

Get a more responsive Chromebook for your virtual classroom

A Chromebook powered by an Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor completed common tasks in less time than a Chromebook powered by a MediaTek MT8183 processor

At Principled Technologies, we tested two Chromebooks[™] powered by the following processors:

- Intel® Pentium® Silver N6000 processor
- MediaTek MT8183 processor

On each Chromebook, we compared the time required to complete tasks in various apps, including Google Slides, Adobe Lightroom®, and Autodesk Tinkercad®. The Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook enabled us to complete these tasks in less time than the MediaTek MT8183 processor-powered Chromebook. The Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook also achieved a better score on the Speedometer 2.0 benchmarking test, suggesting it would be more responsive for students using web-based applications.

With many students still learning from home, having more responsive technology can make for a better experience than they'd get with slower devices.

[†]HP Chromebook 11 G9 EE (pre-production unit) powered by an Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor compared to an Acer Chromebook Spin 311 CP311-3H-K23X with a MediaTek MT8183 processor

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How we tested

To test the responsiveness of each Chromebook, we hand-timed common tasks in a variety of classroom and creative apps. To reflect a realistic use case of a virtual classroom environment, we performed tasks in Google Drive and Google Slides while each device was participating in a two-way video call in Google Meet. We performed the Adobe Lightroom and Autodesk Tinkercad tasks without a Google Meet call to represent students working on out-of-class assignments.

We also tested each Chromebook with the Speedometer 2.0 responsiveness benchmark. Speedometer 2.0 gauges the responsiveness of web-based applications by simulating user actions in a demo app and measuring the time required to complete those actions.

To learn more, visit https://browserbench.org/Speedometer2.0.



Intel Pentium Silver N6000

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Note: Each of the graphs in this report uses a different x axis in order to keep to a consistent size. Please be mindful of each graph's data range as you compare.



Ms. Nakata's middle school students are still adjusting to the growing pains of virtual classrooms, but the new Intel Silver Pentium N6000 processor-powered Chromebooks their school issued this quarter have made it less time consuming and less frustrating to complete certain assignments.

Students aren't the only ones to reap the benefits of the new technology—Ms. Nakata is also enjoying the time savings their Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebooks have brought vs. their previous Chromebooks, which were powered by MediaTek MT8183 processors.

Open documents in less time

In our multitasking test with Google Drive, the MediaTek MT8183 processor-powered Chromebook took 55 seconds to open a Google Slides presentation. The Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook cut that time by more than half—a difference of 55 percent.

Save 30 seconds opening a presentation during a Google Meet call

with Google Drive, Google Meet, and Google Slides *Time (sec)*

24.7

55.1



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Figure 1: Time (in seconds) to open a Google Slides presentation from Google Drive during a Google Meet call. Less time is better. Source: Principled Technologies.

Google Meet

Google has made their premium video conferencing product free and available to the general public. According to Google, the app is used in schools, governments, and companies worldwide.

Google Workspace

In October 2020, Google rebranded its G Suite app offerings as Google Workspace—but you'll still get the same productivity and collaboration tools you're used to, including Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Meet, Google Drive, and more.²

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More responsive in Google Slides and Speedometer 2.0

In our multitasking test with Google Slides, the Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook saved time while changing slides and when copying and pasting a table from one slide to another. Additionally, during the Speedometer 2.0 test of web app responsiveness, the Chromebook powered by an Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor achieved a 66 percent higher score than the MediaTek MT8183 processor-powered Chromebook.



a table during a Google Meet call with Google Slides and Google Meet Time (sec) 3.2 5.1

Figure 2: Time (in seconds) to change slides in Google Slides during a Google Meet call. Less time is better. Source: Principled Technologies.

Figure 3: Time (in seconds) to copy and paste a table from one Google Slides slide to another during a Google Meet call. Less time is better. Source: Principled Technologies.

Speedometer 2.0 score

with BrowserBench.org benchmark

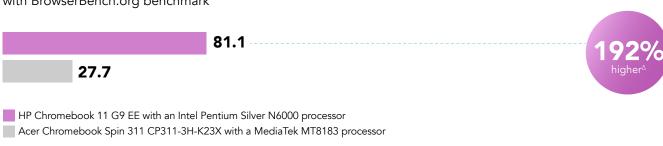
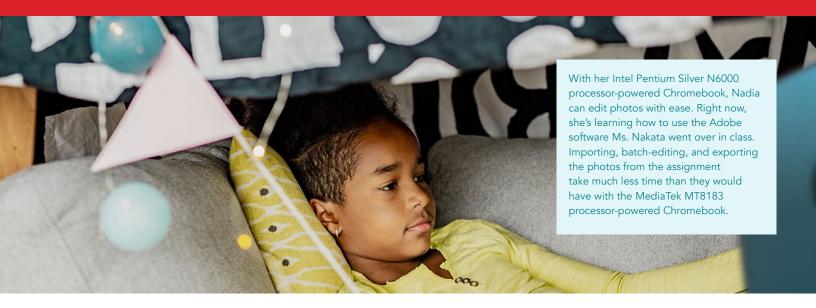


Figure 4: Speedometer 2.0 score. Higher score is better. Source: Principled Technologies.

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Edit photos in less time

In our tests with Adobe Lightroom, the Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook saved more than four minutes across three tasks compared to the Chromebook powered by a MediaTek MT8183 processor. The Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook saved more than two minutes while importing a set of 160 photos, 37 seconds while batch-processing the photos, and nearly two minutes while exporting the photo set.

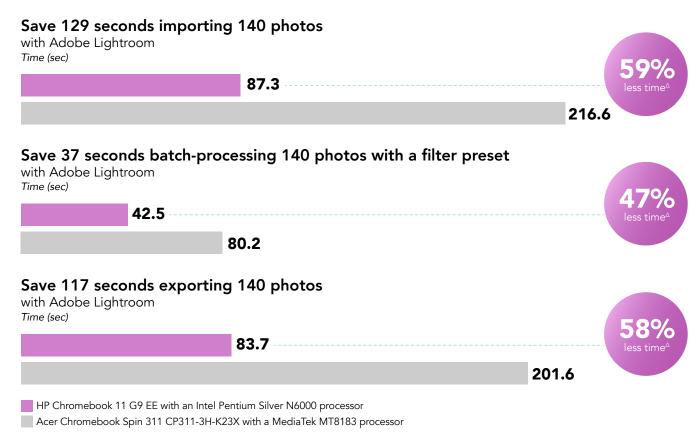
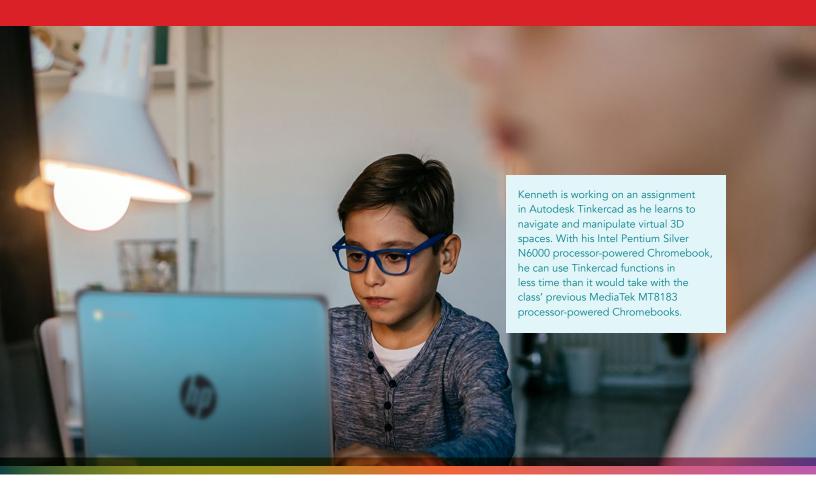


Figure 5: Time (in seconds) to complete tasks in Adobe Lightroom. Less time is better. Source: Principled Technologies.

Adobe Lightroom

Adobe Lightroom is a freemium photo editing and camera app that enables you to use customizable filters and other options to create your next photography project.³

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A more responsive computer-assisted design experience

In our test with the computer-assisted design (CAD) app Tinkercad, the Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook enabled us to use the Copy and Tinker function in 13.5 fewer seconds than the MediaTek MT8183 processor-powered Chromebook, a difference of 33 percent.

Save 13 seconds using the Copy and Tinker function

with Autodesk Tinkercad *Time (sec)*

27.3

40.8

33% less time^Δ

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Figure 6: Time (in seconds) to use the Copy and Tinker function in Tinkercad. Less time is better. Source: Principled Technologies.

Autodesk Tinkercad

Tinkercad is a browser-based program for computer-aided design.⁴ Common Sense Education® gave Tinkercad a 4 out of 5 star rating, citing the app's pedagogical implications.⁵

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Conclusion

Learning and working within a virtual classroom has its challenges, but wrestling with a sluggish device doesn't have to be one of them. In our tests, an Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook enabled us to complete tasks in various apps in less time than with a MediaTek MT8183 processor-powered Chromebook, including some tasks that took place while on a two-way Google Meet call. The Intel Pentium Silver N6000 processor-powered Chromebook also had stronger performance during the Speedometer 2.0 benchmark test for web app responsiveness.

For more information, visit

https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/education/right-device/chromebooks-for-education.html.

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