

# Mozilla: Firefox Privacy Features and the Cost of Proprietary Software for Communication

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- [Save and update passwords in Private Browsing with Firefox](#) [2]

Private browsing was invented 14 years ago, making it possible for users to close a browser window and erase traces of their online activity from their computers. Since then, we've bundled in various levels of tracking protection and privacy control. While that's great, some basic browser functionality pieces were missing from the Private Browsing Mode experience, namely giving you the option to save logins and passwords and giving you the power to choose which extensions you wanted enabled.

- [No-Judgement Digital Definitions: What is Cryptocurrency?](#) [3]

Cryptocurrency, cryptomining. We hear these terms thrown around a lot these days. It's a new way to invest. It's a new way to pay. It's a new way to be deeply confused. To many of us, crypto-things sound like technobabble from sci fi movie. If you're used to thinking about money as something that is issued by your government, kept in a bank and then traded for goods and services, then wrapping your head around cryptocurrency might be a bit of work, but we can do it!

- [Let Firefox help you block cryptominers from your computer](#) [4]

Is your computer fan spinning up for no apparent reason? Your electricity bill inexplicably

high? Your laptop battery draining much faster than usual? It may not be all the Netflix you're bingeing or a computer virus. Cryptocurrency miners may be using your computer's resources to generate cryptocurrency without your consent. We know it sounds like something out of a video game or one of those movies that barely gets technology right, but as much as cryptomining may sound like fiction, the impact on your life can be very real.

- [How to block fingerprinting with Firefox \[5\]](#)

If you wonder why you keep seeing the same ad, over and over, the answer could be fingerprinting.

Fingerprinting is a type of online tracking that's different from cookies or ordinary trackers. This digital fingerprint is created when a company makes a unique profile of your computer, software, add-ons, and even preferences. Your settings like the screen you use, the fonts installed on your computer, and even your choice of a web browser can all be used to create a fingerprint.

- [Firefox 67: Dark Mode CSS, WebRender, and more \[6\]](#)

Firefox 67 is available today, bringing a faster and better JavaScript debugger, support for CSS prefers-color-scheme media queries, and the initial debut of WebRender in stable Firefox.

- [The Cost of Fragmented Communication \[7\]](#)

Mozilla recently announced that we are planning to de-commission irc.mozilla.org in favour of a yet to be determined solution. As a long time user and supporter of IRC, this decision causes me some melancholy, but I 100% believe that it is the right call. Moreover, having had an inside glimpse at the process to replace it, I'm supremely confident whatever is chosen will be the best option for Mozilla's needs.

I'm not here to explain why deprecating IRC is a good idea. Other people have already done so much more eloquently than I ever could have. I'm also not here to push for a specific replacement. Arguing over chat applications is like arguing over editors or version control. Yes, there are real and important differences from one application to the next, but if there's one thing we're spoiled for in 2019 it's chat applications. Besides, so much time has been spent thinking about the requirements, there's little anyone could say on the matter that hasn't already been considered for hours.

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