

Pacer Free - Setup Guide

Independent guide for installing the Pacer Free desktop extension package.

Pacer Free is a browser-based reading assistant that overlays a movable reading guide on web pages to help maintain focus during reading.

1. System Requirements

Use this guide only for the environment below.

- **Desktop browser only.** This guide is for a manually loaded extension package. It does not cover mobile browsers.
- **Recommended browser:** current stable Google Chrome for desktop.
- **Browser platform requirement:** a Manifest V3-capable Chromium browser. This package uses Manifest V3.
- **Operating system for current Chrome:** Windows 10 or later, or macOS 12 Monterey or later.
- **Optional alternative:** current stable Microsoft Edge (Chromium-based).
- **Internet access:** required to download the package. Some sites or enterprise policies may limit extension behavior.
- **Scope of this guide:** no promise is made for beta, dev, canary, mobile, Linux, ChromeOS, or future browser or OS releases.

2. Installation Steps

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| 1 | Download and unzip the package Download pacer-free.zip and unzip it to a folder you can keep on your computer. Do not delete or move the extracted folder after installation, because the browser loads the extension from that location. |
| 2 | Open the extensions page In Google Chrome, open chrome://extensions/ in the address bar. |
| 3 | Turn on Developer mode Enable Developer mode at the top right of the extensions page. |
| 4 | Load the unpacked folder Click Load unpacked and select the extracted Pacer Free folder. |
| 5 | Pin the extension and start using it Pin Pacer Free from the browser toolbar if you want faster access to its controls. |

3. Basic Usage

- Start or stop Pacer with **Alt+R**. On macOS keyboards, this is typically **Option+R**.
- Adjust pace with **Alt+Up** and **Alt+Down**. On macOS keyboards, this is typically **Option+Up** and **Option+Down**.
- Switch modes with **Alt+M**. On macOS keyboards, this is typically **Option+M**.
- Reload the page once if the page was already open before the extension was installed.

4. Troubleshooting

- If controls do not appear, reload the page and confirm that the extension is enabled.
- If **Load unpacked** is unavailable, use desktop Chrome or Edge and make sure **Developer mode** is turned on.
- If a shortcut does not work on macOS, try the **Option** key combination and check whether another app or OS shortcut is taking priority.
- Browser internal pages and some locked-down enterprise environments may block extension overlays or content scripts.

5. Support Note

This guide is limited to installation and basic use of the current desktop package. Browser vendor changes, managed-device restrictions, or unsupported platforms may require a different setup path.