

# How to Use uBlock Origin to Bypass YouTube's Anti-Adblock

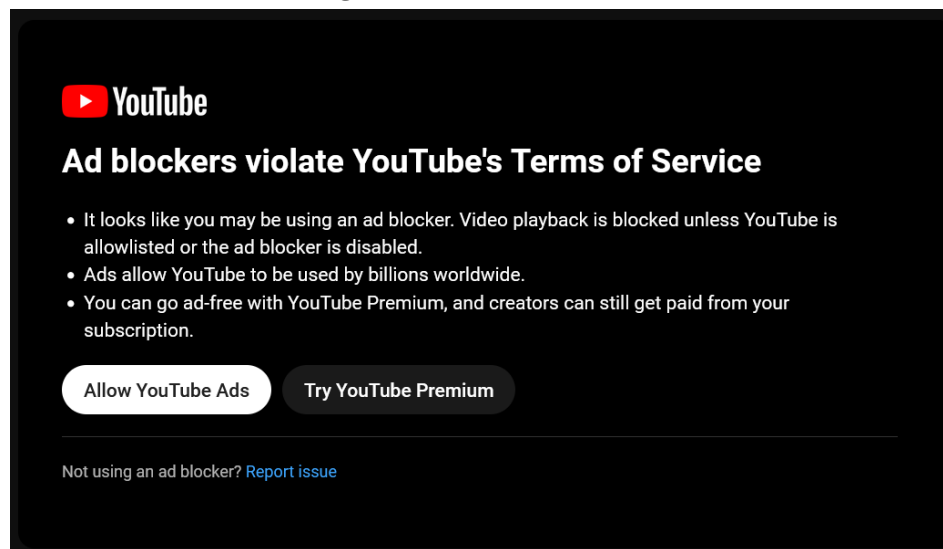
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## Installing uBlock Origin

This guide shows you how to get around YouTube's anti-adblock (shown below) using the browser extension uBlock Origin.



*YouTube's anti-adblock.*

This guide will work with any browser that uBlock Origin is available on, which includes the following:

- Google Chrome
- Firefox and Firefox for Android
- Microsoft Edge
- Opera

The Firefox app for Android is currently the only way to use uBlock Origin on mobile. There is no way to use uBlock Origin on the YouTube mobile app.

To install uBlock Origin on your browser:

1. Visit [uBlockOrigin.com](https://uBlockOrigin.com) and select the "Get uBlock Origin" button. This will redirect you to your web browser's extension store. Add the extension to your browser.

2. Once the uBlock Origin is installed, restart your browser and check YouTube to verify if the anti-adblock still appears.
  - a. If it doesn't, then you're all set.
  - b. If it does show up, then something is not working correctly. Follow the steps in [Troubleshooting uBlock Origin](#).

## Troubleshooting uBlock Origin

If you have uBlock Origin installed but YouTube's adblock notifications are still showing up, follow these steps to troubleshoot.

### I. Ensure that you have the latest version of uBlock Origin installed.

1. Navigate to the **Manage Extensions** page on your browser. Reference the links below to learn how you can find this page on your browser.
  - [Google Chrome](#)
  - [Firefox](#)
  - [Microsoft Edge](#)
  - [Opera](#)
2. On the **Manage Extensions** page, locate the uBlock Origin extension. Select it to view it in detail. On the **Details** page, locate the version number.
  - This number should match the version number listed on the [uBlockOrigin.com](https://uBlockOrigin.com) underneath the black "Get uBlock Origin" button.

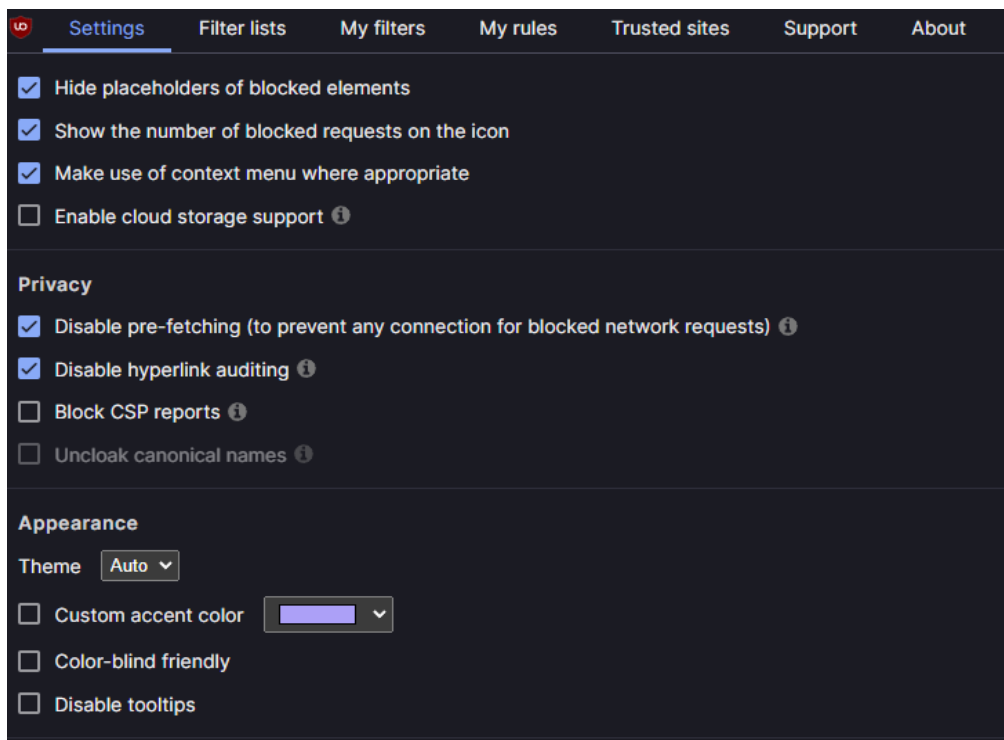


*The uBlock Origin homepage. The current version is 1.54.0.*

3. If the version number between your version of uBlock Origin and the one listed on the site do not match, update your extension. This can usually be done on the **Details** page.
  - Tip: Enable automatic updates for uBlock Origin to ensure it is always up to date.

**II. Reset your uBlock Origin to default settings.** This needs to be done in case any of your custom configurations are interfering with YouTube adblocking.

1. Navigate to the uBlock Origin **Dashboard**. To do this, follow the same steps as before to navigate to the **Manage Extensions** page and view the details for uBlock Origin. On the **Details** page, locate the link to the extension options. You will be taken to the **Dashboard**, which looks like this:



*The uBlock Origin Dashboard.*

2. (Optional) If you would like to, make a backup of your configurations. To save your current filter lists and configurations, select the “Back up to file...” button located near the bottom of the page.
3. Select the “Reset to default settings...” button located near the bottom of the page.
4. Update your filter lists. While still on the **Dashboard**, select the “Filter lists” tab from the header at the top of the page. Then, select the “Update now” button located underneath the header.

***At this point, restart your browser and check YouTube to verify if the anti-adblock still appears. If it does, then continue to step III.***

**III. Disable all other browser extensions.** If you have other browser extensions installed, one of them may be conflicting or interfering with uBlock Origin.

“All other browser extensions” really does mean all of them! Any extensions could be causing interference with uBlock Origin.

1. Once again, navigate to the **Manage Extensions** page on your browser.
2. Disable all other browser extensions other than uBlock Origin.
  - Disabling the extensions is enough. You do not need to completely uninstall or remove them.

Once you get uBlock Origin working, you can re-enable your extensions one at a time to pinpoint what the interfering extension is.

Some browsers also have built-in blockers you might need to disable.

- Microsoft Edge: [Disable Tracking Prevention](#)
- Opera: [Disable Ad Blocker](#)

Do NOT use multiple adblock extensions concurrently; it will not increase adblock effectiveness and is more likely to cause compatibility issues!

***At this point, restart your browser and check YouTube to verify if the anti-adblock still appears. If it does, then continue to step VI.***

**VI. Clear your cache.** This will essentially redownload any websites you’ve visited onto your device, ensuring uBlock Origin is working with a fresh copy of YouTube.

1. On most browsers, the easiest way to find the cache settings is to navigate to the browser tools menu near the top-right corner of the window and selecting “Settings”. Once on the **Settings** page, use the search bar at the top of the page to search for “cache”.
  - You do not need to clear your history or your cookies.
2. Restart your browser. If you have followed every step correctly, YouTube’s anti-adblock should no longer appear! If it still shows up, try the fixes in [Further Troubleshooting uBlock Origin](#).

## Further Troubleshooting uBlock Origin

YouTube's anti-adblock is updated frequently, and solutions that worked last week may fail the following week. If you have followed all the steps but YouTube's anti-adblock still appears, try the following.

- **Double-check your extensions** to make sure uBlock Origin is still the only one enabled; sometimes other extensions get reenabled automatically.
  - Sometimes, an extension that was previously compatible with uBlock Origins becomes incompatible.
- **Check using a private window.** Navigate to the **Manage Extensions** page on your browser and view the **Details** page for uBlock Origin. There should be a setting to allow the extension to run in private windows/incognito mode/etc; enable that setting. Open a new private window in your browser (This can be done using **Ctrl + Shift + p** on FireFox and **Ctrl + Shift + n** on most other browsers). Check YouTube to verify if the anti-adblock still appears.
  - If it doesn't, double-check that you have completed steps **III-VI** of [Troubleshooting uBlock Origin](#) correctly.
  - If it does, update your browser and follow the troubleshooting steps again.
- **Switch to a different browser**, install uBlock Origin on that browser, and verify if the problem persists. If it doesn't and the anti-adblock no longer appears, clear your cookies on your original browser, close all your YouTube/Google tabs, and restart your browser.
  - The option to clear your cookies is generally in the same place as the option to clear your cache, which is described in step **VI**.