Install Writing Helper on your network

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You can install Writing Helper across your Windows network at your University.
To do this, simply write one of the following keys to the registry:

If Google Chrome is your default web browser:

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Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Google\Chrome\WebAppInstallForceList]
"93542"="{\"create_desktop_shortcut\": true,\"default_launch_container\": \"window\",\"url\":
\"https://writinghelper.texthelp.com/Welcome/\",\"fallback_app_name\": \"Writing Helper\", \"install_as_shortcut\": true}
"
```

And if Microsoft Edge is your default web browser:

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Edge\WebAppInstallForceList]
"93542"="{\"create_desktop_shortcut\": true,\"default_launch_container\": \"window\",\"url\":
\"https://writinghelper.texthelp.com/Welcome/\",\"fallback_app_name\": \"Writing Helper\", \"install_as_shortcut\": true}
"
```

You can deploy these keys via Group Policy or other network management tools, though you must be using Active Directory or Entra ID (formerly Azure Active Directory). You can use HKEY_CURRENT_USER if you want it for just a user, not every user on the machine: in Group Policy that's User Configuration instead of Computer Configuration.

The installation will not take effect until the browser (Edge or Chrome) is restarted - so users might have to log in and and out before Writing Helper appears on the start menu.

- Edge documentation
- Chrome documentation

You can also install the Writing Helper PWA by using GPO using the following method:

1. Create your GPO policy

- Open the **Group Policy Management** tool (you can type `gpmc.msc` into your search bar).
- Create a new policy and link it to the group of computers or users you want to reach.

2. Find your browser settings

Navigate through these folders to find where the magic happens:

- Go to **Computer Configuration** > **Administrative Templates**.

- Select your browser: **Microsoft Edge** or **Google Chrome**.
- Look for the setting labeled: **Configure list of force-installed Web Apps**.

3. Activate and customize

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  Set the policy to **Enabled**.

- Click the **Show** button. This is where you'll tell the browser exactly which app to install using a simple line of text called **JSON data**.

> **Note:** Think of JSON as a digital "delivery slip" that tells the computer the address of the app and how it should look when it opens.

- **Copy and paste this exact line into the box:** `[{"url": "https://writinghelper.texthelp.com/Welcome", "default_launch_container": "window", "create_desktop_shortcut": true}]`

4. Verification

After the GPO refreshes on client machines (or after running `gpupdate /force`), you can verify the installation:

- **Edge:** Type `edge://policy` in the address bar to see if `WebAppInstallForceList` is active.
- **Chrome:** Type `chrome://policy` to verify.
- The PWA should now appear in the **Start Menu** and on the **Desktop** (if configured).
