Alternatives for everything you need on a computer (technology)

submitted 19 hours ago by Rainy-Day-Dream

delete you facebook and any other social media you don't really need, get a VPN i use cyber ghost, ditch google chrome for pale moon, ditch google for qwant, ditch Microsoft office for libre office, ditch gmail for proton mail, and if you can ditch windows for linux there are other alternatives but this is what i use personally

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  https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigger (dog) Discovered that
  the code word to begin the attack run on the 1943
  Dambusters raid was "nigger." In Morse code. I'm loving
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Only have Windows just for Gaming.
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  same here. I have a quick swap HDD tray in my desktop. shut
  down, swap drive, boot windows, no dealing with windows
  updates "accidentally" overwriting my boot partition (which
  happens way too often for it to be a bug) since the OS drives
  are never plugged in at the same time, best $20 I ever spent.
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[-] **SCRoberts1987 2** points (+2|-0) 18 hours ago

Was using pale moon for awhile and thought it was pretty great until a recent nvidia driver start making it produce critical errors. Pale moon was the only program affected. Went ahead and installed the newest firefox and it's absurd how much faster it is... same two addons; ublock origin and noscript.

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Waterfox.

Clean, stripped down Firefox. No added nonsense. Just gets rid of bullshit like datatracking, various bloatware and spyware that has infested the original.

Or just go for TorBrowser. If you're really paranoid, run it in a Whonix VM.

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[-] Richard_Guzenya 3 points (+3|-0) 17 hours ago

Firefox is horrible. Since last year George Soros and Pierre Omidyar are taking part in what is determined to be real vs "fake" news.

Who determines "Fake" News

I have used Pale Moon for personal browsing and Brave for things that require more vanilla settings. Both seem solid.

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[-] Viropher 1 points (+1|-0) 16 hours ago

Instead of games, theres Dwarf Fortress! All platforms, free, and endless FUN!

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[-] NotHereForPizza 1 points (+1|-0) 16 hours ago

Hey, you're doing good work.

I think we disagreed over something involving Crensch's dumb ass the other day. I hope that doesn't leave us on bad terms.

As for the comparison of search engines, while I don't typically favor opinions that generally push extremes, I'm unsure you're really going to find a good enough search engine that's worth replacing the efficiency of some of the popular ones with the less-private lesser known ones. The trade off, to me at least, has always seemed more like: lesser-known = more private, but less efficient - more popular = less private, but more efficient. I'm stiff on the belief that all of these services track you in one way or another. Google tends to be a bit more direct, however.

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just trying to help, honestly the info in the comments goes a lot farther but it's good a discussion started

yeah i remember, you're stalking him it's weird

there's disagreement over what alternative is good but it's a given that google and the bigger ones are bad, if nothing else they lose a little traffic

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Meh, call it what you will. When you get enough experience under your belt in these environments, some things **stand out** more than others, and certain narratives and methods become pretty easily recognizable. It's okay if you don't see it. These things surface with time nearly without fail. Until then, you should be more suspicious of people that claim authority, frame things in an abusive manner, and people that resort to identity politics as division tactics.

This doesn't need to be about Crensch, though. We've got all the time in the world for conversations like that. For now, we can keep to the technological discussion here - it's going well. Nice work.

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[-] BLOODandHONOUR 4 points (+4|-0) 17 hours ago
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  [-] TheodoreKent 2 points (+2|-0) 16 hours ago
  Please extol its's virtues to me.
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[-] Norseman 1 points (+3|-2) 17 hours ago
it's not. Most of these recommendations are shit vs better
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  [-] BaldMiscreant 1 points (+1|-0) 17 hours ago
  I'll bite, what would you suggest? Genuinely curious.
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  [-] Rainy-Day-Dream [S] 0 points (+0|-0) 17 hours ago
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     there are other alternatives but this is what i use
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[-] hatecrime
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[-] hatecrime 1 points (+1|-0) 17 hours ago

I never heard about it either, but it looks good. Some more info about it would be nice.

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[-] NeedleStack 3 points (+3|-0) 18 hours ago

I did a qwant image search for Latvian Mittens and got this result. I approve.

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[-] BaldMiscreant 2 points (+2|-0) 17 hours ago (edited 17 hours ago)

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigger_(dog) Discovered that the code word to begin the attack run on the 1943 Dambusters raid was "nigger." In Morse code. I'm loving qwant. Edit- fuck, the url broke. How do I fix?

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[-] Glory_Beckons 0 points (+0|-0) 16 hours ago

Like this.

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[-] NeedleStack 0 points (+0|-0) 16 hours ago

I tried but couldn't fix. Here's the archived version of that page anyway: http://archive.is/gzVjc

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[-] TheENDIsFuckingNeigh 2 points (+2|-0) 15 hours ago

Only have Windows just for Gaming.

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[-] waffleman 0 points (+0|-0) 15 hours ago

same here. I have a quick swap HDD tray in my desktop. shut down, swap drive, boot windows. no dealing with windows updates "accidentally" overwriting my boot partition (which happens way too often for it to be a bug) since the OS drives are never plugged in at the same time. best \$20 I ever spent.

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[-] **SCRoberts1987 2** points (+2|-0) 18 hours ago

Was using pale moon for awhile and thought it was pretty great until a recent nvidia driver start making it produce critical errors. Pale moon was the only program affected. Went ahead and installed the newest firefox and it's absurd how much faster it is... same two addons; ublock origin and noscript.

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[-] Glory_Beckons 3 points (+3|-0) 16 hours ago

Waterfox.

Clean, stripped down Firefox. No added nonsense. Just gets rid of bullshit like datatracking, various bloatware and spyware that has infested the original.

Or just go for TorBrowser. If you're really paranoid, run it in a Whonix VM.

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[-] Richard_Guzenya 3 points (+3|-0) 17 hours ago

Firefox is horrible. Since last year George Soros and Pierre Omidyar are taking part in what is determined to be real vs "fake" news

Who determines "Fake" News

I have used Pale Moon for personal browsing and Brave for things that require more vanilla settings. Both seem solid.

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[-] Rainy-Day-Dream [S] -1 points (+2|-3) 17 hours ago pale moon is tricky but firefox is botnet

pale moon is theky but melox is both

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[-] **Viropher 1** points (**+1**|**-0**) 16 hours ago

Instead of games, theres Dwarf Fortress! All platforms, free, and endless FUN!

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[-] NotHereForPizza 1 points (+1|-0) 16 hours ago

Hey, you're doing good work.

I think we disagreed over something involving Crensch's dumb ass the other day. I hope that doesn't leave us on bad terms.

As for the comparison of search engines, while I don't typically favor opinions that generally push extremes, I'm unsure you're really going to find a good enough search engine that's worth replacing the efficiency of some of the popular ones with the less-private lesser known ones. The trade off, to me at least, has always seemed more like: lesser-known = more private, but less efficient - more popular = less private, but more efficient. I'm stiff on the belief that all of these services track you in one way or another. Google tends to be a bit more direct, however.

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[-] Rainy-Day-Dream [S] -1 points (+0|-1) 16 hours ago

just trying to help, honestly the info in the comments goes a lot farther but it's good a discussion started

yeah i remember, you're stalking him it's weird

there's disagreement over what alternative is good but it's a given that google and the bigger ones are bad, if nothing else they lose a little traffic

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[-] NotHereForPizza 0 points (+0|-0) 16 hours ago

Meh, call it what you will. When you get enough experience under your belt in these environments, some things **stand out** more than others, and certain narratives and methods become pretty easily recognizable. It's okay if you don't see it. These things surface with time nearly without fail. Until then, you should be more suspicious of people that claim authority, frame things in an abusive manner, and people that resort to identity politics as division tactics.

This doesn't need to be about Crensch, though. We've got all the time in the world for conversations like that. For now, we can keep to the technological discussion here - it's going well. Nice work.

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well basicly therer is a tor like linux version named tails which i have