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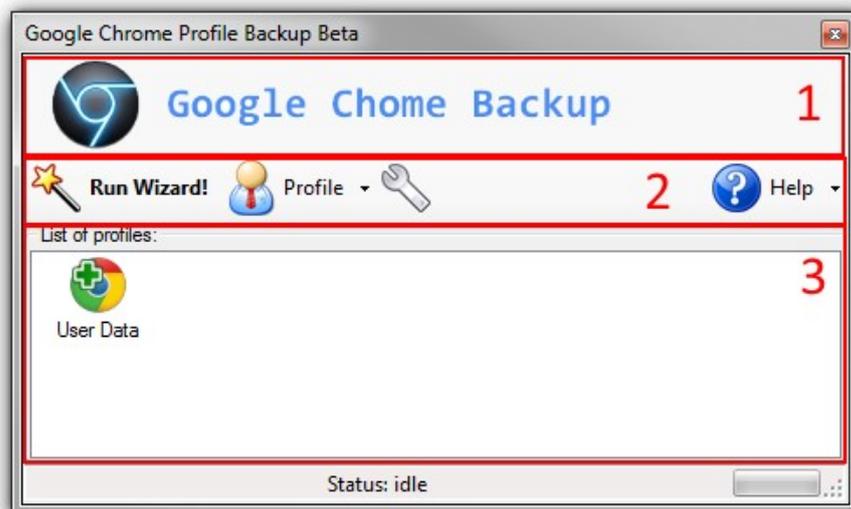
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1. Google Chrome Backup?

Google Chrome Backup (GCB) allows you to backup & restore profiles, creating new browser profiles, lock & unlock profiles for privacy and security reasons, creating desktop shortcuts with switches, exporting bookmarks and more.

It uses Microsoft Framework 2.0 and can be run on all systems above Windows XP.
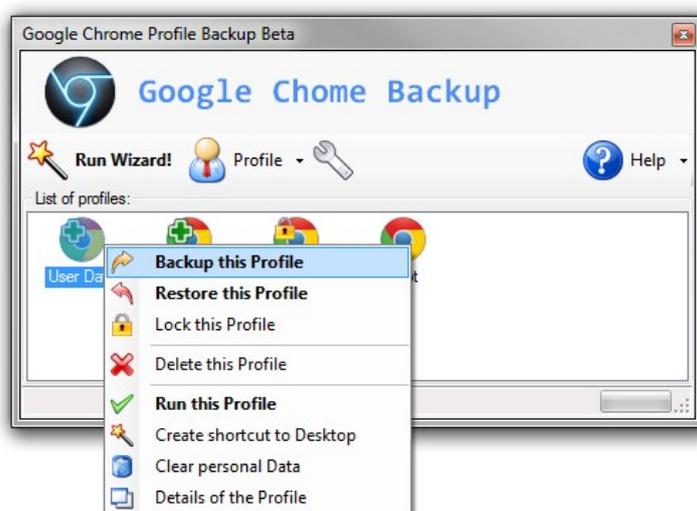
2. At first glance

First, download it here and run it. The application will open and it will look like this:

The main window is divided into three segments.

1. Banner

2. Toolbar: Where you can run wizard, create new profiles and access GCB settings.

3. List of profiles: On the main part you'll see the list of the profiles.

Here we have 3 profiles on my computer. You can notice that on the screen below.

○ Double click on the GC profile icon to open the Google Chrome browser using that profile.

○ The popup menu contains many options: backup, restore, lock (which will be discussed below), delete & run a profile, create a desktop shortcut, clear personal data and display details.

3. Backup & Restore a profile

You can access backup and restore features from two places.

1. The easiest way is to run a wizard from a toolbar, which is a recommended way for new users (look at the segment 2 above).

○ The wizard will guide you through the process.

○ Select **Backup** or **Restore** from the wizard.

○ Click next.

○ **Backup default profile** radio button is automatically selected if you only have one profile, which is called default profile.

○ To backup any of the existing profiles on your computer, you must select the other option: **Select a profile to backup**.

○ Click next.

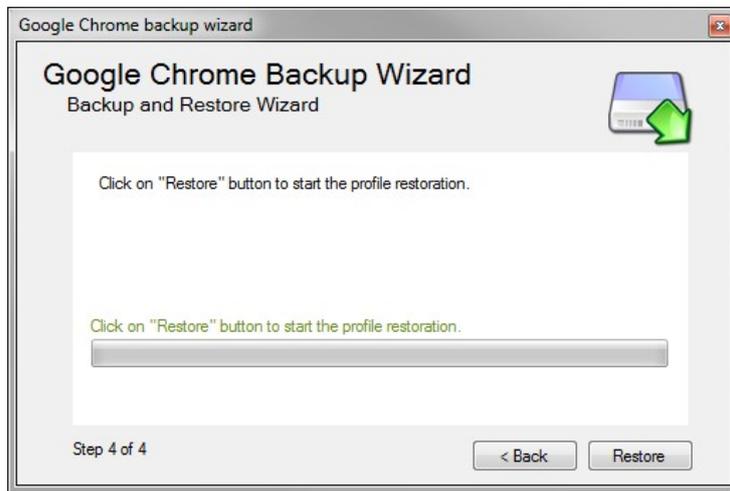○ Click on **Browse** button to specify a backup file path.

○ Click **Backup**.

○ To restore a backup, select **Restore** radio button.

○ Click next.

○ If you only have default profile on your computer, **Restore to default profile** will be selected.

○ If you want to restore to other Google Chrome profile, select **Restore to a selected profile** and select it from a drop down.
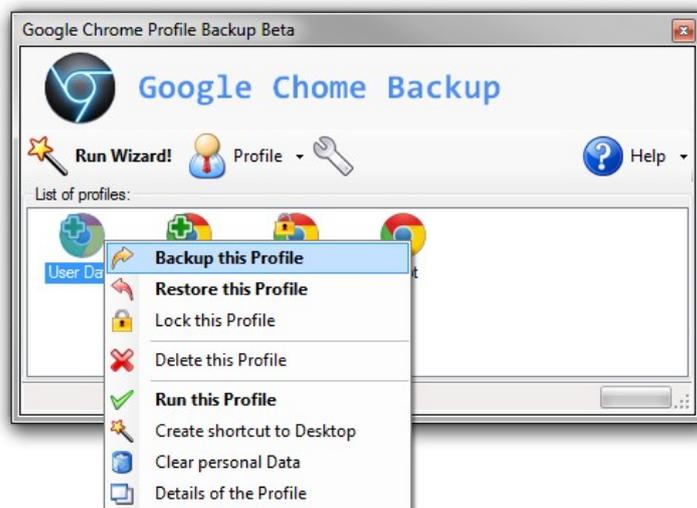
○ Click next.

○ Click on a **Browse** button to select a backup file on your computer.

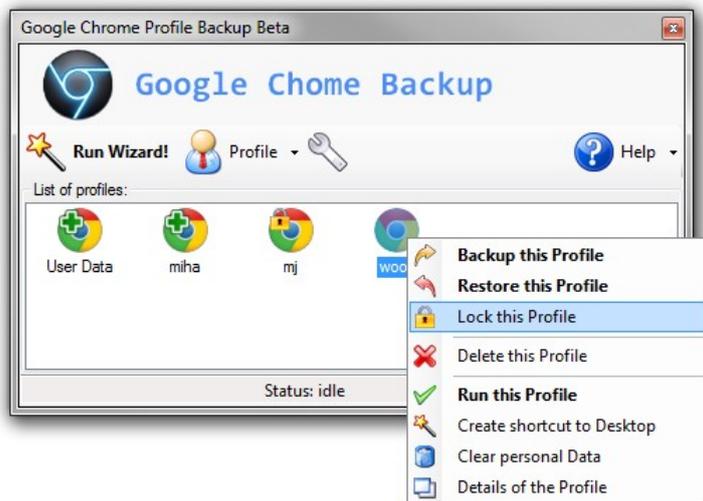○ Click next.

○ Click **Restore** to start the process.

2. You can run backup and restore them from a profile menu popup, when you "right-click" on a profile in the list (segment 3 above).

○ Popup menu contains **Backup this Profile** and **Restore this profile**.

○ There are also other options which we will cover below.
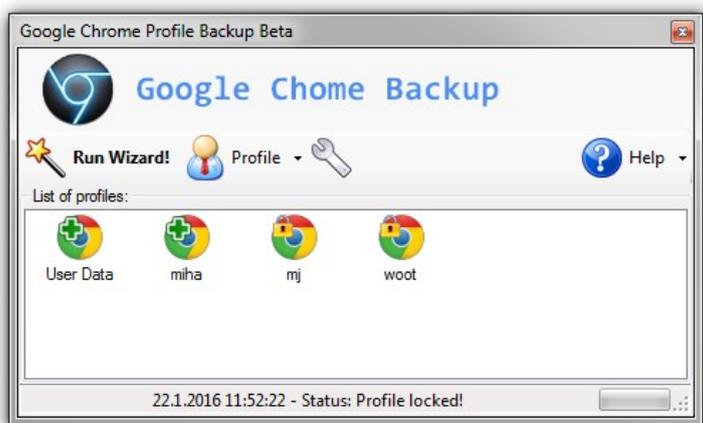
4. Lock & Unlock a profile

If you want to make your Google Chrome profile (data) unavailable to other users on your computer you can lock it. You can read about this below.
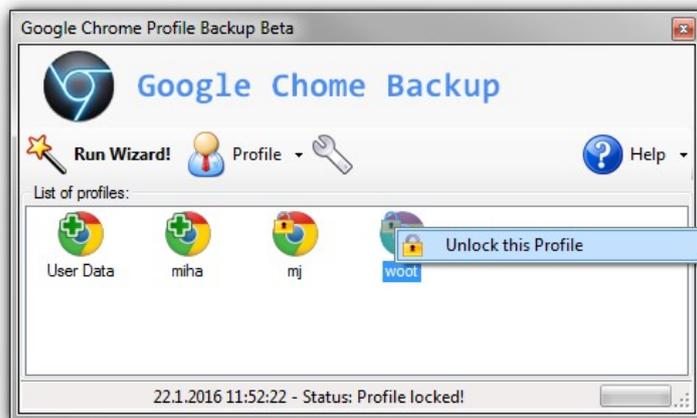
○ Right click on a profile you want to lock and click on the menu item **Lock this profile**.

○ Password window will open. We suggest you to use strong password, so we made a stregth indicator :).
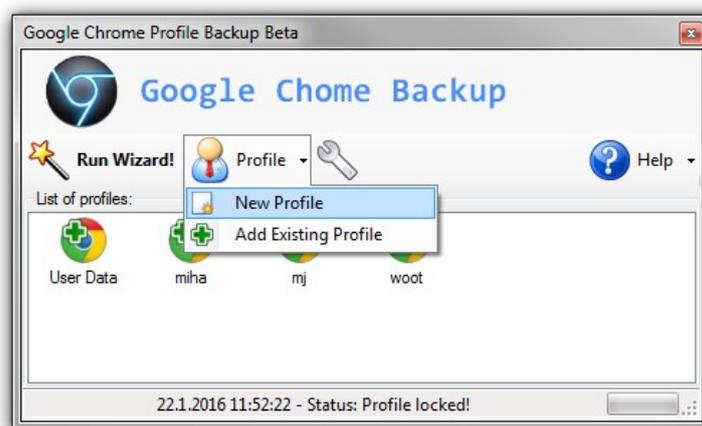
○ Click OK and wait until the profile is locked.

○ Once a profile is locked, you can distinctly notice it; it contains a yellow padlock icon.
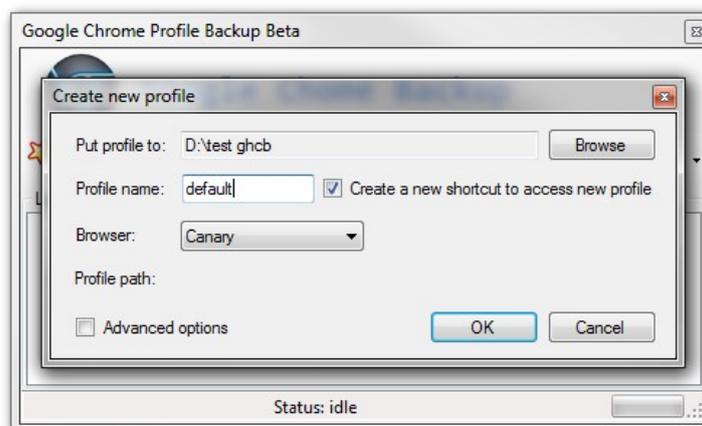
○ Unlock a profile by right clicking on the icon and then select **Unlock this profile** option.

○ Enter a password and wait for profile to unlock.
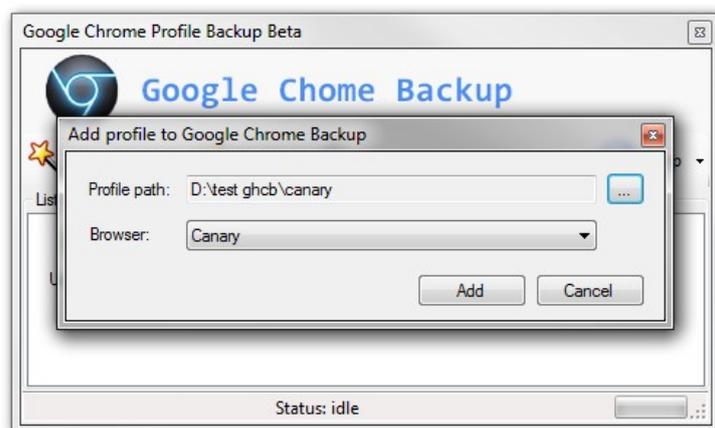
5. Create or add existing profile

Google Chrome Backup allows you to create many GC profiles, where you can specify the location and switches (we'll discuss switches below). Then you can run it by creating a shortcut icon on your desktop or run it within GCB. In this section we will show you how to create a new profile and how to import/add an exsiting one.

○ To create a new profile select **Profile** from the toolbar and **New profile** menu item.

○ A window will show, where you specify the profile folder, name, browser type and whether you want to create a desktop shorcut.

○ Advanced options are available and will be discussed in chapter 6.

○ Click **OK**.

○ If you want to add an existing profile (maybe you reinstalled the operating system and want to use the old profile), you can do that by clicking **Profile - Add Exsisting profile** item.

○ This window will open, where you can specify a profile folder and select a browser type.

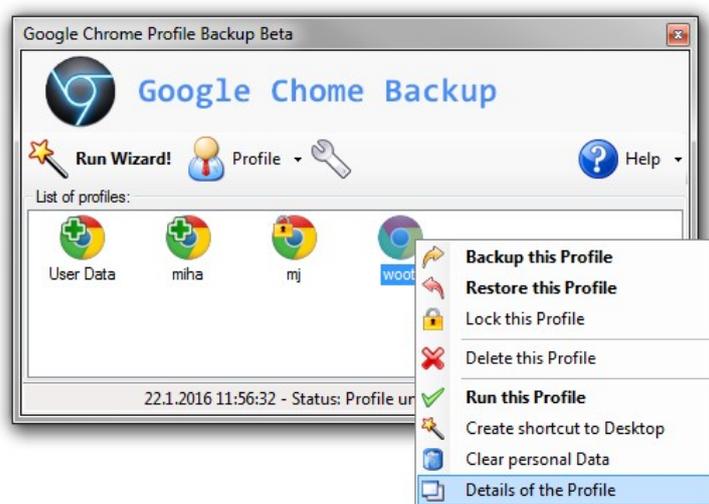○ Click **Add** to finish.

6. Manage profile switches

GCB allows you to use switches as an arguments to start chorme.exe file. Below is a list of supported switches. We are planning to include more switches later. Let us know which switch would you like to see included at i...@googlechromebackup.com.

List of Google Chrome underline.

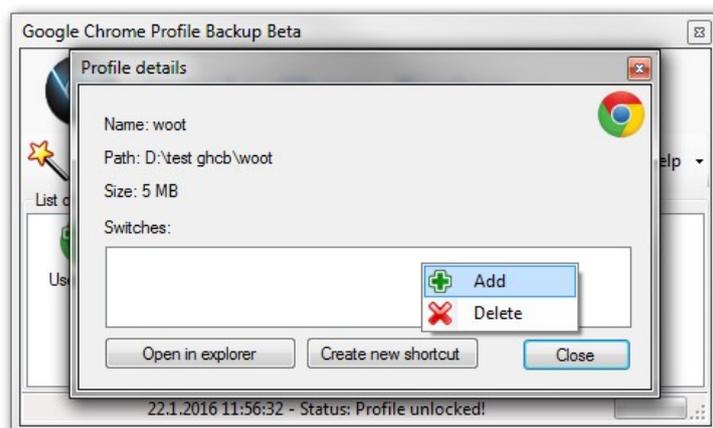| Name	Description
--proxy-server	Don't use a proxy server, always make direct connections. Overrides any other proxy server flags that are passed.
--disable-popup-blocking	Disable pop-up blocking.
--dns-prefetch-disable	Disables prefetching of DNS information.
--start-maximized	Starts the browser maximized, regardless of any previous settings.
--disable-prompt-on-repost	Normally when the user attempts to navigate to a page that was the result of a post we prompt to make sure they want to. This switch may be used to disable that check. This switch is used during automated testing.
--disable-logging	Force logging to be disabled. Logging is enabled by default in debug builds.
--disable-hang-monitor	Suppresses hang monitor dialogs in renderer processes. This may allow slow unload handlers on a page to prevent the tab from closing, but the Task Manager can be used to terminate the offending process

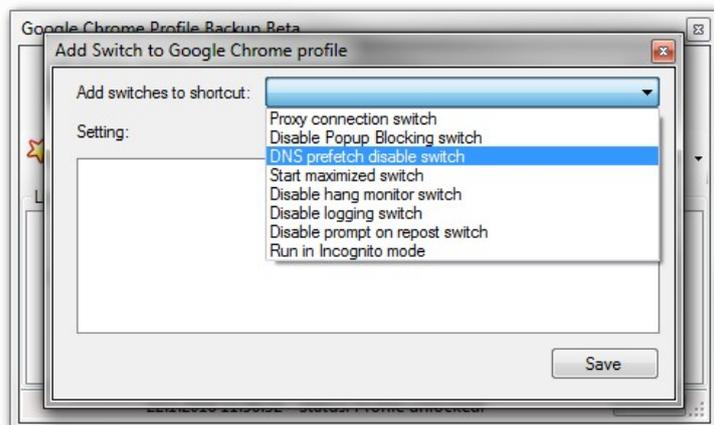| Name	Description
	in this case.
--incognito	Causes the browser to launch directly in incognito mode.
--allow-running-insecure-content	By default, an https page cannot run JavaScript, CSS or plug-ins from http URLs. This provides an override to get the old insecure behavior.
--user-data-dir	Specifies the user data directory, which is where the browser will look for all of its state.
--load-extension	Loads an extension from the specified directory.
--no-startup-window	Does not automatically open a browser window on startup (used when launching Chrome for the purpose of hosting background apps).
--allow-file-access-from-files	By default, file:// URIs cannot read other file:// URIs. This is an override for developers who need the old behavior for testing.

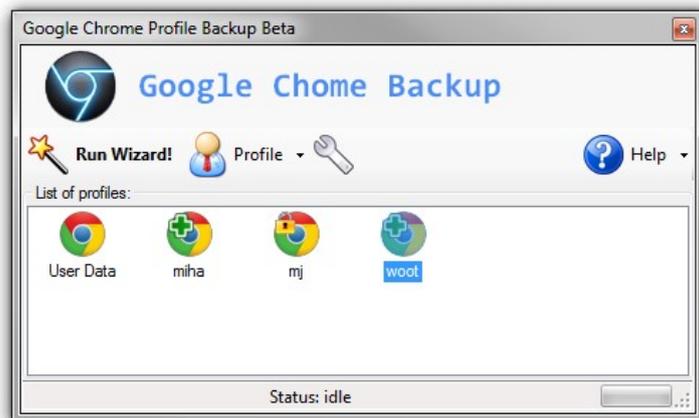Read forward to learn how to add argument switches to the Google Chrome profile.

○ Right click on a profile and click on the menu item **Details of the profile**.

○ A window opens up, where you can see the path and size of a profile.

○ You can also access the switch list and by right clicking on a switch list you get another menu. Click **Add** menu item.

○ Another window will show where you will select and add swithes to a profile. Some switches need an additional value, like a -proxy-server.
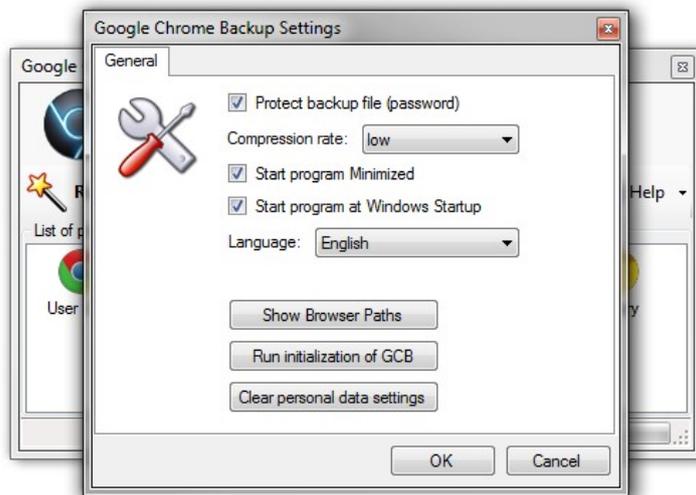
○ Click Save.

○ Profile icon will now have + on it, which means it contains one or more argument switch.

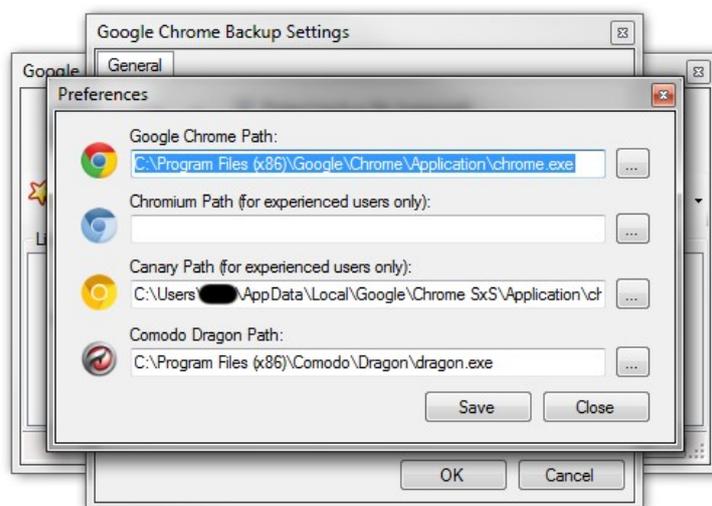## 7. Chromium, Canary and Comodo Dragon support

From version 2.1 Google Chrome Backup supports three other builds, Chromium, Canary and Comodo Dragon. It will try to find them on your PC automatically, otherwise you will need to use Settings to point to their location. Also the profiles might not be add automatically.

○ Click on a **Settings** icon on the toolbar.

○ The Settings window opens up. Then click **Show Browser Paths**.

○ Here you can specify paths to executable files of three browsers. All browsers are detected automaticaly. If for some reason the path is blank and you know you have it on your computer, then add it manually.

○ Click on browse button at the appropriate browser path field to point to an executable.

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