

Firefox 102 can automatically remove tracking codes from URLs

Recently, Mozilla released Firefox 102 with a handful of new features. Notable among these is the ability to remove parts of the URL that are used by various services and websites to track you on the internet.

This feature has been researched by Mozilla since a year ago, but only now is ready to roll out to everyone.

This new feature is named "Query Parameter Stripping" with the ability to automatically remove the URL parameter that tracks you when you click a link. For example, Facebook uses the query " **fbclid** = " to find out who visited a particular URL. Firefox will remove that query along with other tracking queries from Olytics, Vero, HubSpot, Marketo, and Drip.



Query Parameter Stripping is part of the Strict Anti-Tracking Protection Rule, which is disabled by default in Firefox. To enable this feature, you need to go to **Firefox Settings > Privacy & Security** and enable **Strict** in the **Enhanced Tracking Protection** section .

Currently, Query Parameter Stripping is not available in private/incognito mode, but you can force the feature to be enabled by using the `privacy.query_stripping.enabled.pbm` mode configuration on the about page `:config`.

However, users should be aware that strict Anti-Tracking Protection, when enabled, may damage certain pages or specific sections. In that case, you need to temporarily disable the Strict Anti-Tracking Protection Rule.

The ability to remove trackers from URLs works well with Firefox's recently launched full cookie protection option. Although not the fastest and most compatible browser, Firefox is certainly the first choice for those who value their data and privacy.

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