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## **Delete SearchMine 'Virus' from Google Chrome**

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Follow these steps to remove Searchmine from Chrome.

- 1. Save these steps somewhere safe and close Chrome.
- 2. Click the "Preferences" icon in your Mac's menu bar and select "Profiles".
- 3. Select all "AdminPrefs" profile(s) and delete it/them by clicking the minus (-) icon at the bottom.

Once you've removed the unwanted "adminprefs" profile(s), you should be able to follow these steps:

- 1. Open the Terminal app (Go > Utilities > Terminal or press Command+Space and search Terminal)
- 2. Enter the commands below and hit the Enter key after each one:
  - defaults write com.google.Chrome HomepageIsNewTabPage -bool false
  - defaults write com.google.Chrome NewTabPageLocation -string "https://www.google.com/"
  - defaults write com.google.Chrome HomepageLocation -string "https://www.google.com/"
  - defaults delete com.google.Chrome DefaultSearchProviderSearchURL
  - defaults delete com.google.Chrome DefaultSearchProviderNewTabURL
  - defaults delete com.google.Chrome DefaultSearchProviderName

Now restart Chrome and the issue should be resolved. If not, you may need to restart your Mac.