

## Check out our top picks for browsers that protect your privacy

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In this modern internet-driven era, web-browser has become an integral part of our digital lives. However, the constant fear of your valuable personal information or online activities being handed over to third parties is no joke.

> Oftentimes, unethical browsers are accused of selling information assets to other companies who will use the information to manipulate your feed by bombarding it with consciously curated advertisements suggesting you buy their products for earning profits.

Here are three security-centric browsers to provide you with a safe internet surfing experience without requiring you to be tech-

## 1. Firefox Focus

Developed by Mozilla Firefox, Firefox focus is perfectly focused on getting its job done. This browser with a minimal user interface, lets you choose the search engine according to your preference. It has a built-in blocking feature for ads, social and other content trackers, and it even shows you the number of trackers or ads it is blocking.

You can use this as a private browser where upon exiting a session, it will automatically delete browsing history, caches and cookies. Also, it never stores your search queries.

Although it is mostly praised for its speed or its ability to open or load links faster, it is incapable of helping you with multitasking since it cannot open multiple tabs simultaneously and has limited options to tweak the settings.

## 2. Ecosia

Your default browser might have been ruthlessly stealing your information but, with Ecosia, none of your data gets sold to suspicious advertisers. Additionally, the highlighting aspect of this browser is that they promise to donate 80 per cent of their surplus income generated from search ads in planting trees, which means you get to be a part of such an exemplary contribution and help them solve global warming with the revenue just by

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maintains absolute transparency by publishing its financial reports and tree planting receipts. Live countdown of trees being planted can give you the satisfaction of the tangible act of planting trees. They have planted over 92,000,000 trees which makes using this browser a win-win situation for everyone.

## 3. Tor Browser

Tor or The Onion Router ensures an anonymous browsing experience for you by enabling multi-layered encryption where the network is comprised of thousands of volunteer-run servers known as Tor relays; hence, the "onion" metaphor. It prevents hackers from collecting your system information by blocking their tracking attempts for breaching and violating your privacy.

If you do not want third parties snooping on your browsing history or compromising with your digital footprint, you should check out this one. You can use the services of Tor with apps like Orbot and Onion Browser available in Android and iOS respectively to browse the internet without your IP address being tracked, which makes these apps satisfactorily functional.