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Every smart device now requires you to agree to a series of terms and conditions before you can use it — contracts that no one actually reads. It's impossible for us to read and analyze every single one of these agreements. But we started counting exactly how many times you have to hit "agree" to use devices when we review them since these are agreements most people don't read and definitely can't negotiate.

The Samsung Galaxy Chromebook presents you with multiple things to agree to or decline upon setup.

The mandatory policies, for which an agreement is required, are:

- A request for your language
- An internet connection
- Chrome OS terms
- Chrome Sync, which ports over the bookmarks, history, passwords, and other settings from your Google account
- Personalized Google services (you can change these later in your account's Activity Controls)
- Google Play terms of service

I can't imagine using something this fancy without wiping out the toy OS and installing Ubuntu Linux instead.

One thing that struck me is that The Verge's full-column warning (partially embedded below) about the clickwrap contracts the user must agree to just to start the machine. These are commonplace with gadgets, but rarely in such great numbers or with such hostile presentation. The reviewer writes they were unable to read them.

Tech companies have turned Linux into a transmission vector for adhesion contracts that are virtually impossible to read. To think, they used to complain that the GPL was a virus!

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