceModel → uninstall Chrome completely. Install Brave or Firefox.

## Move passwords out of Chrome

20 min

Export Chrome passwords → import into Bitwarden (free) or 1Password. Delete from Chrome.

## Evaluate your phone

1 week

Research Jolla Phone or GrapheneOS on Pixel. Order the Jolla C2 (€299) to test Sailfish OS.

## Replace Google Search

15 min

Set Brave Search, DuckDuckGo, or Startpage as default. On Firefox: Settings → Search → Default.

## Audit Google account permissions

30 min

myaccount.google.com → Security → Third-party apps with account access. Revoke anything suspicious.

## De-Google your services

ongoing

Calendar → Proton Calendar. Email → Proton Mail or Tutanota. Maps → OsmAnd or Organic Maps.

The question isn't  
whether you trust Google.

The question is whether  
you should have to.

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[graphene.org](https://graphene.org) · [mullvad.net/browser](https://mullvad.net/browser) · [thatprivacyguy.com](https://thatprivacyguy.com)

500M+

devices affected  
by the Chrome  
Nano install

*You have a choice.  
They don't.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84bkKEjbLT4>

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