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Omniscient - November 30, 2018, 9:30 am

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i actually like its clean UI its a pleasant change from googles Ad's, suggestions are helpful now and then imo.

but so far it looks nice and simple and clean

CasioWatch - November 30, 2018, 9:39 am

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Lavish Living - November 30, 2018, 9:40 am

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Horus God - November 30, 2018, 9:42 am

I'm using it since year ago its amazing and better than google, more privacy.

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Effexion - November 30, 2018, 9:44 am

I dipped my toe into the vast waters of this a while back. I was soon back using Google. I just love some of the features Google offers and missed them too much.

Omniscient - November 30, 2018, 9:45 am

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I agree same here lol but I use tails more. ?

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True that, I mean I can't even go on google anymore without atleast 20% of my visual field being filled with suggestions or ads, don't get me wrong there handy sometimes.

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FriendZone - November 30, 2018, 10:54 am

I have used DDG for 2 years as default (I found it trough TOR like everybody) it's improved a lot.

Google with his attempts to guess what you're searching definitely ruined the experience, expecially if most of what you re looking for isnt from your country, isnt in your country language or simply unespected. Their grab-money-policies sux (who readed about the dragonfly project in china? Is pretty recent) google=evil funny how his slogan was: Don't be evil.

Bluffer - November 30, 2018, 10:55 am

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That absolutely makes sense now but there's a few ways to look at it.

It's a corporation which has made a controversial business deal, it's going to go through no matter what, there will be some employees who have absolutely no problem towing the company line and building that search engine. While the others can all be replaced as it's a top privilege to work for Google.

Or maybe it gets enough attention and Google backs out. What confuses me about this is why China would get Google to make them their own search engine and not just hire Chinese developers to make their own equivelent, afterall I assumed they already had their own, kind of like Russia has their own Facebook.

(Nov 30, 2018 11:57 AM)Lavish Living Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That are against the individualized ads and SEO manipulation probably idk I'm not against google I love google 5eva

From what I know, Google has completely changed the way websites must do SEO right? They are so far mainstream now that it could be decades before they are replaced as the #1 search engine. Duck Duck Go is great but 95% of it's users use it for Tor. 95% of google users use it because it's the only search engine they know.

Omniscient - November 30, 2018, 11:45 am

I find with Google I'm rotating the same sites over and over again. As if there is nothing new on the internet. I'm hoping a new search engine will provide me a newer internet experience.

I'm also troubled by AMP.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accelerated_Mobile_Pages

If you notice now when you search that you go through a lot of AMP pages. Basically Google continues to enforce onto webmasters their standards. AMP is a project originally aimed to compete with Facebook.

Google unfortunately now represents big business and I no longer feel they care about fair search results based on content and a ranking algorithm. Google has way too much power. Justice department is going to have to do something.

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Yin Yang - November 30, 2018, 11:47 am

Combined with Brave, now you're talking :)

Mr. Robot - November 30, 2018, 11:56 am

It is done. Let us see where the rabbit hole takes us.

Speaking of Omni - I have been thinking about this for a while but would you consider doing a matrix style thing with other websites? The idea is to 'follow the white rabbit' - lots of websites will randomly place a small white rabbit on their site which in turn will take them to a new %random% website participating.

I think we could start something awesome.

AeroBlue - November 30, 2018, 12:02 pm

Yea I've used duckduckgo forever, love it :D

Vitani - November 30, 2018, 12:05 pm

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Mix - November 30, 2018, 2:00 pm

I think I might join you on this, I've been looking for a new search engine when I open my browser and well this might be it chief

ApexChill666 - November 30, 2018, 2:21 pm

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Athr - November 30, 2018, 2:26 pm

Did you try the bangs on duckduckgo?

example:

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Hello fellow searx user :D

Omni look into this:

<https://duckduckgo.com/bang>

Embargo - November 30, 2018, 2:42 pm

Been using it for awhile, really like it.

I also recommend using the DuckDuckGo Privacy Essentials extension, you can get it for Chrome or Firefox.

Temp_reassign - November 30, 2018, 2:44 pm

I tried duckduckgo, great strength. searched words like 'porn'. and found the listed hits were strictly the homepage url's and this was what? <https://duckduckgo.com/bang>

EDIT: the /bang extension was suppose to be there too? OK.

Zexi - November 30, 2018, 2:45 pm

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I have been using Duck Duck Go for a while it's dope that it doesn't track your shit but some searches feel "omitted".

Was searching for apartments for rent in my area for a while and i wasnt getting a lot of sites offering them, when i switched to google i got way more websites. Not sure if the sites didn't have good SEO or just Google provided me with more websites.

Exodus - November 30, 2018, 3:14 pm

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Literally switched from chrome to firefox a few days ago, been using DDG for years now.

Windows2016 - November 30, 2018, 7:13 pm

Which is better duckduckgo or bing?

Pikachu - November 30, 2018, 8:22 pm

DuckDuckGo is a pretty good SE, i use it every now and then.

(Nov 30, 2018 09:15 PM)Panik Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're an absolute pleb if you're not using AskJeeves. My mans is becoming the most supreme AI ever created. Eat your heart out, AOL chat bots. who even uses AskJeeves? Imao, i probably used that site once, back in 2009/2010 lol

Omniscient - November 30, 2018, 9:00 pm

My favorite search engine in the 90's was HotBot.com.

Wave Digital - November 30, 2018, 9:06 pm

I made the switch to brave a month or so ago and have not missed it much. The privacy aspects of it appeal to me more than anything.

SIM-3257834 - November 30, 2018, 9:29 pm

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Not a fact at all.

Armada - November 30, 2018, 10:27 pm

DuckDuckGo is comparable for certain searches I find.

If I am searching EXPLICIT/SPECIFIC criteria Duck is the way to go, If I have no clue and want a broad range of opinion, google all the way...

I know you hate my opinion, but dont worry boss. I close to closing it all up.

Gen1e - November 30, 2018, 10:53 pm

I'm using it for 3-4 years now. If you will search something specifics from your country or city it's still best to use google.

Doxicity - November 30, 2018, 10:55 pm

I've personally been using DDG for the past year now, no complaints.

Business - November 30, 2018, 11:15 pm

I'll join you in this experiment. I hope you'll update us with your final decision. I'll do the same!

I've been meaning to give it a go, but you form deeply rooted habits online. I'll use this as an opportunity to try i out.

reBELLYus - November 30, 2018, 11:24 pm

I am going to join you on this journey. I've heard nothing but good things.

In?sane? - December 1, 2018, 12:41 am

Tried this 3 times now but I kept going back to Google because it's just simply superior in what it does.

Blogger - December 1, 2018, 2:13 am

I may actually do this. I put in a search term that I check up on at least once per week. Google gives me good results with lots of shitty results I need to sift through. DDG gave me the same results minus the shittiness.

Ombra - December 1, 2018, 2:23 am

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broadsword - December 1, 2018, 3:10 am

I don't know, I'm so used to Google. I try to use duckduckgo as my main but something about it just seems too stale. It isn't bad, it returns pretty relevant information. It just doesn't feel right for some reason.

Ram - December 1, 2018, 3:20 am

Never really heard of it. Why is google bad now?

Cammy - December 1, 2018, 3:34 am

It doesn't have reverse image search and alternative services like TinEye are bad.

pms - December 1, 2018, 4:17 am

Been using Duckduckgo for a while now and it's pretty decent actually, feels clean.

Roytoy - December 1, 2018, 4:20 am

For me it was a lot slower than Google. I do understand the need to change though I've never experienced privacy issues from Google before

Bacardi Cola Lime - December 1, 2018, 5:14 am

Heard about it before, never decided to use it. Maybe now is the chance. From what I've read on this thread, it's a solid search engine and privacy is a great matter of today's internet.

Asoc?al - December 1, 2018, 6:00 am

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Asoc?al - December 1, 2018, 6:02 am

Also it's crazy. I just downloaded DuckDuckGo this morning. Haven't used it yet but going to give it a

try tomorrow. Weird how this thread came up right when I downloaded this morning though.

Vitani - December 1, 2018, 6:42 am

(Dec 1, 2018 07:00 AM)CITIZEN Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) curious as to what reasons?

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The two main reasons for me were privacy and the fact that Chrome has been strangely lagging for a few weeks and I wasn't able to fix it.

I'm a creature of habit when it comes to how I browse the internet, but I have to admit that the switch to Firefox has been much easier then expected, and I'm definitely enjoying the experience.

I switched from using Google as my default search engine to DuckDuckGo yesterday, and so far I'm not really missing anything. Like Omniscient said, Google does tend to show you the same results over and over again, whereas DDG varies a lot more in the first page results they show.

At some point I do think it's good to realize how much information big corporations have on you. In the past I mostly had the "I'm not hiding anything anyways" attitude, but over the past few years I've come to realize that even if you're not hiding anything per say, having someone/something know everything about you can be a very dangerous thing.

Polymath - December 8, 2018, 7:16 pm

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Google isn't offering me that type of experience imho. And again, their AI is getting creepy and too close to being over that line. This is very true.. I do get concerned about the amount of personal data they collect from us. I feel slightly paranoid by just the thought of it. I will definitely give DDG a shot and see how its like, thanks.

Retribute - December 8, 2018, 8:00 pm

I have been using DDG exclusively for the past few months. The [!Bang](#) feature is also really nice to quickly search for something under a specific website. And if the search results for specific keywords don't match your liking, you could always use Startpage which is basically a proxy to Google's search results (you could use the [!s Bang](#) in DDG for this).

Flaxpicker - December 8, 2018, 8:22 pm

Not sure if I have the patience to get used to it

SUI-3183372 - December 8, 2018, 8:34 pm

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If you'd like to avoid having to navigate to google.com, but still maintain more google like results, you can try using [!s](#) or [!searx](#) bangs on DuckDuckGo. It'll redirect you to the startpage search results and the searx search results, but it's still better than using google.com.

Omniscient - January 6, 2019, 12:28 pm

Still using DDG as my default search. I go to Google for search about 1 in 10 searches usually because I need location based results or smart results which only Google offers. But image searching is pretty good with DDG and regular web results are just fine.

I think I'll stick with DDG for the time being.

If you're not using DDG, try it. Pretty good. It has my personal endorsement. :)

webdev77 - January 6, 2019, 12:36 pm

(Jan 6, 2019 01:28 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you're not using DDG, try it. Pretty good. It has my personal endorsement. :)

I'll give it a shot. As someone who is pretty all-in on Google's products, I'll see how this turns out. Just changed my browser search to DDG.

Pow3r - January 6, 2019, 2:06 pm

I really don't like Google and the amount of power it has gained over the years. I'll give this a try and see how it fairs. To be honest I am a light browser anyway so I can't foresee any issues really.

Cyber - January 6, 2019, 2:29 pm

I'm honestly in the same boat as you, I found myself going back to google because I was unsatisfied with the search from DDG. I ended up going back to google and so far I don't regret it.

Silver Fang - January 6, 2019, 3:06 pm

I prefered Startpage before duckduckgo, however i went back to chrome and using google again :[

Doctor. - January 6, 2019, 3:54 pm

I'm currently switched over to bing. Just much more clean UI than ddg

Uploader.sx - January 6, 2019, 4:21 pm

I try DDG from time to time when using TOR.

It's actually not bad. But we are used to Google more lol.

Pyro - January 6, 2019, 5:25 pm

never knew this was a thing, 1st time i hear about it, installed it on my opera, will give it a try, thanks :)

Junx - January 6, 2019, 5:33 pm

When I make a search on Google I can see "Top stories" "Videos" and "People also ask" (related questions)

For me at least, this is the major reason why I prefer Google. Though I will rely on DDG on Tor always :)

Disease - January 6, 2019, 5:36 pm

I like Duck Duck Go as a concept. I just have too many ties to Google to make the switch. But seriously- a great team in general. Did you know a number of their services [are actually open source](#)?

FarosMoloko - January 6, 2019, 5:40 pm

You love it until you need to search for something super specific, or a local restaurant, or whatever.

And then you start missing google.

But no, your mind says, I must resist the temptation in an unbeatable fight against my own privacy.

And then a few weeks go by and you realize it wasn't fucking worth it, and that Google can take your soul.

deepsouth80 - January 6, 2019, 5:41 pm

Ive used Duck Duck Go for a while, at first I would go back and forth from DDG and Google, but now I only use DDG, its great.

r4mb13r - January 6, 2019, 5:56 pm

DDG works well for almost every search I do. It does pull youtube videos and top headlines, and it also pulls StackOverflow top posts.