

# How to Access Blocked Websites

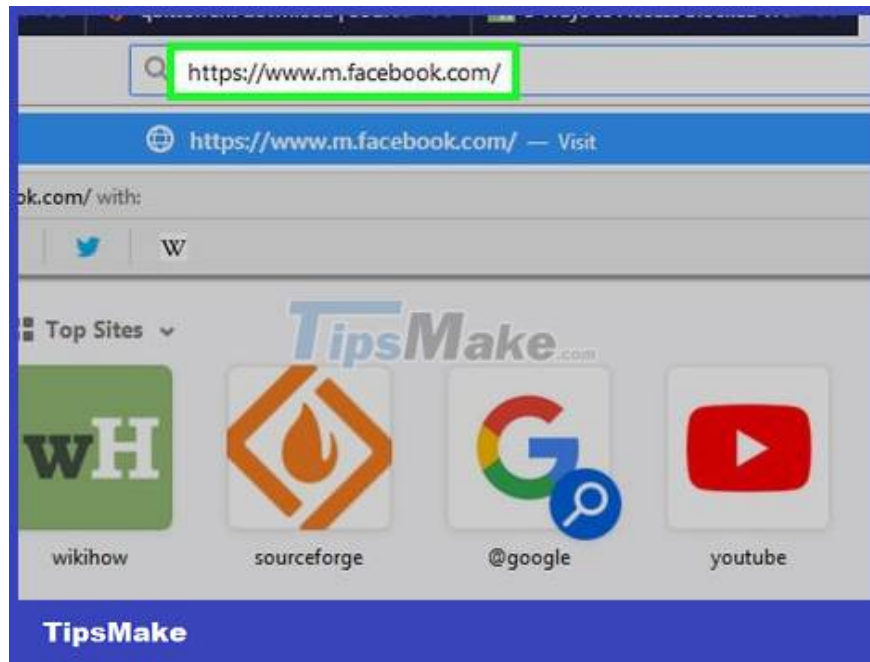
This TipsMake article teaches you how to open websites that are blocked in your region. A common reason websites are blocked is because of school or work regulations, or sometimes it's blocked by region, such as YouTube videos.

## Use basic tips



Understand when these tips come into play. If the website you are trying to access is blocked only on your computer, you can access it using the mobile version of the site, the IP address, or Google Translate. In the event that you cannot access a blocked website due to an Internet connection, you will need to resort to a VPN.

There is a possibility that it is difficult for a VPN to be installed on a computer that is being monitored or controlled (e.g. a computer in a library, school, or office, etc.). However, if you use a personal computer for work, you can set up a VPN while using your own wireless network.



Try using the mobile version of the site. Many sites like Facebook and YouTube have their own mobile sites, which can be accessed by typing "m." between the "www." of the website address and website name. Many services that do not block the mobile version of the blocked website.

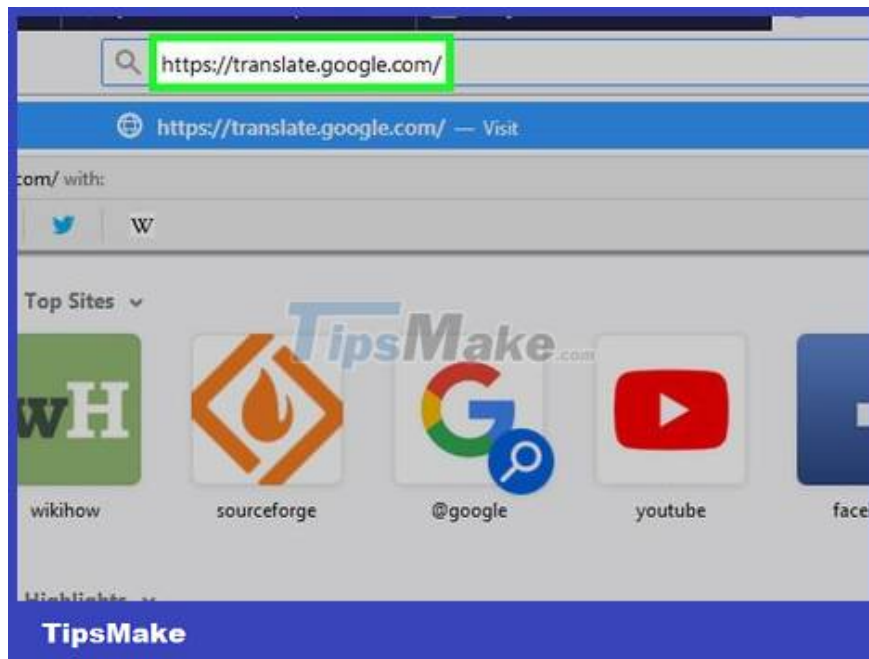
Example: You can access the mobile version of Facebook by going to "https://www.m.facebook.com/" in your browser.



Look for the website's IP address instead of the regular one. You can search for a website's IP address (which is an unprocessed numeric address) on any of the popular computer platforms, then you can type the IP address into the URL of the browser bar the same way you search for the usual address (such as "https://www.google.com/").

This doesn't work for every website because some services hide their IP addresses, while others use multiple IP addresses that are not always reliable.

If you don't have access to Command Prompt (for Windows) or Terminal (for Mac) on a computer with a blocked website, you can use a personal computer on an unblocked network to look up the IP address, then use this address on the blocked computer.



Use Google Translate to hide website addresses. This method is not always successful, but is a simple way to use a proxy site or a portable browser:

Go to <https://translate.google.com/> using your browser.

Type the website address in the text box on the left.

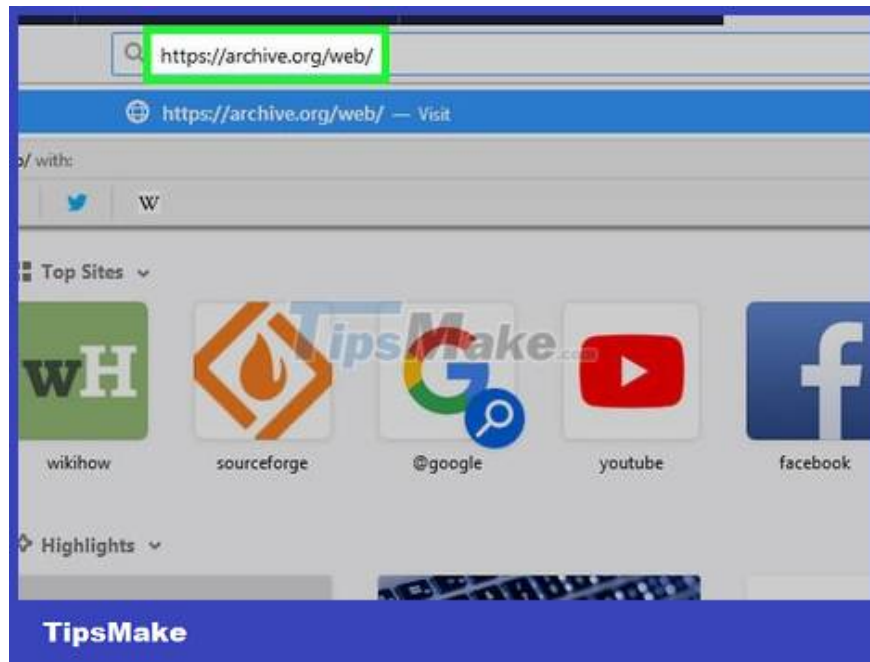
Select any language that is not the default website language for the rightmost box.

Click the website's link in the rightmost box.

Click the "Go to [Website]" link on the left side of the page if the web page doesn't load immediately.

Click the Translate option if asked.

Browse your site.



Use the Wayback Machine to view (browse) archived pages. The Wayback Machine page allows you to view older versions of a web page without going to it. This doesn't work if you intend to view Facebook stories, but you can use the Wayback Machine to view blocked references and the like.

Go to <https://archive.org/web/> using your desktop browser.

Type the website's address into the text field near the top of the page.

Click **BROWSE HISTORY** (browser history)

Select a date on the calendar.

Review the results.

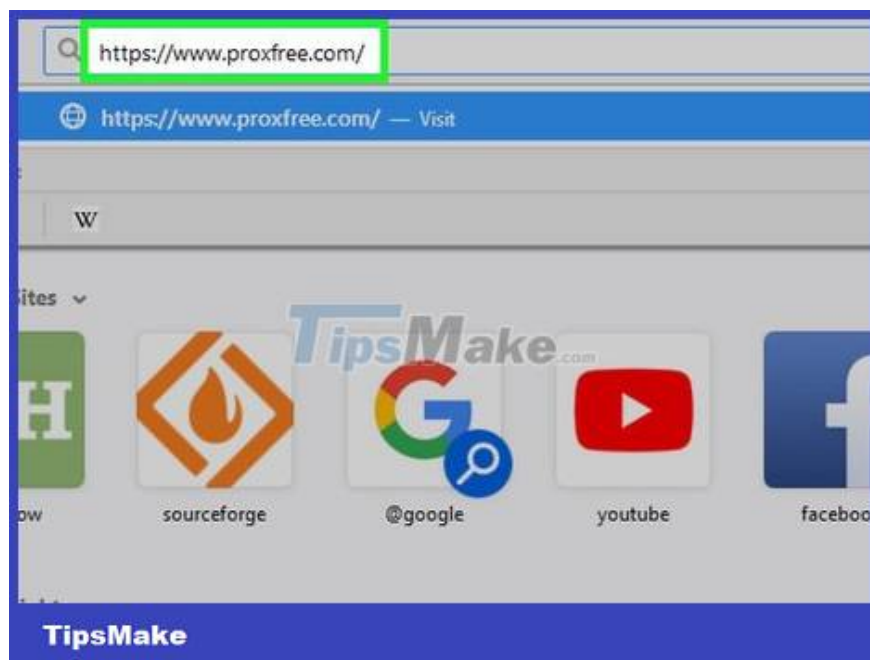


Use a VPN on a personal computer. Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) are paid services that are always connected, which redirect Internet traffic (access) through many different servers in many countries and regions. This effectively hides your Internet activity from anyone monitoring, allowing you to view websites and use services that are normally blocked in your region.

Most VPNs require a paid subscription, however some VPNs like Hotspot Shield have a free version.

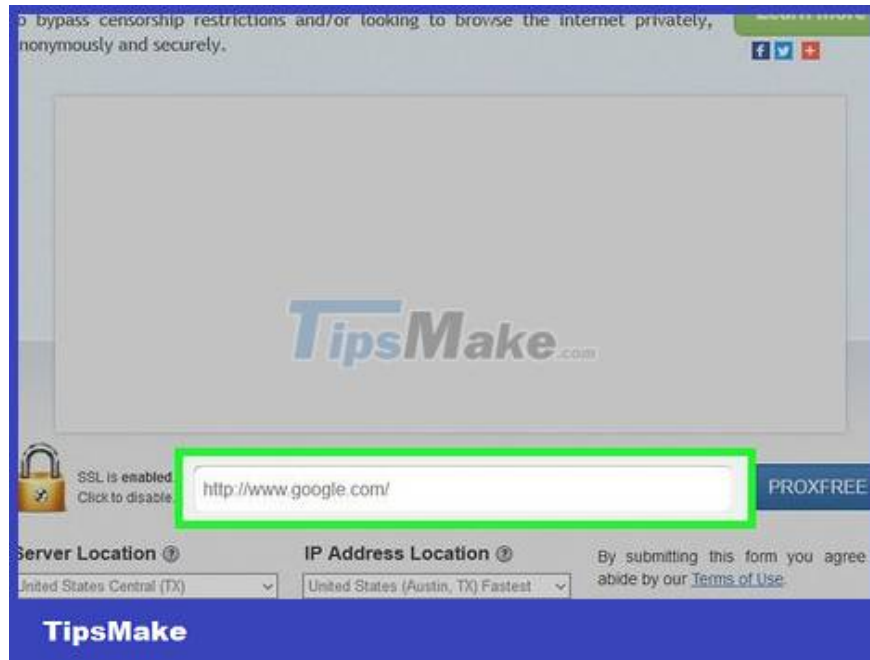
In order for your VPN to remain undetected, you must have it enabled for the entire time you are online.

## Use ProxFree Proxy

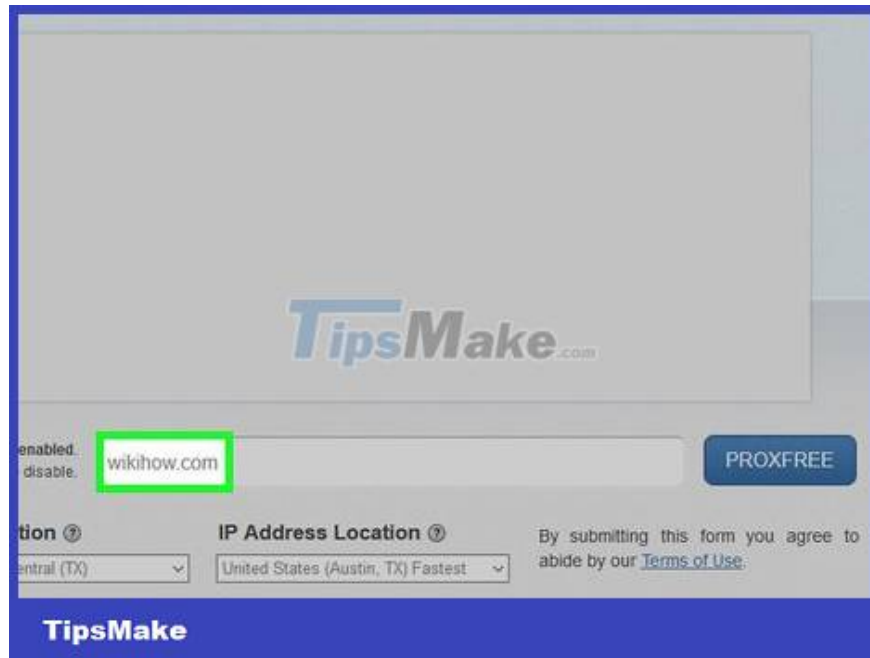


Open the ProxFree site. Go to <https://www.proxfree.com/> using your browser.

If this site is blocked on your computer, try another alternative, using a HideMe proxy.

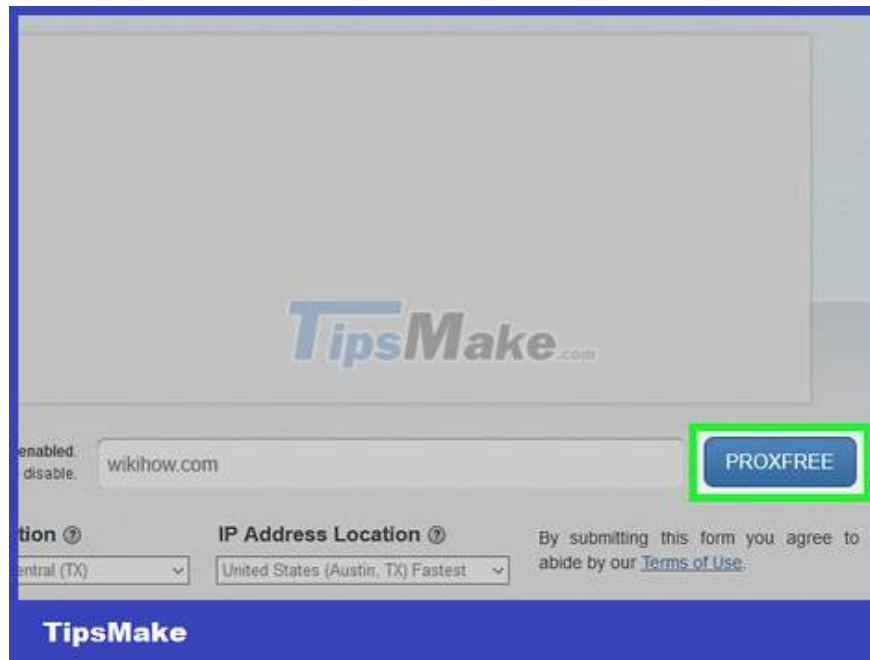


Click the search bar. This button is located near the bottom of the page, to the right of the lock icon.



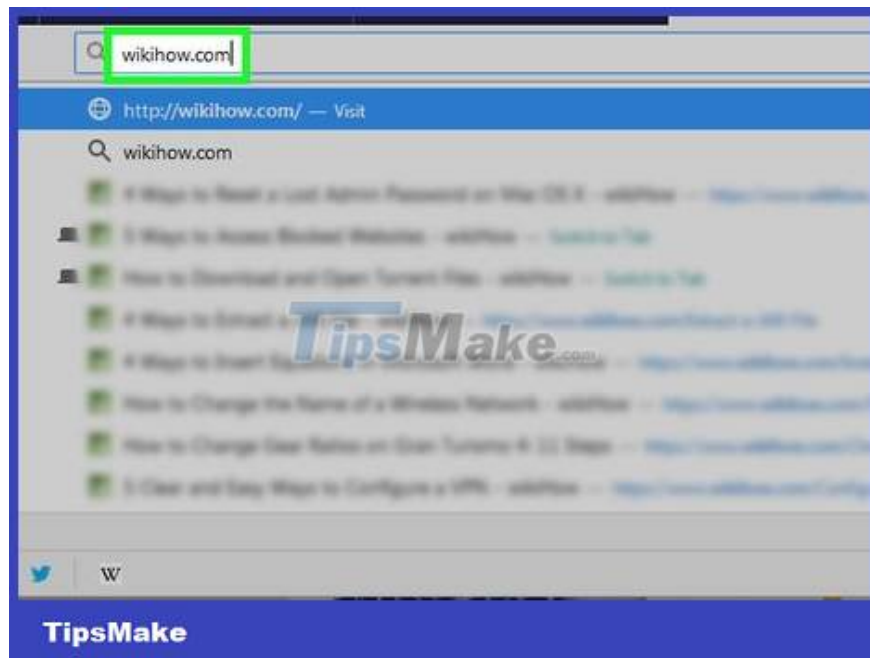
Enter your website address. Type the website address you want to visit.

You can select another country by clicking the "Server Location" drop-down box and then clicking the name of the country.



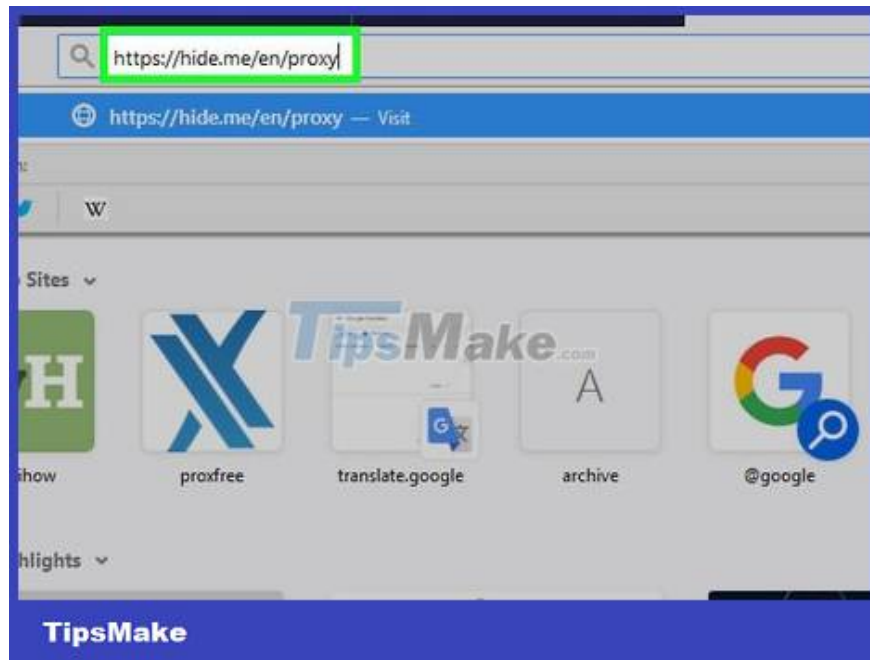
Click PROXFREE . This blue button is to the right of the search bar. This step helps to find your site.

If you have selected a country that is geographically located significantly different from your home country as your IP address, it may take up to a minute for your search results to appear.



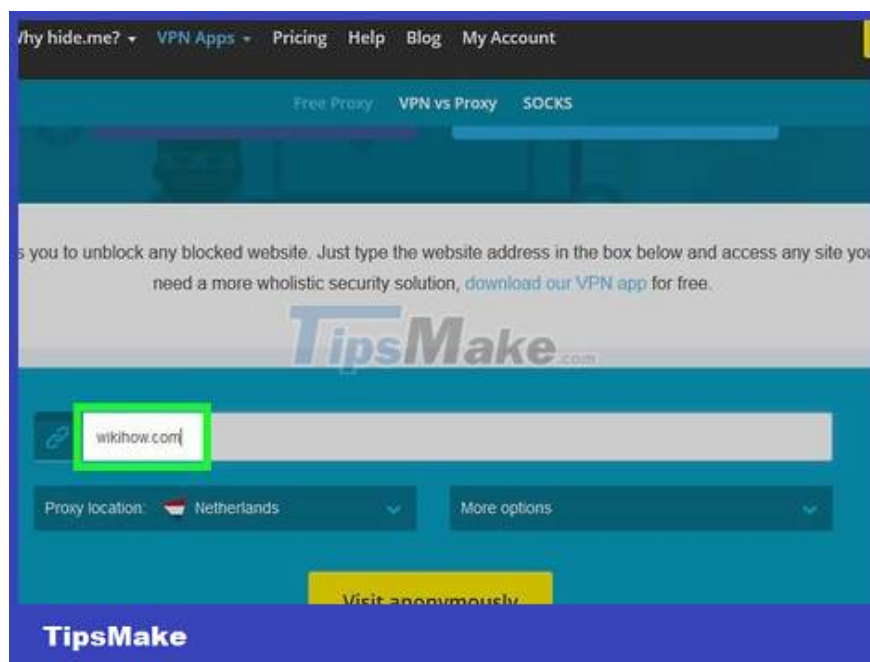
Browse your site. After the website loads, you can use it as usual. However, keep in mind that your website will take longer to load than usual.

## Use HideMe Proxy



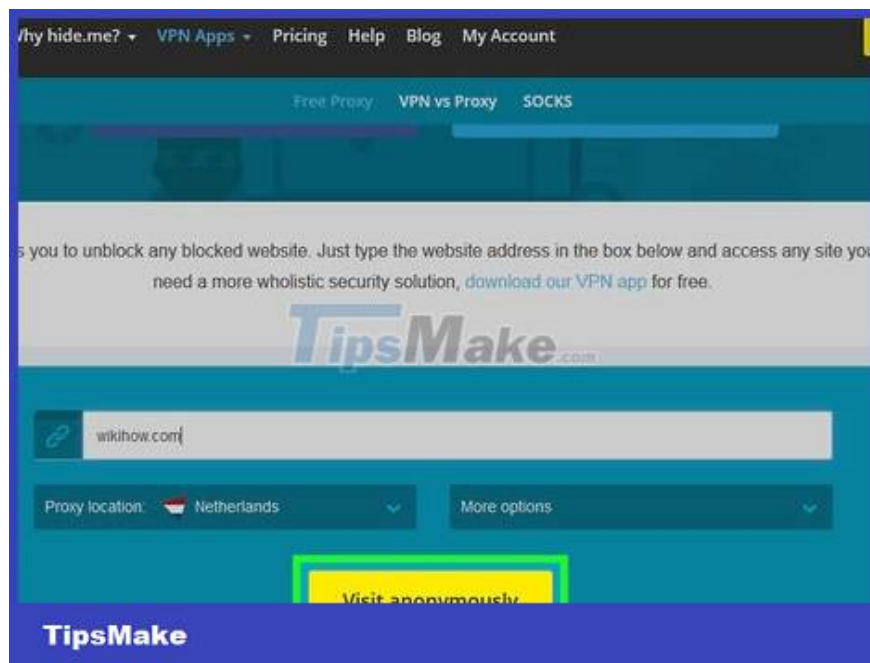
Open the HideMe page. Go to <https://hide.me/en/proxy> on your browser.

If this site is blocked on your computer, try using a ProxySite proxy as an alternative.

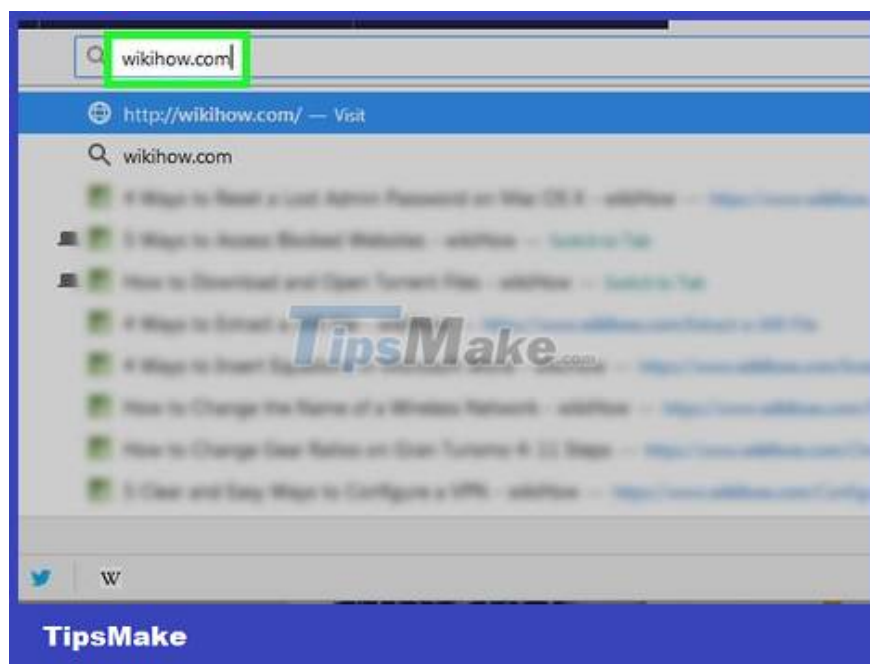


Type the website address. Enter the address of the blocked website in the "Enter web address" text box located in the center of the page.

You are allowed to select another country by clicking the "Proxy location" drop-down box and then clicking the name of the new country in the drop-down menu that appears.

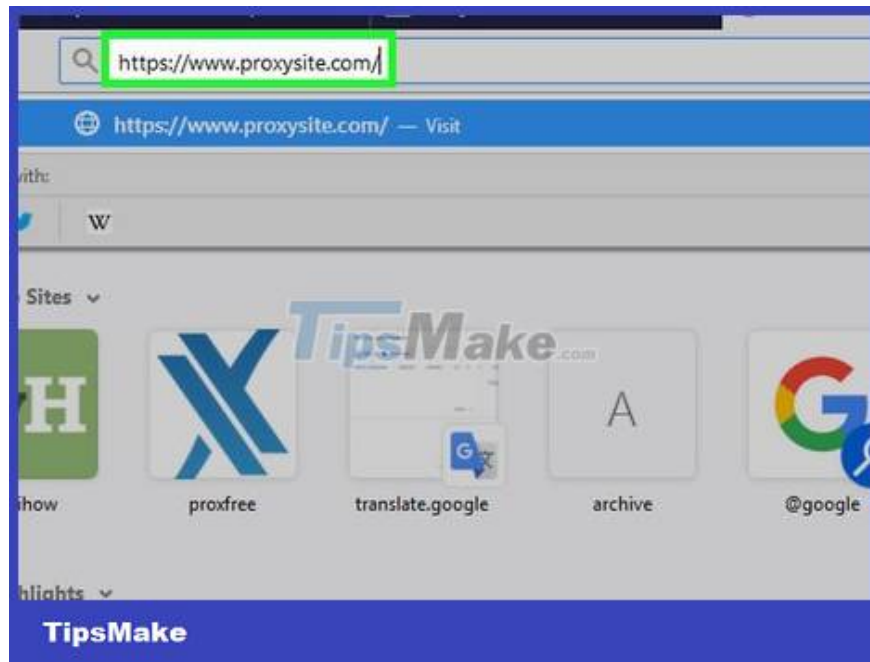


Click Visit anonymously . This is the yellow button below the text box. This will help load your website.



Browse the page. After the website is successfully loaded, you can use it as usual. However, be aware that your site's loading time will be much slower than usual.

## Using ProxySite Proxy

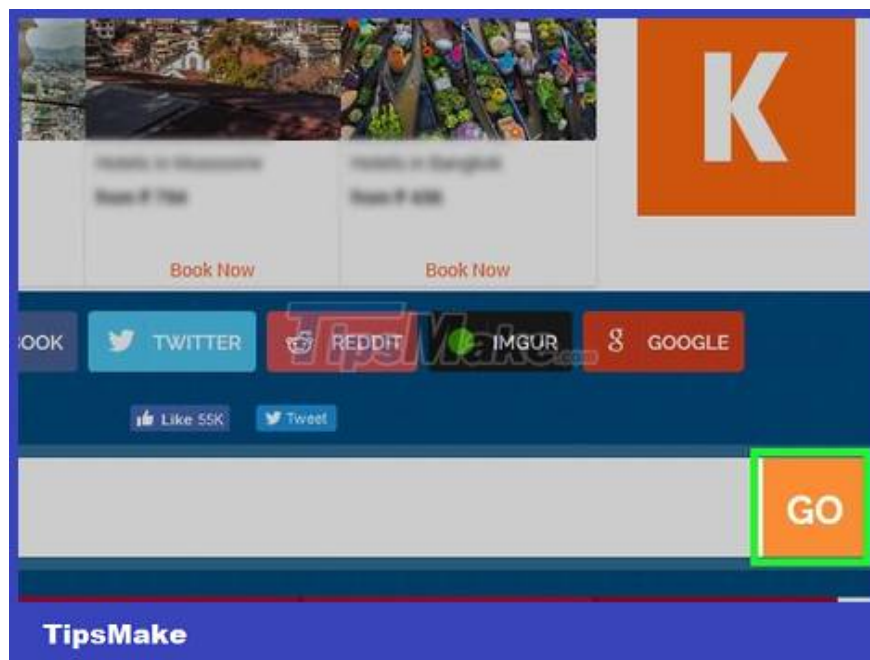


Open the ProxySite page. Go to <https://www.proxysite.com/> in your browser.

If this site is blocked on your computer, you can search for another proxy site or try using a portable browser.

Type the website address. Enter the address of the blocked website in the text box near the top of the page.

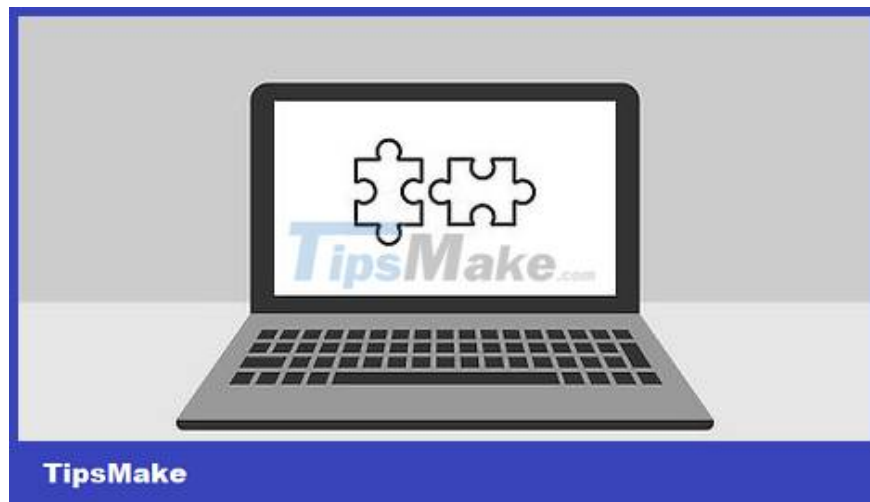
You can also select another country as the server location by clicking the "US Server" drop-down box and then clicking the country's name in the menu that appears.



Click GO . This orange button is to the right of the text box. This step helps to load your website.

View your page. Once the site is loaded, you can use it as usual. However, keep in mind that your website will take longer to load than usual.

## Using Portable Browser



Understand how this method works. Some Internet browsers have built-in proxies that allow you to remove web restrictions. Usually these browsers cannot be downloaded on restricted computers, but some of them have a "portable" version. You can install a portable version of that browser on a flash drive and open the browser on a restricted computer from the flash drive.

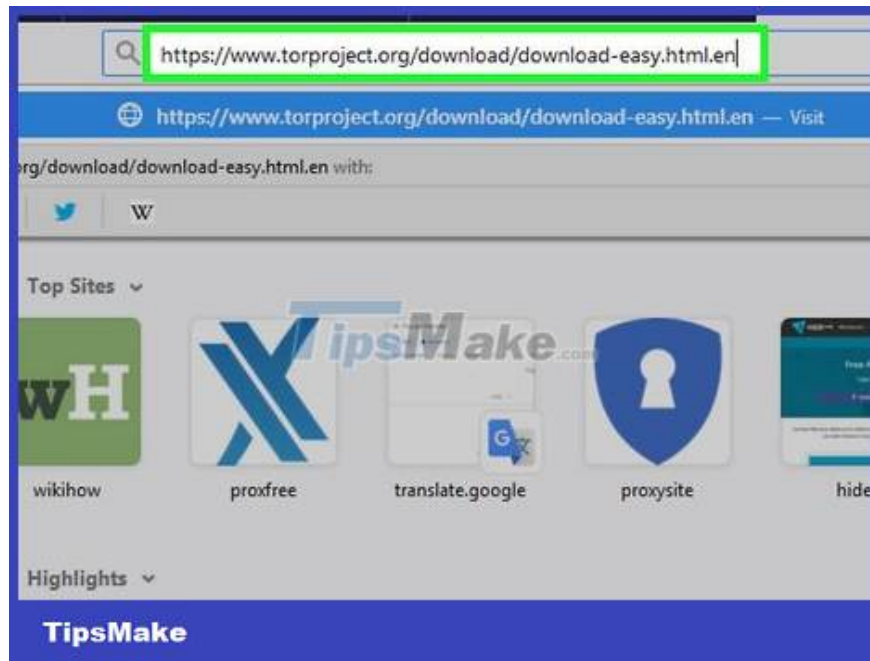
You will probably need to use a personal computer on an unrestricted network to install a portable browser on your flash drive.

If you're trying to use a portable browser on a computer that doesn't allow USB connections, you won't be able to use it.



Plug the flash drive into your computer. This drive should be plugged into one of the USB ports on the computer.

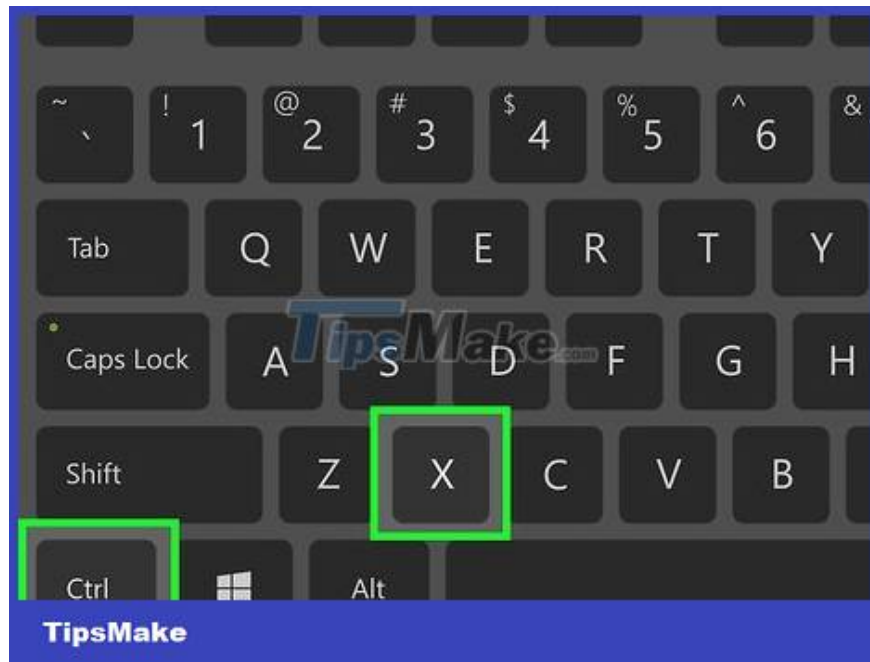
Again, it's more likely that you'll need to do this on a personal computer with no network restrictions (like your home computer, for example).



Open the Tor download page. Go to <https://www.torproject.org/download/download-easy.html.en> using your browser.



Click **DOWNLOAD** . This is the purple button in the center of the page.



Move the Tor installation file to your flash drive. Go to the directory where the downloaded installation file is located, then perform the following steps:

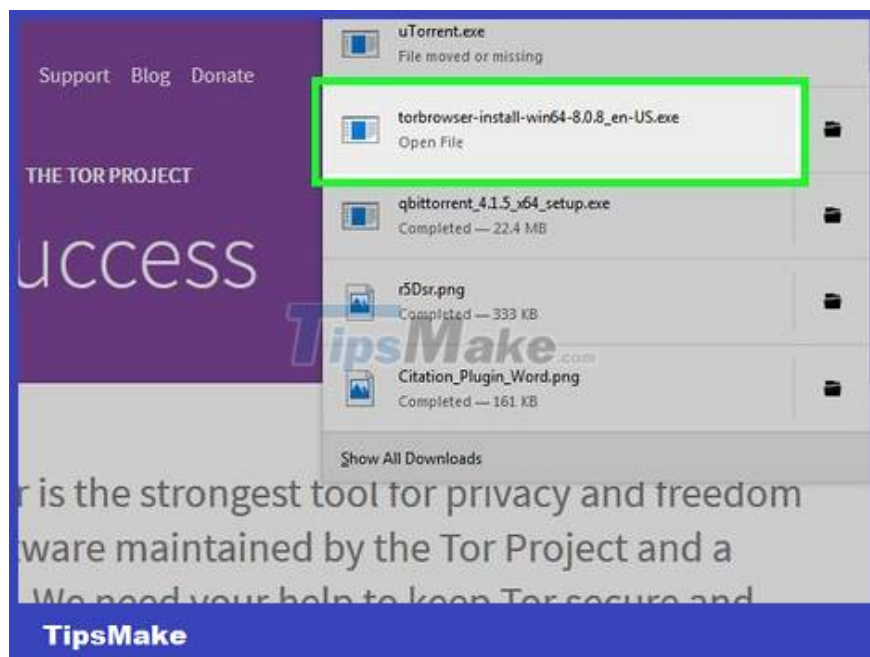
Click to select the file.

Press Ctrl+X (on Windows) or ? Command+X (on Mac) to copy the file and remove it from its current location.

Click the name of the flash drive on the left side of the window.

Click an empty space in the flash drive's window.

Press Ctrl+V (on Windows) or ? Command+V (on Mac) to paste the file onto your flash drive.



Install Tor on a flash drive. To do this:

For Windows - Double click the Tor EXE file, select the language and click OK, click Browse., select the name of the flash drive and click OK, then click Install. Uncheck both boxes and click Finish when prompted.

For Mac - Double-click the Tor DMG file, confirm the download if necessary, and follow the other on-screen instructions.



Remove the flash drive. Now that Tor is installed on the flash drive, you can run Tor on the blocked computer without worrying about the installation being rejected.



Plug the flash drive into the blocked computer. This should be the computer you want to be able to access the blocked website on.



Open Tor. To do this:

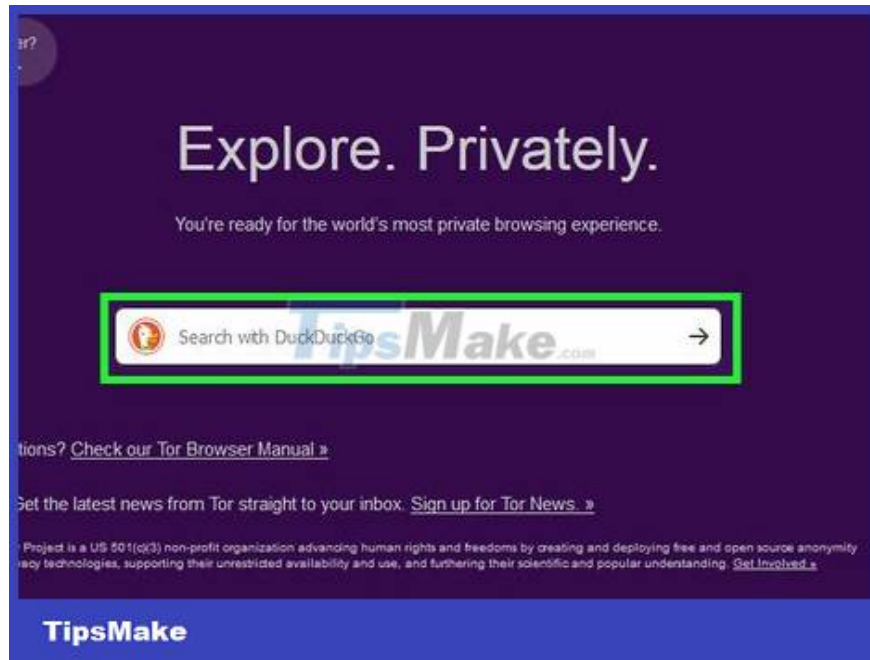
Open the flash drive if it's not already open.

Double-click the "Tor Browser" folder.

Double-click the "Start Tor Browser" icon.



Click Connect . Here's how to run Tor - the browser looks like an old version of Firefox.



Website access is blocked. Use the text box in the center of Tor's welcome page to do this. Since Tor is open with a built-in proxy, you are allowed to access any website.

Note that it will take more time to load the page because the browser traffic will be done through different servers.

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