

4 Open Source Extensions You Should Install on Every Browser

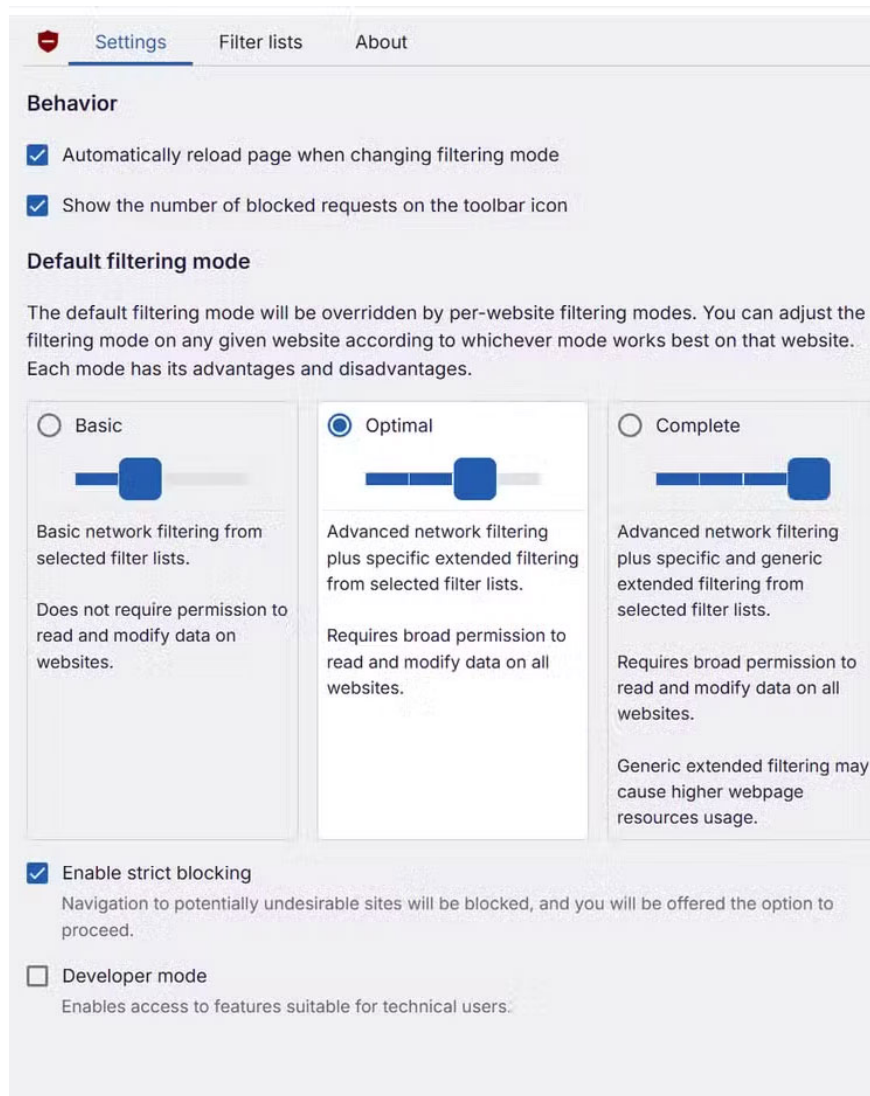
Discover the 4 most useful open source extensions for Chrome, Firefox, Safari. Help browse the web safely, securely, reduce eye strain and improve work performance.

The right extensions can dramatically improve your day-to-day productivity. The goal is always to reduce desktop clutter, limit distractions, and find tools that make things simpler and more enjoyable.

That's why open source extensions are always the preferred choice. Open source offers transparency, is continuously maintained by the community, and doesn't force users to trade personal data for convenience. In addition, most of these extensions are cross-browser compatible, providing a consistent experience across Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.

Here are four standout extensions that everyone should install:


1. uBlock Origin Lite



uBlock Origin Lite is an open-source content blocker that eliminates ads, trackers, and web junk even before a page loads. Instead of having to fight trackers head-on, it relies on community-maintained filter lists to ensure most unwanted content is blocked right away. The 'Lite' version is built to the latest standards, is lightweight, runs smoothly, and is compatible with Chrome, Firefox, and Safari.

In addition, uBlock also has a full version (uBlock Origin) with many advanced features such as script blocking, aesthetic filtering. However, this version is no longer compatible with Chrome, and requires users to customize more. For most users, uBlock Origin Lite is a balanced choice between efficiency, simplicity and stability.


2. EFF Privacy Badger

 **Privacy Badger Options**

Disabled Sites General Settings Widget Replacement Tracking Domains Manage Data

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If you think Privacy Badger is breaking a page (a video doesn't play, for example), you can click the 'Disable' button to turn off Privacy Badger for that site.

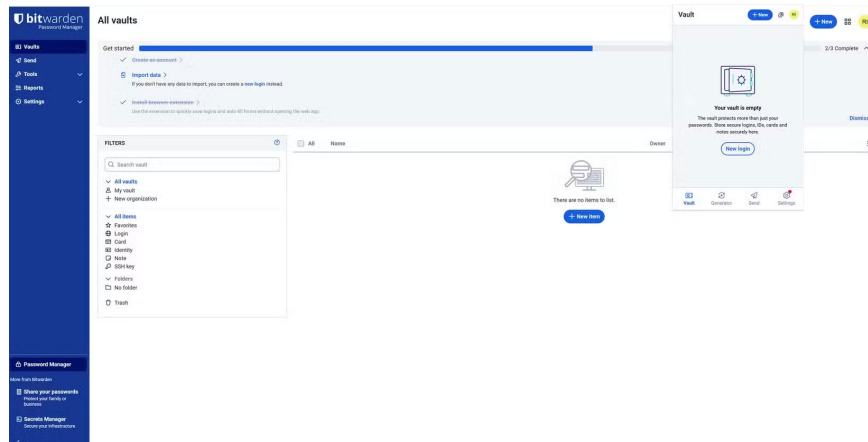


Privacy Badger is disabled on the following sites. This means that Privacy Badger will not block anything when you visit the sites listed here, and it will not send the Do Not Track or Global Privacy Control signals.

Privacy Badger is a utility that blocks hidden third-party trackers. What's special is that it doesn't require too many settings or pre-made block lists. Instead, the tool will 'learn' as you browse, automatically detecting and blocking domains that track users.

Compared to uBlock Origin Lite, Privacy Badger takes a different approach: uBlock relies on a pre-made list, while Privacy Badger tracks actual behavior. The combination of the two creates a dual layer of security: uBlock handles the obvious 'intruders', while Privacy Badger detects and gradually blocks more sophisticated ones.

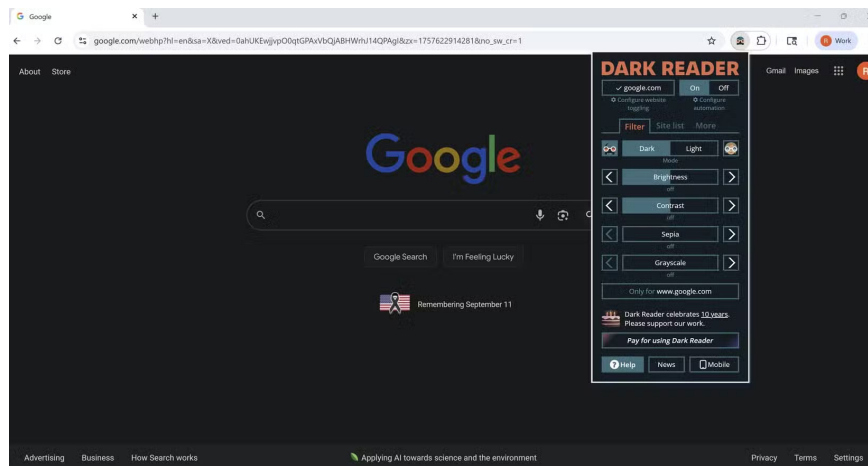
3. Bitwarden



Bitwarden is an open-source, cross-platform password manager. With the growing number of accounts – from work to personal – sharing or repeating passwords is no longer safe. Bitwarden solves this problem by storing and generating strong passwords and autofilling them when needed.

The biggest plus is transparency. The source code has been independently audited, giving users peace of mind when storing sensitive data. Although the interface can be a bit 'uncomfortable' to navigate, given the value Bitwarden brings, it's still a solid choice.

4. Dark Reader



Dark Reader is a 'savior' for those who have to look at the screen for hours on end. The utility allows you to customize brightness, contrast, and even fonts, helping to reduce eye strain and headaches when working long hours.

While not always perfect (some websites display unstable), Dark Reader provides comfort, true to its main purpose: making eyes more comfortable when having to constantly contact the screen.

These extensions are not just 'accessories' for your browser, but also important tools for managing your privacy, security and comfort while working online. The fact that they are all open source further strengthens the trust that personal data is protected, and the browsing experience is consistent across all platforms.

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