

Change your default search settings in Firefox

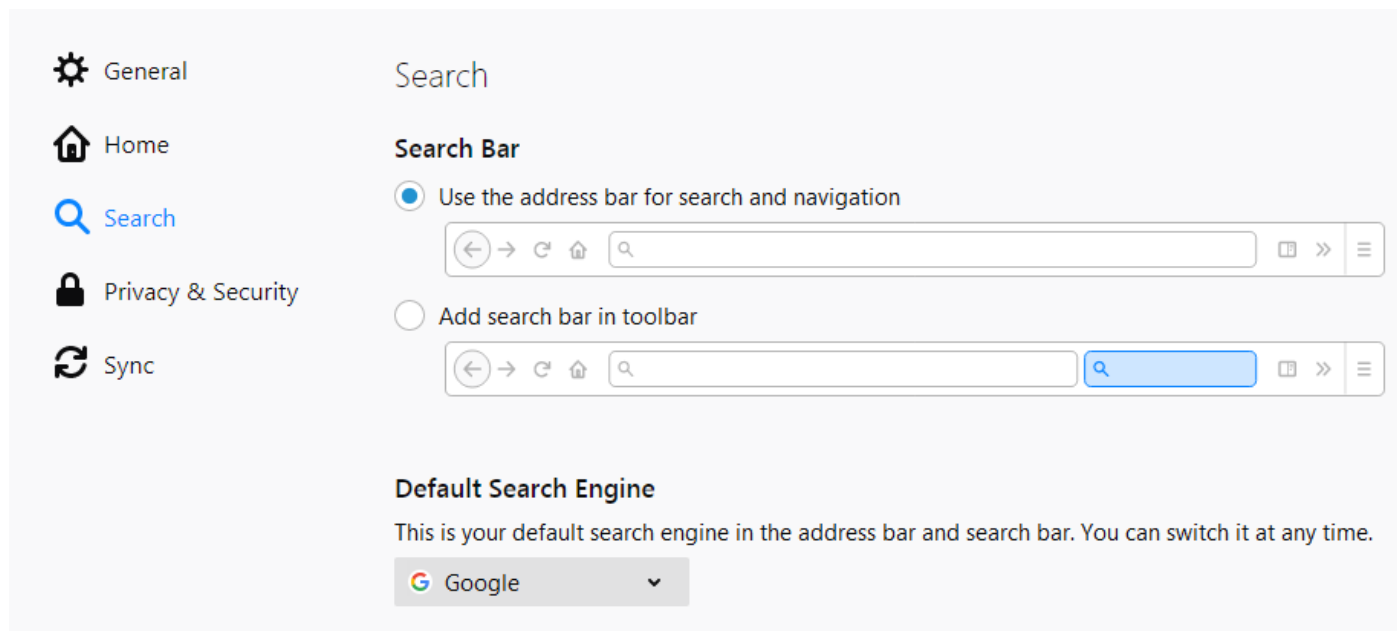
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The **Search** panel in Firefox Options lets you customize your search options. You can add or remove search engines, change your default search engine, turn the search bar on or off and choose whether to display search suggestions first or not at all.

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Open the Search panel

1. Click the menu button  and select Options.
2. Select Search in the left pane.

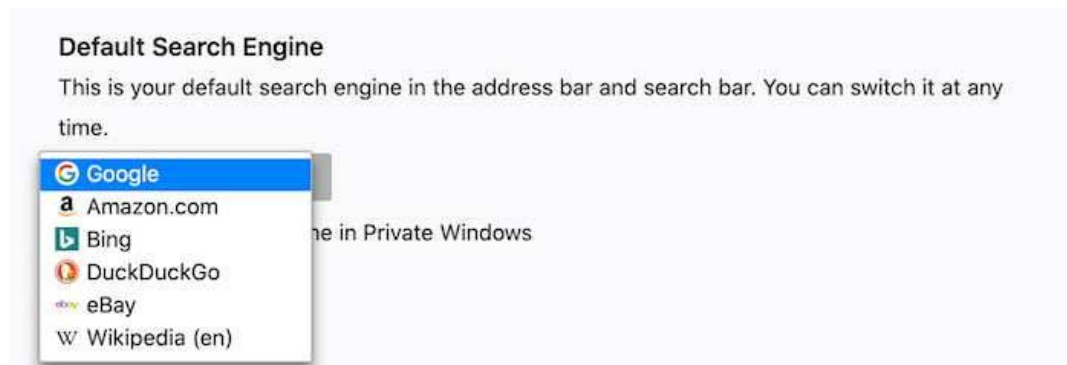


Search bar

- **Use the address bar for search and navigation:** This is the default setting. It provides a unified search and address bar.
- **Add search bar in toolbar:** Select this setting if you prefer a separate search bar.

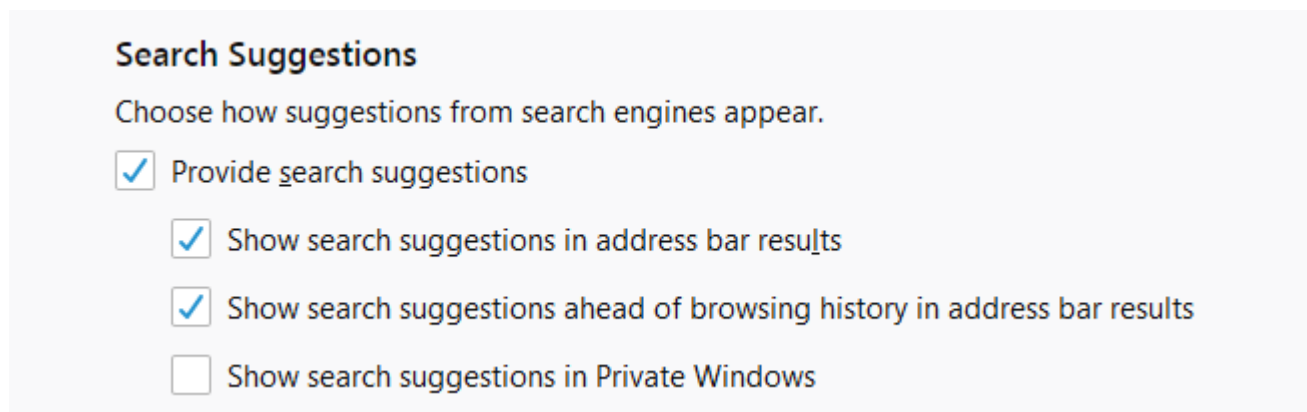
Default search engine

Use the drop down menu under **Default Search Engine** to choose the search engine you wish to use by default.



Search suggestions

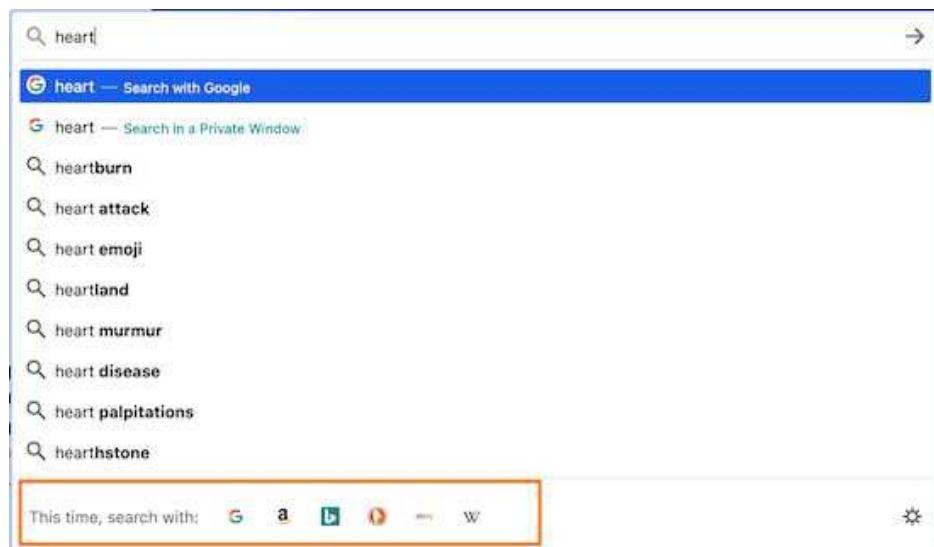
As you type into the search bar or the address bar, your default search engine shows you suggestions based on popular searches or on your previous searches. See [Search suggestions in Firefox](#) for more information.



- **Provide search suggestions:** Select this setting to turn search suggestions on or off.
- **Show search suggestions in address bar results:** When search suggestions are turned on, select this setting to also include search suggestions in the results that are listed when you search from the Firefox address bar. Up to two suggestions from your Search history may also appear. These will be indicated with a clock icon instead of a magnifying glass icon.
- **Show search suggestions ahead of browsing history in address bar results:** Select this setting to show search suggestions before your browsing history.
- **Show search suggestions in Private Windows:** Select this setting to show search suggestions in [Private Browsing](#) windows.

One-click search engines

When you start typing in the search bar or address bar, you'll see icons for other search engines you can search with:

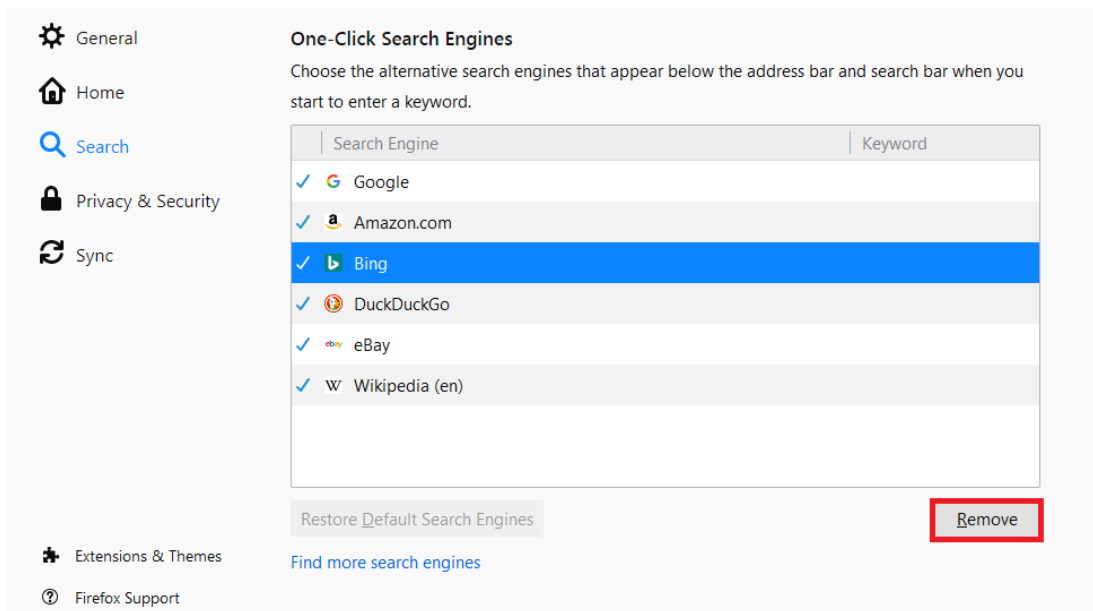


You can choose an alternative search engine and use it for your search with one click, if you don't want to use the current default.

To remove alternative search engines you don't want to be displayed in the search bar or address bar, remove the check mark next to the search engine listed in the Search panel under **One-click Search Engines**. This will not remove the search engines themselves.

Remove or add search engines

To remove a search engine from Firefox, go to the Search panel **One-click Search Engines** section.



1. Click on the search engine you don't want to highlight it.
2. Click the Remove button to take it off your list.

Note: You must use the Add-ons manager to remove any search engines installed as Firefox [extensions](#) (see [Disable or remove Add-ons](#) for details).

If you remove any of the search engines that come with Firefox by default, click **Restore Default Search Engines** to bring them back.

To add a new search engine:

1. Click Find more search engines.
 - A Firefox Add-ons page will open, listing available search tools.
2. Click the search engine you want to add and click Add to Firefox.