

# Add or remove a search engine in Firefox

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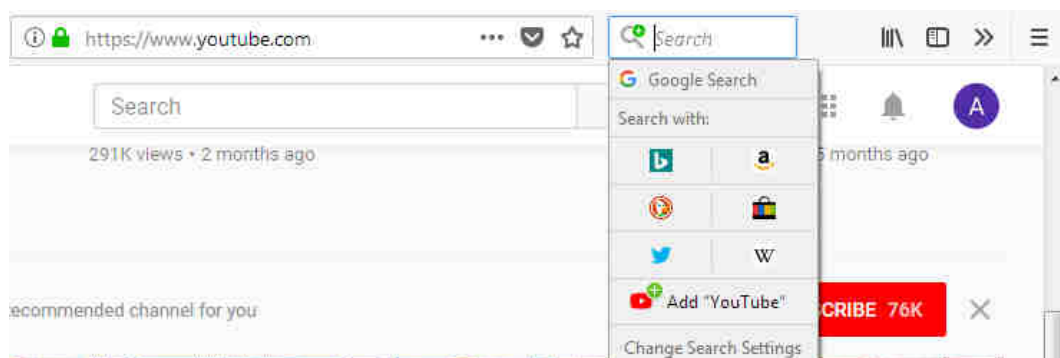
## Add search engines

**Note:** If you removed one of the [default search engines](#) built into Firefox, such as Google, you can restore the default search engines in your Firefox Options to add it back. See [Remove search engines](#) and [Adding back a removed search engine](#), below.

### Add a search engine from the Search bar

Firefox offers an optional Search bar. See [Add the Search bar to your Firefox toolbar](#) to add it to Firefox.

1. Visit a website that offers an OpenSearch search engine (we'll use youtube.com as an example).
2. Click the magnifying glass on the Search bar  and then click on Add "YouTube".

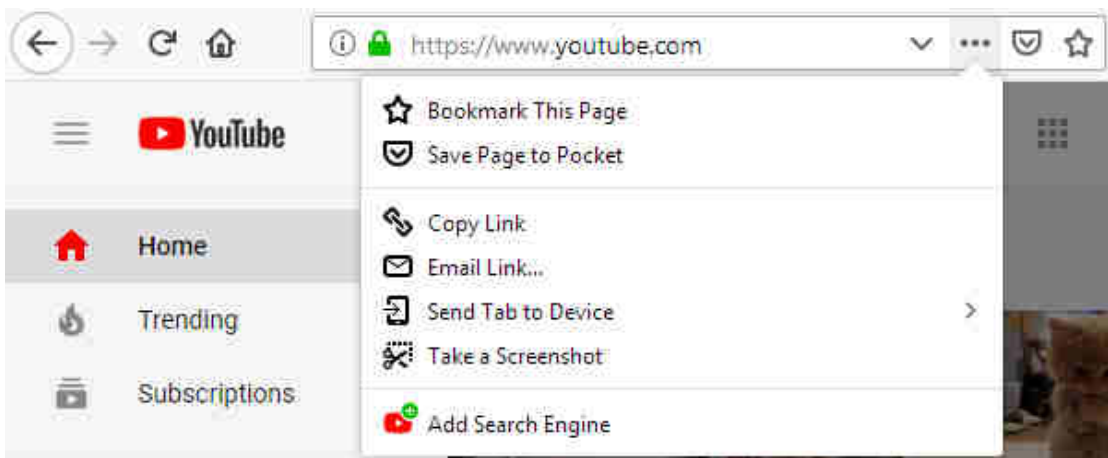


The search engine will appear in your available search options.

### Add a search engine from the address bar

When you visit a website that offers an [OpenSearch](#) search engine, you can add it from the address bar Page actions menu.

1. Click the Page actions (3-dot) button on the address bar.



2. Select Add Search Engine from the menu.



**To add search engine discovery to the address bar:** Right-click the Page Actions Add Search Engine menu item that indicates an available search engine (as shown above for YouTube) and select "Add to Address Bar". A search engine icon will be added to the address bar. When you visit a different site that offers a search engine (such as [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)) then an icon for that site will appear in the address bar.



You can click on the website icon in the address bar to add the search engine.



### Search engine add-ons

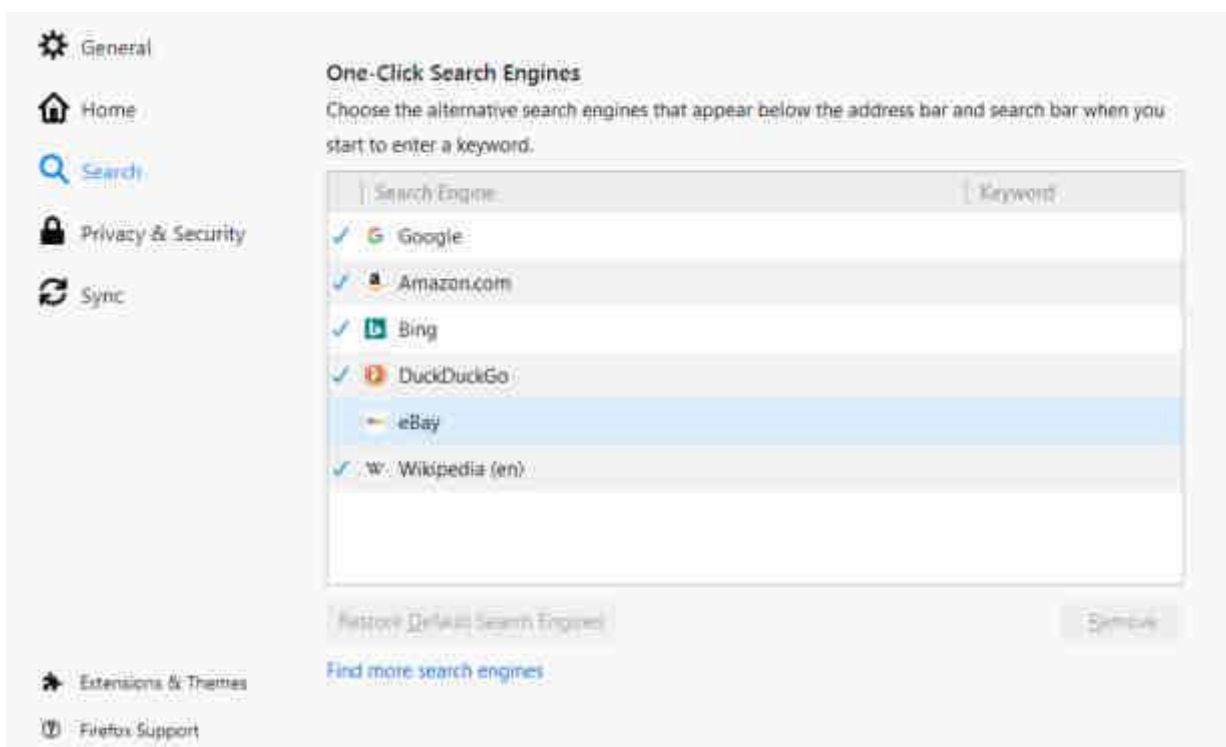
Many providers offer search engine add-ons. To find these search engines and add them to Firefox:

1. Open the Search panel in Firefox **Options** using one of these methods:
  - Click the menu button  and select **Options**. In the Options tab that opens, click on Search in the left pane.
  - If you added the optional Search bar, click the magnifying glass  on the Search bar and then click Change Search Settings.
2. At the bottom of the Search panel, click on the **Find more search engines** link. The *Firefox Add-ons* website will open.
3. Select the search engine add-on you want to install and click **Add to Firefox**.

### Hide search engines



Follow these steps to remove alternative search engines you don't want to use.

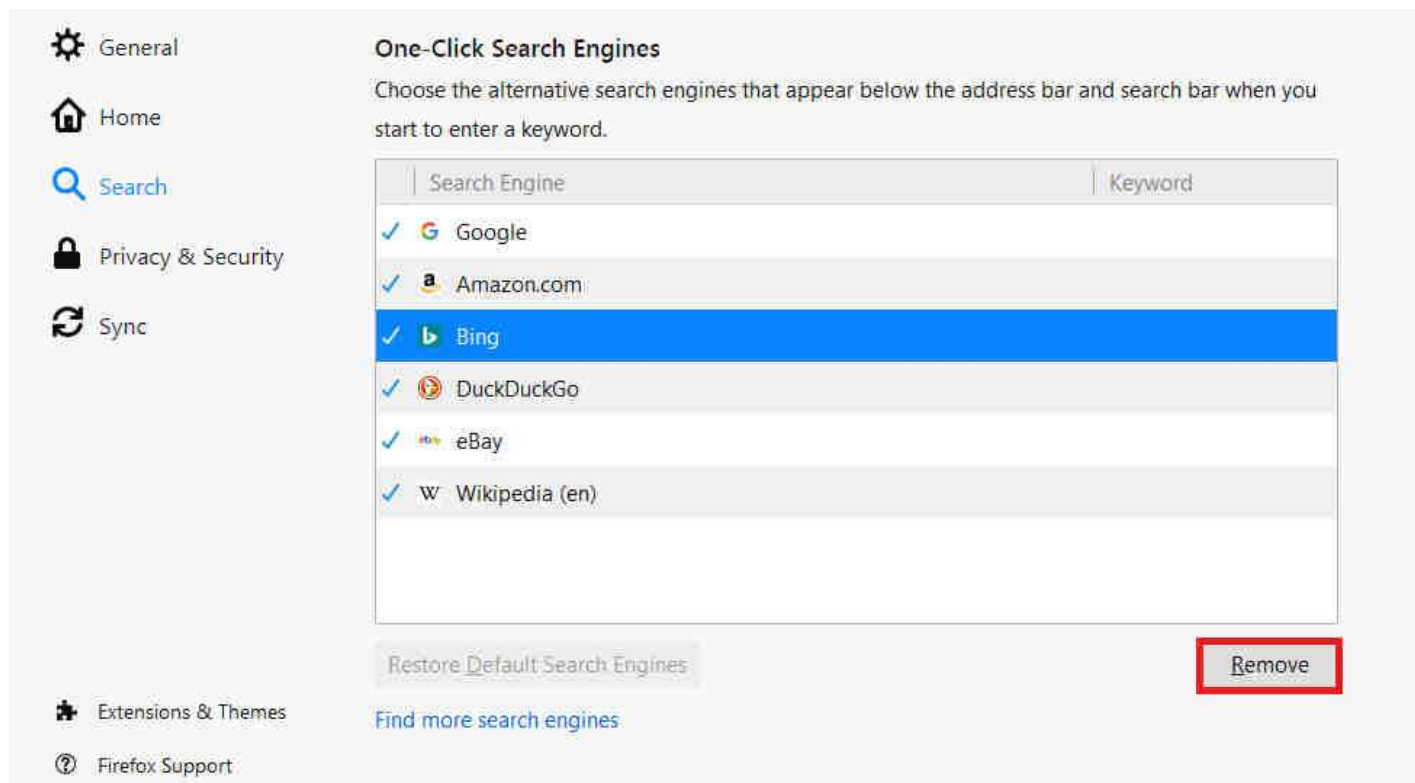
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  - Click the menu button  and select **Options**. In the **Options** tab that opens, click on **Search** in the left pane.
  - If you added the optional Search bar, click the magnifying glass  on the Search bar and then click Change Search Settings.
2. Under **One-click search engines**, remove the check mark next to each search engine you don't want to use.



## Remove search engines

To remove a search engine, follow these steps:

1. Open the Search panel in Firefox Options using one of these methods:
  - Click the menu button  and select Options. In the Options tab that opens, click on Search in the left pane.
  - If you added the optional Search bar, click the magnifying glass  on the Search bar and then click Change Search Settings.
2. Under **One-click search engines**, click on the search engine you want to remove.



3. Click the Remove button to take it off your list.

**Note:** If a search engine is added back after you restart Firefox, it may be a Firefox [extension](#). Those can be removed using the **Add-ons manager** (see [Disable or remove Add-ons](#) for details).

## Adding back a removed search engine

If you remove a search engine that you added yourself and you change your mind, you'll have to add it back again, either from the [Search bar](#) or [address bar](#) by visiting the website or by reinstalling the [Search engine add-on](#) (see above).

If you remove any of the default search engines that are built into Firefox, you'll have to go to your Firefox Options Search panel and click the **Restore Default Search Engines** button in the **One-click search engines** section to bring them back.