

# Security and Privacy Settings for Firefox Power Users

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enable

disable

restrict

enable

disable

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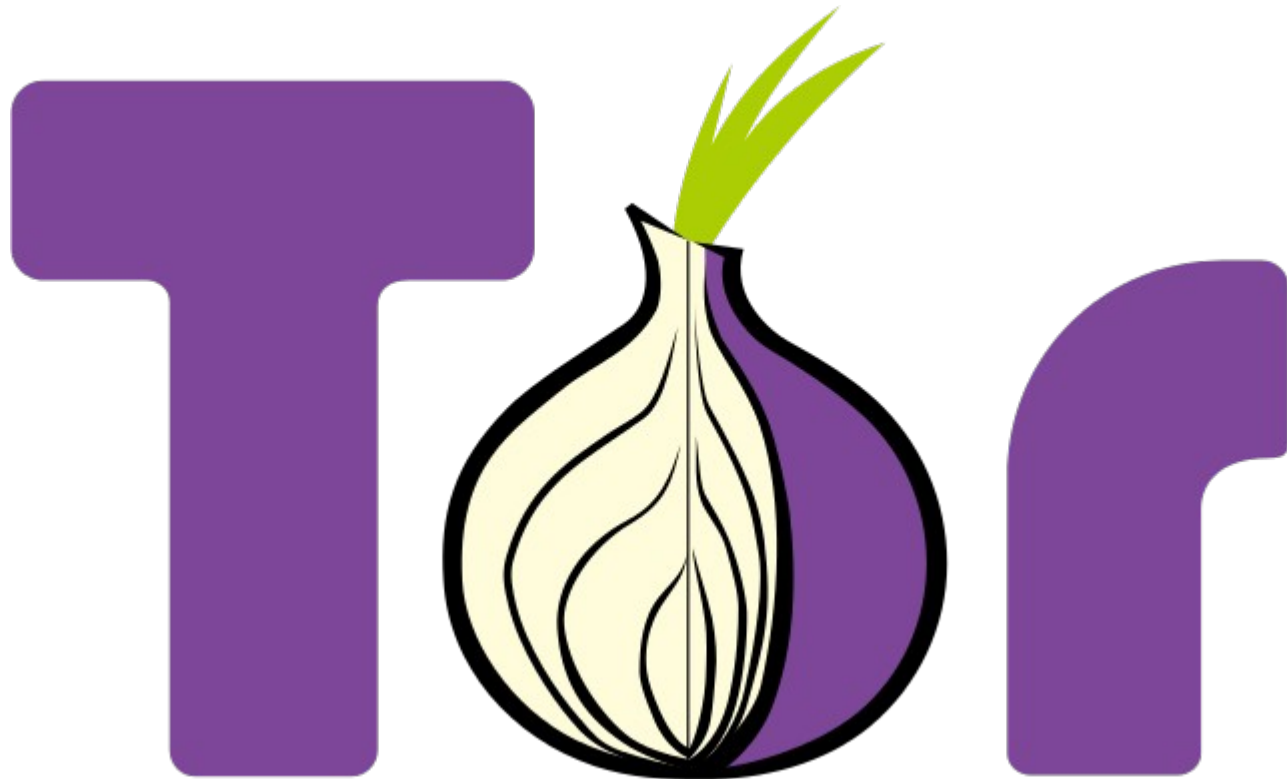


~~eliminating all fingerprinting~~





~~eliminating all fingerprinting~~



# features to enable







# This might void your warranty!

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Changing these advanced settings can be harmful to the stability, security, and performance of this application. You should only continue if you are sure of what you are doing.

Show this warning next time

I accept the risk!

privacy.trackingprotection.enabled





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# disconnectme / disconnect-tracking-protection

Code

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Wiki

Branch: master

## disconnect-tracking-protection / services.json

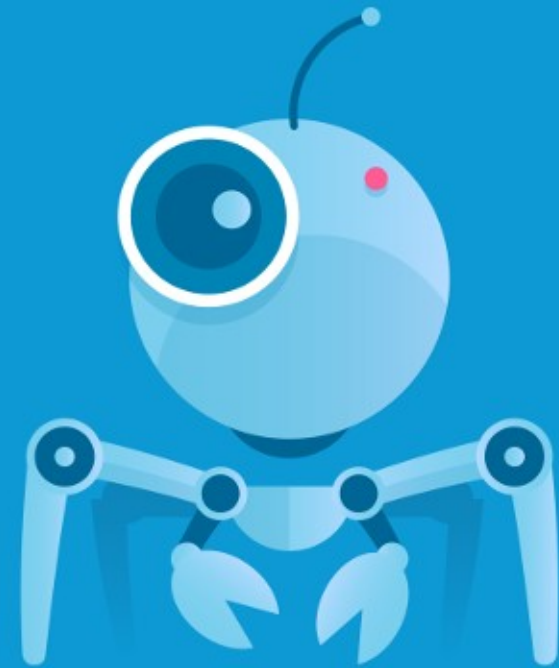
6f8da25 on Jun 16

 **carbureted** new formatting, add several new trackers

1 contributor

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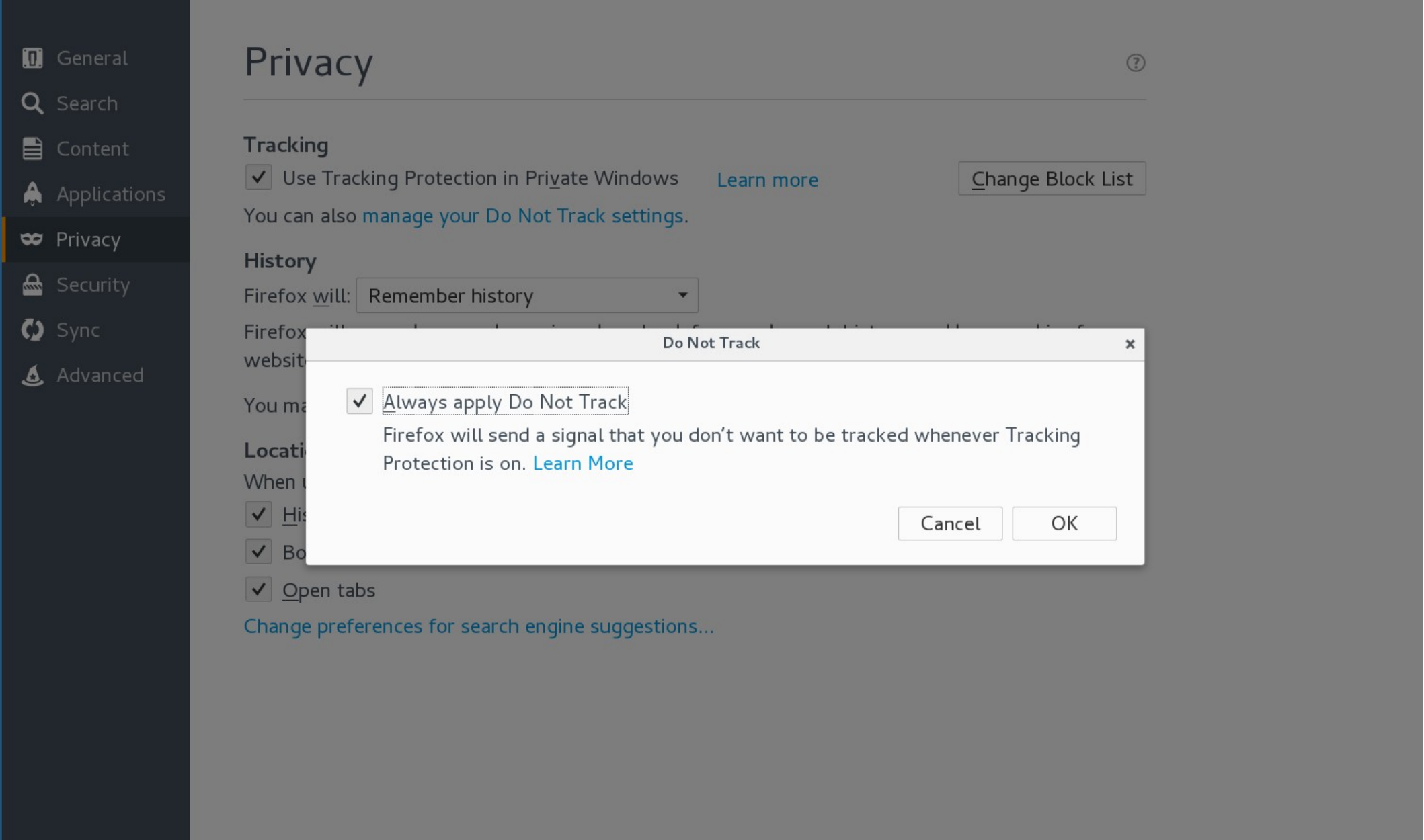
```
1 {
2   "license": "Copyright 2010-2016 Disconnect, Inc. / This program is free software: you can redistribute it and/or modify it under the ter
3   "categories": {
4     "Advertising": [
5       {
6         "2leep.com": {
7           "http://2leep.com/": [
8             "2leep.com"
9           ]
10        }
11      },
12      {
13        "33Across": {
14          "http://33across.com/": [
15            "33across.com"
16          ]
17        }
18      },
19      {
20        "4INFO": {
```



[feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/how-tracking-protection-works-in-firefox](https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/how-tracking-protection-works-in-firefox)

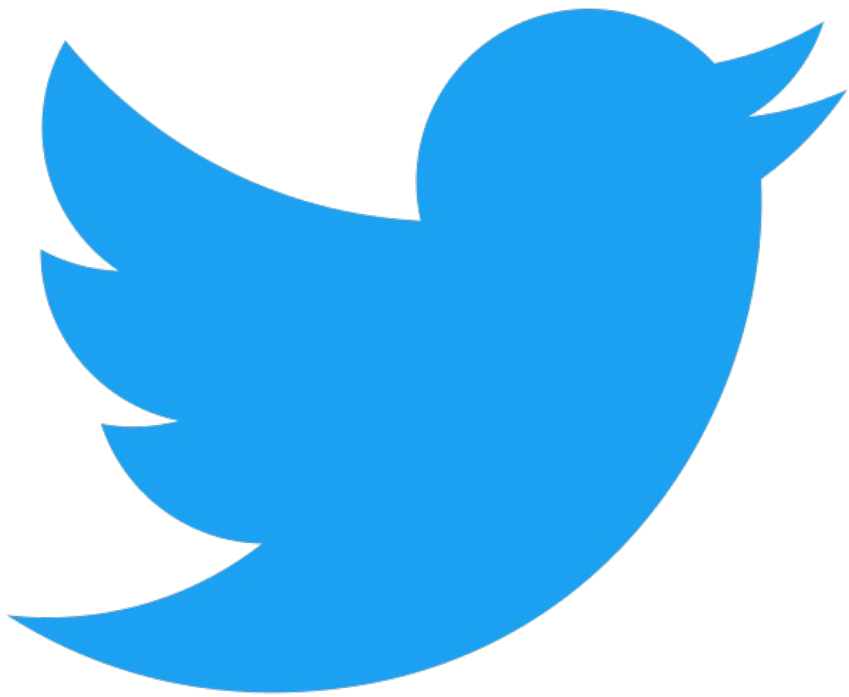
Do Not Track





privacy.donottrackheader.enabled

privacy.donottrackheader.enabled



features to disable





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## DRM content

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Block pop-up windows

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Default font: serif Size: 16

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Choose your preferred language for displaying pages

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media.eme.enabled

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### OpenH264 Video Codec provided by Cisco Systems, Inc.

This plugin is automatically installed by Mozilla to comply with the...

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Preferences



### Widevine Content Decryption Module provided by Google Inc.

Play back protected web video. [More](#)

Preferences







# Gyrophone: Recognizing Speech From Gyroscope Signals

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## Abstract

We show that the MEMS gyroscopes found on modern smart phones are sufficiently sensitive to measure acoustic signals in the vicinity of the phone. The resulting signals contain only very low-frequency information ( $<200\text{Hz}$ ). Nevertheless we show, using signal processing and machine learning, that this information is sufficient to identify speaker information and even parse speech. Since iOS and Android require no special permissions to access the gyro, our results show that apps and active web content that cannot access the microphone can nevertheless eavesdrop on speech in the vicinity of the phone.

## 1 Introduction

Modern smartphones and mobile devices have many sensors that enable rich user experience. Being generally put to good use, they can sometimes unintentionally expose information the user does not want to share. While

gyroscopes are sufficiently sensitive to measure acoustic vibrations. This leads to the possibility of recovering speech from gyroscope readings, namely using the gyroscope as a crude microphone. We show that the sampling rate of the gyroscope is up to 200 Hz which covers some of the audible range. This raises the possibility of eavesdropping on speech in the vicinity of a phone without access to the real microphone.

As the sampling rate of the gyroscope is limited, one cannot fully reconstruct a comprehensible speech from measurements of a single gyroscope. Therefore, we resort to automatic speech recognition. We extract features from the gyroscope measurements using various signal processing methods and train machine learning algorithms for recognition. We achieve about 50% success rate for speaker identification from a set of 10 speakers. We also show that while limiting ourselves to a small vocabulary consisting solely of digit pronunciations ("one", "two", "three", ...) and achieve speech recognition success rate of 65% for the speaker dependent case and up



# Stealing sensitive browser data with the W3C Ambient Light Sensor API

In this post we describe and demonstrate a neat trick to **exfiltrate sensitive information from your browser** using a surprising tool: **your smartphone or laptop's ambient light sensor**.

In short:

1. We provide background about the light sensor API and current discussions to expose it more broadly to websites.
2. We show how the color of the screen of the user's device can affect light sensor readings, and explain why this has dangerous security and privacy consequences. We focus on **extracting browsing history** and **stealing data from cross-origin frames**, which makes it possible for

device.sensors.enabled

# dom.webaudio.enabled

Audio Fingerprinting Sites

[Project Home](#)

## Sites with audio fingerprinting scripts.

In a crawl conducted during March 2016, these websites were found to run scripts on their homepages which contains audio fingerprinting code. Sites which contain `cdn-net.com` scripts are not actively using the technique. Sites which contain `liverail.com` scripts only perform a check for the existence of AudioContext, and add that bit of information to a fingerprint.

Show  entries

Search:

Showing 1 to 25 of 382 entries

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Alexa Rank ▲	Site URL	Script Domain
409	<a href="http://expedia.com">http://expedia.com</a>	cdn-net.com
511	<a href="http://hotels.com">http://hotels.com</a>	cdn-net.com
1643	<a href="http://travelocity.com">http://travelocity.com</a>	cdn-net.com
1858	<a href="http://couchtuner.ag">http://couchtuner.ag</a>	liverail.com

Hey there!



https://www.apple.com



www.apple.com

Secure Connection



IDN spoofing

Hey there!



https://www.xn--80ak6aa92e.com



www.xn--80ak6aa92e.com

Secure Connection



```
network.IDN_show_punycode
```

[www.fsf.org](http://www.fsf.org)

[www.eff.org](http://www.eff.org)



layout.css.visited\_links\_enabled

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# Install Rust

To install Rust, run the following in your terminal, then follow the onscreen instructions.

```
curl https://sh.rustup.rs -sSf | sh
```

**Rust 1.17.0**

[April 27, 2017](#)

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dom.allow\_cut\_copy



# Simple Service Discovery Protocol

`browser.casting.enabled`



```
dom.vr.enabled  
dom.gamepad.enabled
```

# Tracking Protection in Firefox For Privacy and Performance

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**Abstract**—We present Tracking Protection in the Mozilla Firefox web browser. Tracking Protection is a new privacy technology to mitigate invasive tracking of users' online activity by blocking requests to tracking domains. We evaluate our approach and demonstrate a 67.5% reduction in the number of HTTP cookies set during a crawl of the Alexa top 200 news sites. Since Firefox does not download and render content from tracking domains, Tracking Protection also enjoys performance benefits of a 44% median reduction in page load time and 39% reduction in data usage in the Alexa top 200 news sites.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Online advertising has a symbiotic relationship with the Internet ecosystem. Advertisers pay content publishers, i.e., websites, to embed promotional material in the content they generate. Publishers in turn use that revenue to mitigate the need for users to directly purchase the content they consume. In 2013, revenue from US online advertising reached \$43 billion, supporting the vast majority of publishers [1]. A prime

## II. DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Tracking is a mechanism to identify a person and their browsing behavior. Tracking Protection for Firefox addresses a particular type of tracking that occurs when content from a tracking domain appears across multiple websites. Initially, tracking domains identified users through third-party cookies. Early attempts to mitigate tracking focused on blocking cookies, but other technologies utilizing local storage, fingerprinting, and etags evolved to be as powerful as cookies [5]–[7].

To cover the wide array of tracking technologies in use, Tracking Protection for Firefox prevents any network communication between the browser and unsafe third-party origins. It filters outgoing HTTP requests and cancels ones to known tracking domains. One challenge of this approach is that blocking content can break a site's functionality or appearance. For example, elements on the page may depend on a script being loaded from a tracking domain. To minimize unanticipated side-effects of Tracking Protection, we rely on a curated blocklist. Previous approaches have used heuristics





pdfjs.disabled

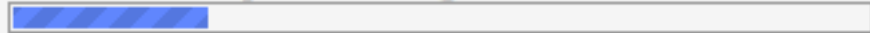
# network information



This is a free BBC service. However, your operator may charge you for the amount of data you use. If you are unsure how much data costs on your tariff, please contact your network operator.

Continue

**Loading marcos@marcosc.com...**



Loading standard view | [Load basic HTML](#) (for slow connections)

```
navigator.connection.type;
```

```
navigator.connection.type;
```

```
bluetooth, cellular, ethernet, none,  
wifi, wimax, other, mixed, unknown
```

```
navigator.connection.type;
```

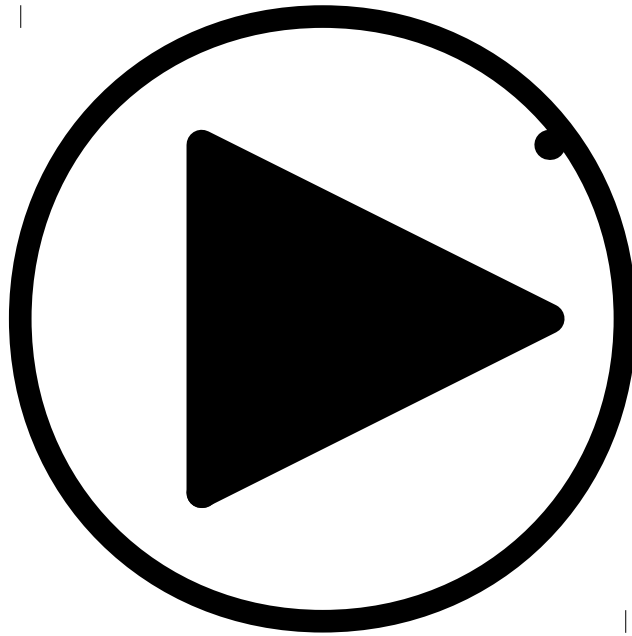
```
bluetooth, cellular, ethernet, none,  
wifi, wimax, other, mixed, unknown
```

```
navigator.connection.downlinkMax;
```



`dom.netinfo.enabled`

```
media.video_stats.enabled
```

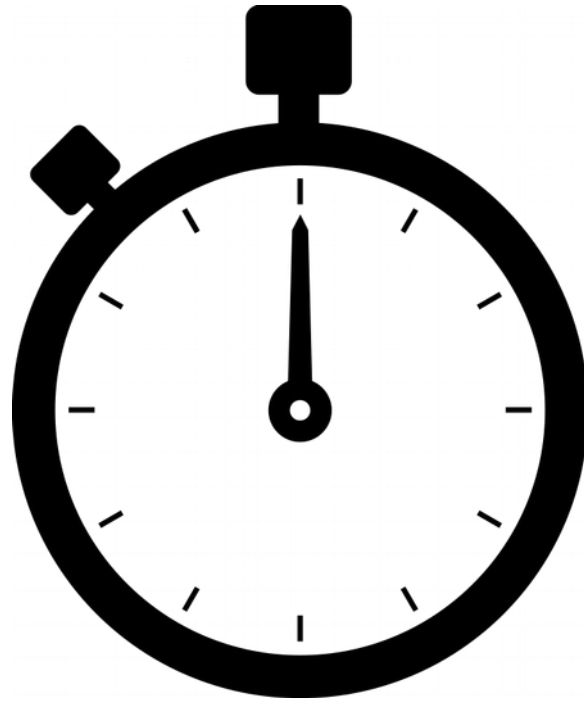


`webgl.enable-debug-renderer-info`





`dom.enable_performance`



# features to restrict





```
network.cookie.cookieBehavior = 0
```

```
network.cookie.thirdparty.sessionOnly = true
```

```
privacy.clearOnShutdown.cookies = false
```

```
network.cookie.lifetimePolicy = 3
```

```
network.cookie.lifetime.days = 5
```

ings you can do in Firefox to protect your privacy.

he website to your browser via a `Set-cookie` HTTP header on the response. It looks like this:


```
16:55:43 GMT  
55576c6c64206e6f2c657920756f6332061726b636465742065686320646f2165  
L;charset=UTF-8
```

es this, it saves that cookie for the given hostname and keeps it until you close the browser.

ersist their cookie for longer, they can add an `Expires attribute`:

```
55576c...; expires=Tue, 06-Dec-2016 22:38:26 GMT
```

ser will retain the cookie until the server-provided expiry date (which could be in a few

 Subscribe in a reader  
Subscribe by Email

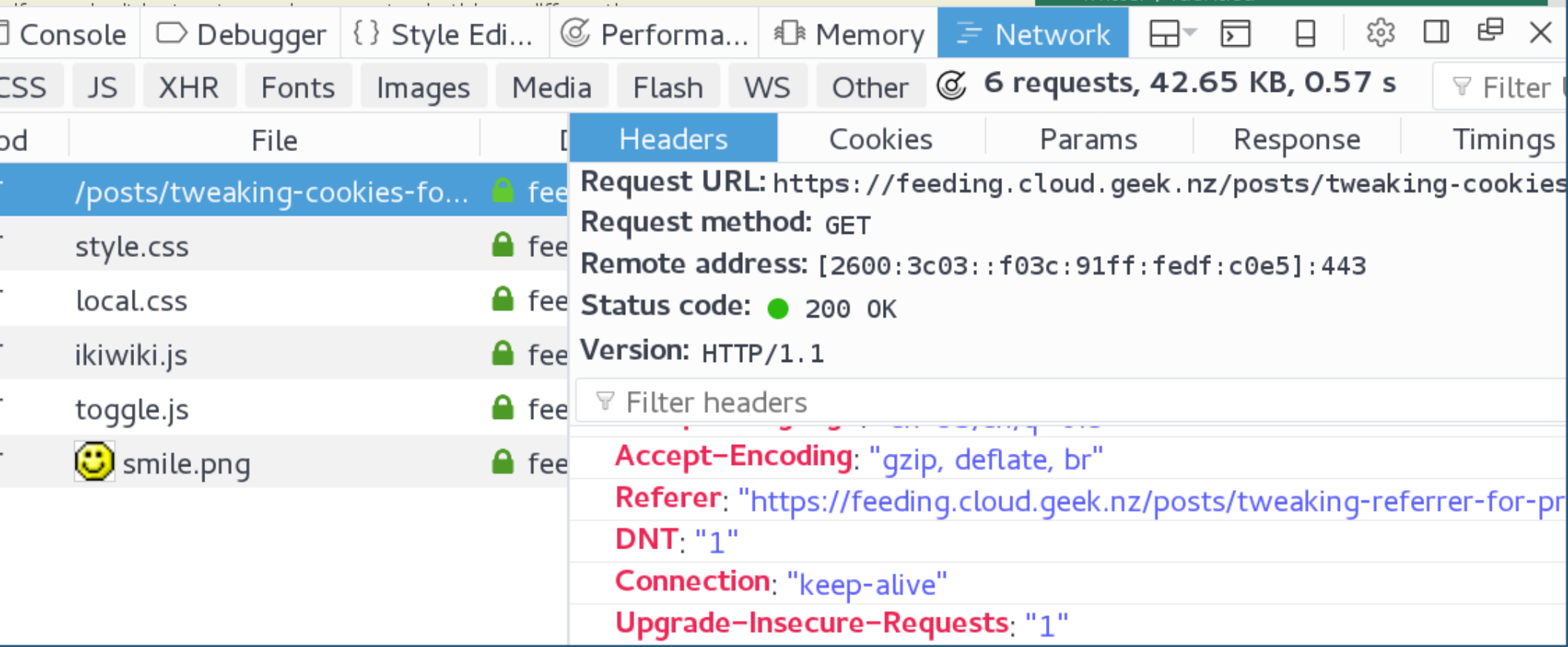
 Flattr this!

## About me



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The screenshot shows the Network tab of a web browser. The selected request is a GET request to `https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/tweaking-cookies-fo...`. The headers section is expanded, showing the following information:

- Request URL:** `https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/tweaking-cookies-fo...`
- Request method:** GET
- Remote address:** `[2600:3c03::f03c:91ff:fedf:c0e5]:443`
- Status code:** 200 OK
- Version:** HTTP/1.1

Below the main header information, there is a filter box for headers. The visible headers are:

- Accept-Encoding:** "gzip, deflate, br"
- Referer:** "https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/tweaking-referrer-for-pr"
- DNT:** "1"
- Connection:** "keep-alive"
- Upgrade-Insecure-Requests:** "1"

The left sidebar of the browser shows the following resources loaded:

- `/posts/tweaking-cookies-fo...` (HTML)
- `style.css` (CSS)
- `local.css` (CSS)
- `ikiwiki.js` (JS)
- `toggle.js` (JS)
- `smile.png` (Image)

```
network.http.referer.XoriginPolicy = 1
```

```
network.http.referer.XoriginPolicy = 1
```

```
network.http.referer.XOriginTrimmingPolicy = 2
```

[feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/tweaking-referrer-for-privacy-in-firefox](https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/tweaking-referrer-for-privacy-in-firefox)







# Deceptive Site!

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This web page at [itisatrap.org](http://itisatrap.org) has been reported as a deceptive site and has been blocked based on your security preferences.

Deceptive sites are designed to trick you into doing something dangerous, like installing software, or revealing your personal information, like passwords, phone numbers or credit cards.

Entering any information on this web page may result in identity theft or other fraud.

[Get me out of here!](#)

[Why was this page blocked?](#)

[Ignore this warning](#)



# Reported Attack Page!

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This web page at itisatrap.org has been reported as an attack page and has been blocked based on your security preferences.

Attack pages try to install programs that steal private information, use your computer to attack others, or damage your system.

Some attack pages intentionally distribute harmful software, but many are compromised without the knowledge or permission of their owners.

[Get me out of here!](#)

[Why was this page blocked?](#)

[Ignore this warning](#)



# Reported Unwanted Software Page!

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This web page at [itisatrap.org](http://itisatrap.org) has been reported to contain unwanted software and has been blocked based on your security preferences.

Unwanted software pages try to install software that can be deceptive and affect your system in unexpected ways.

[Get me out of here!](#)

[Why was this page blocked?](#)

[Ignore this warning](#)

**pre-downloaded lists  
of URL hash prefixes**

[feeding.cloud.geek.nz/](https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/)

5b31c2702efc7c81e4d197cd80113396  
54da10d3315636cccb536e868ff82a6

5b31c2702efc7c81e4d197cd80113396  
54da10d3315636cccb536e868ff82a6

5b31c2702efc7c81e4d197cd80113396  
54da10d3315636cccb536e868ff82a6

[feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/how-safe-browsing-works-in-firefox](https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/how-safe-browsing-works-in-firefox)







content.exe

This file contains a virus or malware. — testsafebrowsing.appsp...



Show All Downloads



  content.exe  
This file contains a virus or malware. — testsafebrowsing.appsp... >

[Show All Downloads](#)

.exe

.pl

.com

.py

.bat


.sh

.apk

.deb

.dmg

.rpm

 **content.exe**  
This file contains a virus or malware. — testsafebrowsing.appsp... >

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.exe

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.sh

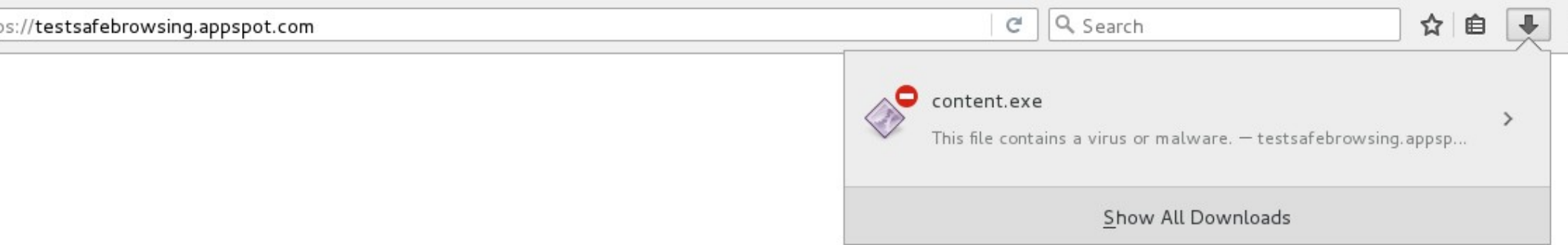
.apk

.deb

.dmg

.rpm

`toolkit/components/downloads/ApplicationReputation.cpp`



filename and size

URLs

hash of contents

locale

`toolkit/components/downloads/ApplicationReputation.cpp`

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# Security



## General

- Warn me when sites try to install add-ons
- Block dangerous and deceptive content
  - Block dangerous downloads
  - Warn me about unwanted and uncommon software

Exceptions...

## Logins

- Remember logins for sites
- Use a master password

Exceptions...

Change Master Password...

Saved Logins...

`browser.safebrowsing.downloads.remote.enabled`

[feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/how-safe-browsing-works-in-firefox](https://feeding.cloud.geek.nz/posts/how-safe-browsing-works-in-firefox)

Web  RTC





Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6336  
Updates: 5245  
Category: Standards Track  
ISSN: 2070-1721

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Ericsson  
C. Perkins  
University of Glasgow  
July 2011

## IANA Registry for Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) Options

### Abstract

It has been identified that "Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE): A Protocol for Network Address Translator (NAT) Traversal for Offer/Answer Protocols" (RFC 5245) is missing a registry for ICE options. This document defines this missing IANA registry and updates RFC 5245.


### Status of This Memo

This is an Internet Standards Track document.

This document is a product of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). It represents the consensus of the IETF community. It has received public review and has been approved for publication by the

revealing non-VPN IP address

leaking internal IP address



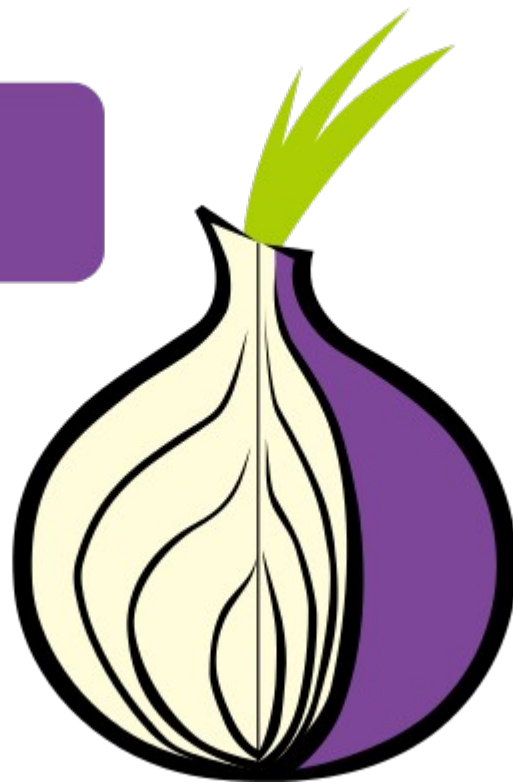
fixed  
in 51

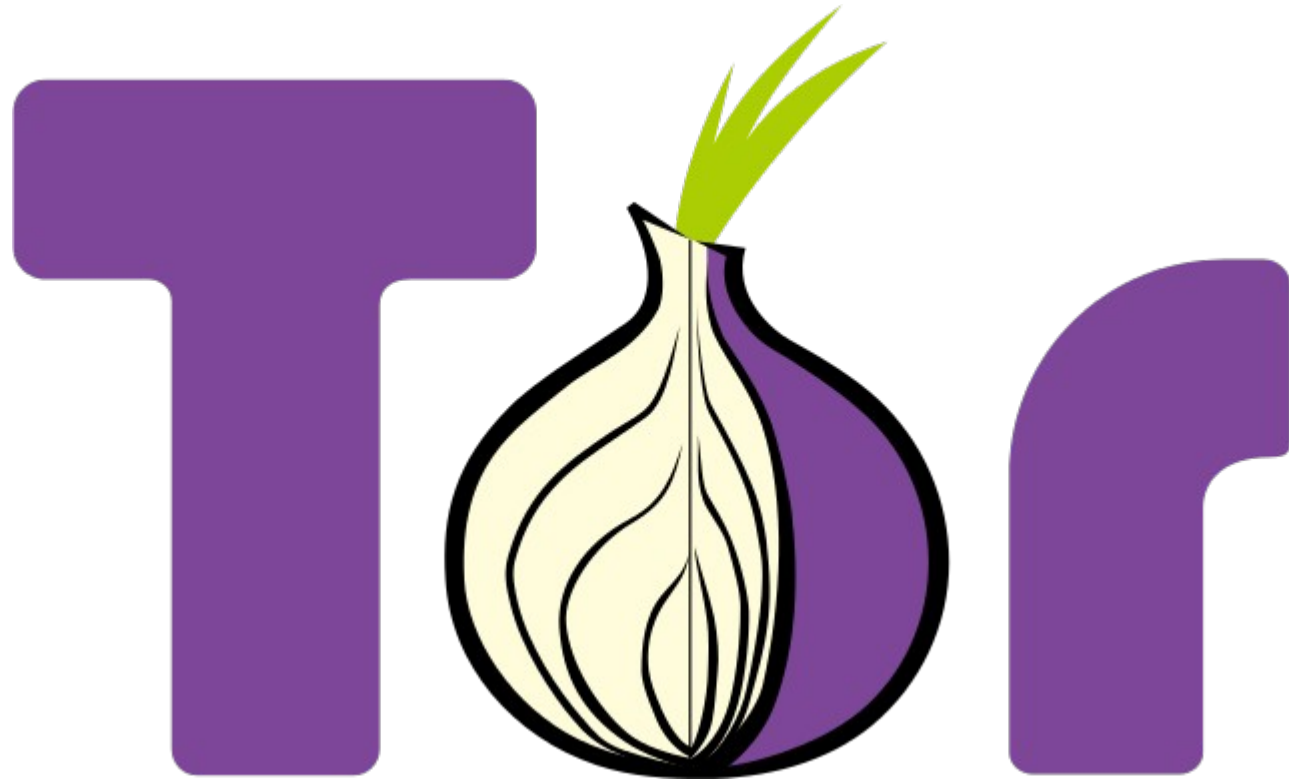
~~revealing non-VPN IP address~~

leaking internal IP address

```
media.peerconnection.ice.no_host = true
```

Tor





[wiki.mozilla.org/Security/Tor\\_Uplift](https://wiki.mozilla.org/Security/Tor_Uplift)

privacy.resistFingerprinting



other things to  
keep in mind



p@ssW0rd5

# Security



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Exceptions...

Master Password...

ed Logins...

### Change Master Password



A Master Password is used to protect sensitive information like site passwords. If you create a Master Password you will be asked to enter it once per session when Firefox retrieves saved information protected by the password.

Current password:

(not set)

Enter new password:

●●●●●●●●●●

Re-enter password:

●●●●●●●●●●|

#### Password quality meter



Please make sure you remember the Master Password you have set. If you forget your Master Password, you will be unable to access any of the information protected by it.

Cancel

OK



## Create a Firefox Account

to continue to Firefox Sync

 Show

How old are you?

By proceeding, you agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Notice](#) of Firefox cloud services.

Receive the monthly Firefox newsletter.

Create account

[Have an account? Sign in](#)



# Add-ons

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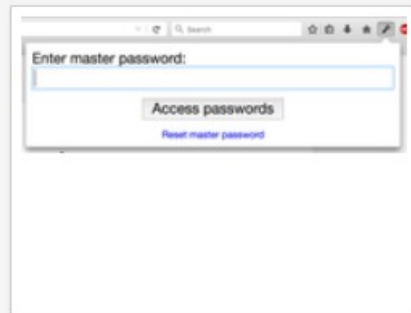


## Easy Passwords <sup>1.1.4</sup>

by [Wladimir Palant](#)[4 user reviews](#)

78 users

Use a single master password to generate secure unique passwords for all websites - without losing track of the passwords you cannot change.

[+ Add to Firefox](#)

## About this Add-on

Tired of having to remember dozens of passwords that have to follow arbitrary rules? With Easy Passwords you only need to remember one - individual passwords for any website will be derived from it. And if some password cannot be changed then you can still store it in Easy Passwords, encrypted securely.

### Features

[Add-on home page](#)[Support site](#)Version 1.1.4 [Info](#)

Last Updated: September 22, 2016

Released under [Mozilla Public License, version 2.0](#)

Enter master password:

Access passwords

[Reset master password](#)

USERNAME

esnowden

PASSWORD

LOGIN



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## Become a Test Pilot

Unlock early access to experimental browser features.



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**ColorfulTabs**  
 Tabs  
 ★★★★★ (1,015)

**Forecastfox (fix version)**  
 Appearance  
 ★★★★★ (215)

**YouTube No Buffer (Sto...**  
 Games & Entertainment  
 ★★★★★ (19)

**Bluhell Firewall**  
 Privacy & Security  
 ★★★★★ (304)

**Google search link fix**  
 Privacy & Security  
 ★★★★★ (140)

**Clear Console**  
 Privacy & Security  
 ★★★★★ (66)

### MOST POPULAR [All »](#)

- Adblock Plus**  
19,593,519 users
- Video DownloadHelper**  
4,416,238 users
- Easy Screenshot**  
2,623,662 users
- NoScript Security Suite**  
2,120,071 users
- Firebug**  
1,957,906 users
- uBlock Origin**  
1,831,171 users
- Ghostery**  
1,367,786 users
- DownThemAll!**  
1,212,982 users
- Greasemonkey**  
1,210,288 users
- Download YouTube Video**

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 Photos, Music & Videos

**Youtube To Mp3 / Mp4 ...**  
 Download Management



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## HTTPS Everywhere 5.2.6

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by [EFF Technologists](#)

Encrypt the web! HTTPS Everywhere is a Firefox extension to protect your communications by enabling HTTPS encryption automatically on sites that are known to support it, even when you type URLs or follow links that omit the https: prefix.

+ Add to Firefox

[Privacy Policy](#)

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[121 user reviews](#)

246,844 users



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## HTTPS by default 0.3

by [Rob W](#)

Request websites over secure https by default from the location bar instead of insecure http.

+ Add to Firefox



[7 user reviews](#)

3,021 users



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## Privacy Badger 1.8.1

by [EFF Technologists](#)

Protects your privacy by blocking spying ads and invisible trackers. Warning: This add-on is in alpha, so you may find some bugs! Read more: <https://www.eff.org/privacybadger>

[+ Add to Firefox](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

FEATURED



[115 user reviews](#)

94,902 users



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## NoScript Security Suite 2.9.0.14

REQUIRES RESTART

by [Giorgio Maone](#)

The best security you can get in a web browser!  
Allow active content to run only from sites you trust, and protect yourself against XSS and Clickjacking attacks.

[+ Add to Firefox](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

FEATURED



[1,587 user reviews](#)

2,120,071 users



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## RequestPolicy Continued 1.0.beta12.4

by [Martin Kimmerle](#)

Be in control of which cross-site requests are allowed. Improve the privacy of your browsing by not letting other sites know your browsing habits. Secure yourself from Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) and other attacks.

[+ Add to Firefox](#)[6 user reviews](#)

8,347 users



## About this Add-on

This add-on is the continuation of [RequestPolicy](#), which has been created by Justin Samuel until 2012.

### Quick Start:

- [Learn how to use RequestPolicy](#)

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user.js -- Firefox hardening stuff

383 commits

1 branch

0 releases

12 contributors

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Branch: master

New pull request

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pyllyukko committed on GitHub Merge pull request #195 from nodisco/patch-5

Latest commit 30107c0 7 days ago

📁 screenshots	Added a screenshot of how lack of local storage should be handled	2 years ago
📄 CONTRIBUTING.md	Added a note to the contribution guideline	2 months ago
📄 LICENSE.txt	Added LICENSE	10 months ago
📄 README.md	Update README.md	7 days ago
📄 cas.sh	Check for /usr/share/ca-certificates	4 months ago
📄 user.js	Clarify security.pki.sha1_enforcement_level	7 days ago

README.md

# Firefox hardening

## What's all this then?

```
user_pref("privacy.trackingprotection.enabled", true);
user_pref("privacy.donottrackheader.enabled", true);
```

```
user_pref("device.sensors.enabled", false);
user_pref("media.eme.enabled", false);
user_pref("browser.casting.enabled", false);
user_pref("pdfjs.disabled", true);
user_pref("dom.vr.enabled", false);
user_pref("dom.gamepad.enabled", false);
user_pref("dom.webaudio.enabled", false);
user_pref("dom.allow_cut_copy", false);
```

```
user_pref("dom.netinfo.enabled", false);
user_pref("media.video_stats.enabled", false);
user_pref("dom.enable_performance", false);
user_pref("webgl.enable-debug-renderer-info", false);
```

```
user_pref("media.peerconnection.ice.no_host", true);
user_pref("privacy.resistFingerprinting", true);
user_pref("network.http.referer.XOriginPolicy", 1);
```

```
user_pref("privacy.clearOnShutdown.cookies", false);
user_pref("network.cookie.cookieBehavior", 0);
user_pref("network.cookie.lifetimePolicy", 3);
user_pref("network.cookie.lifetime.days", 5);
user_pref("network.cookie.thirdparty.sessionOnly", true);
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user_pref("layout.css.visited_links_enabled", false);
user_pref("network.IDN_show_punycode", true);
user_pref("browser.urlbar.trimURLs", false);
user_pref("browser.xul.error_pages.expert_bad_cert", true);
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