

A Brave Guide



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Chapter 1: Introducing Brave

Brave is a multipurpose web browsing tool meant to be highly customizable and safe. With tools ranging from its built-in adblocker, customizable homepage, and strong security settings, Brave offers a fresh web browsing experience that will prepare users for the next leap in how the web operates.

Web 3.0. can be described as the next innovations in how the internet stores and processes data, changes security, and how users experience it. Many features of Web 3.0. suggest that the web browsing experience will be compact into one place. Hence, most things you will need to do can get done in one place. Brave is the perfect example.

However, in order to make Brave as powerful as possible, you must understand how to utilize its features. Brave's capabilities only match the creativity of the user. By learning of certain features that you wouldn't originally think of in a web browser, your view of how to utilize the web will change forever.



Understanding Brave

Brave is meant for users who want a customized web experience with minimal security risk. Brave is more about the experience than an answer to a question. Let's start learning about it!



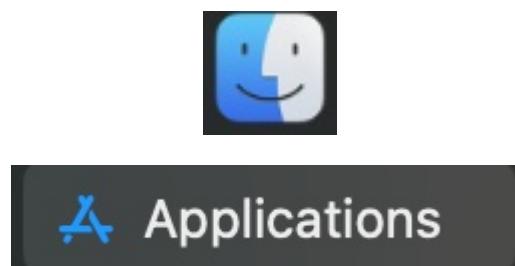
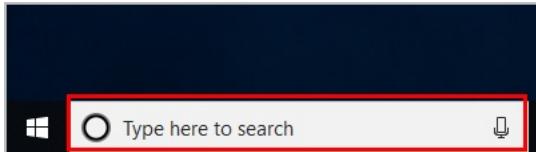
Launching Brave

To launch Brave, right click the Brave icon on your Desktop or Taskbar and click **Open**.

If you don't see the Brave icon on your Desktop, you may need to search for it in your file directory.

On Windows 8 or newer, click the search bar on your taskbar and type in "Brave." If you still don't see Brave, try reinstalling it.

On MacOS, its likely that Brave is in your **Applications** folder. To find your Applications folder, open the Finder app and looks for Applications on the left sidebar, click it, then search for Brave. If you don't find Brave here, try reinstalling it.

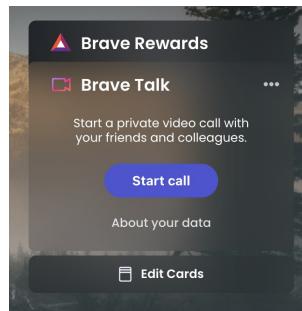


Getting Familiar with the Brave Toolbox

Brave comes with many features. In order to get the most out of your web browsing experience with Brave, you'll need to utilize these features. You will become familiar with these features in this chapter, and learn how to use them more adeptly later.

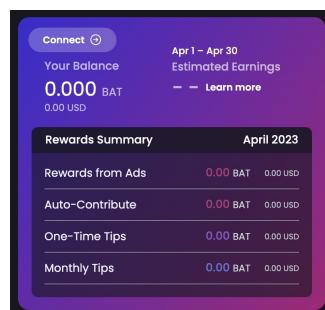
Brave Talk

Brave Talk is a video/audio conference tool built into Brave. This tool emphasizes privacy and security. Brave does not log any information for an extended period proceeding a meeting. A minimal amount of data is stored to allow the video calls to operate, including your IP address and the URL address of the meeting, chat logs during the meetings, and a video recording of the meeting if you choose to record it. The former of the two get deleted after the meeting is finished.



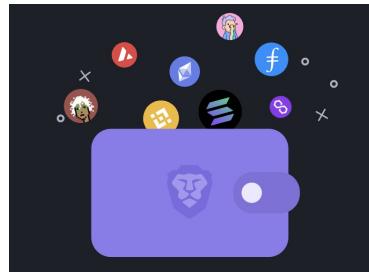
Brave Rewards

Brave Rewards allows users to gain Basic Attention Tokens (BATs) by watching private Brave ads. Brave prides itself on its adblocker, so if users choose to enable Brave Rewards, they are given a Rewards Payment ID to gain BATs. BATs can be used to support "Brave Creators," or website creators that have partnered with Brave. This is an simple way to support websites you love for free.



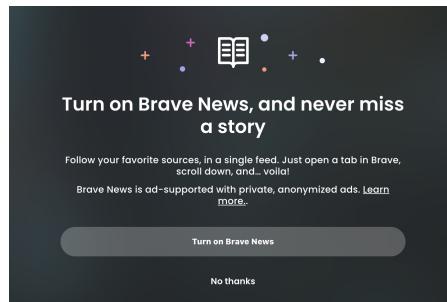
Brave Wallet

Brave Wallet is a crypto-wallet built in to Brave. It is a seamless way to buy, send, store, or swap internet assets like crypto or NFTs. Data is stored on secure blockchain networks like Ethereum, Filecoin, and others. Brave does not track any activity within Brave Wallet, and does not keep unnecessary data.



Brave News

Brave News is a private, ad-supported news content reader within the Brave browser. Brave News includes news content, ads and promotions, Brave promotions, and more. Brave makes sure not to track viewing and is anonymous. Brave will show news sources you might want to follow. If you choose to follow sources, their content will show up in your following list. More on Brave News later.



Brave Firewall/VPN

This is a paid service offered by Brave powered by Guardian. The Firewall tracks any occurrences of Firewall rules being broken and a report is sent to Guardian to prevent further breaches. The VPN offers private internet access, hiding your IP address to possible scammers or hackers.



Chapter 2: Navigating the Homepage

The Brave homepage is a staple of its usefulness. From the customization options to the easy access of all tools included in Brave, the homepage is your web hub.

An example homepage will be shown along with indicators to certain parts of the screen. Each arrow opens a utility from the homepage. The buttons will all be explained.

Additional features will be explained later in the chapter such as importing settings and customizing the homepage. A key feature to Brave is its customization, so your homepage may not look the same as the one provided.

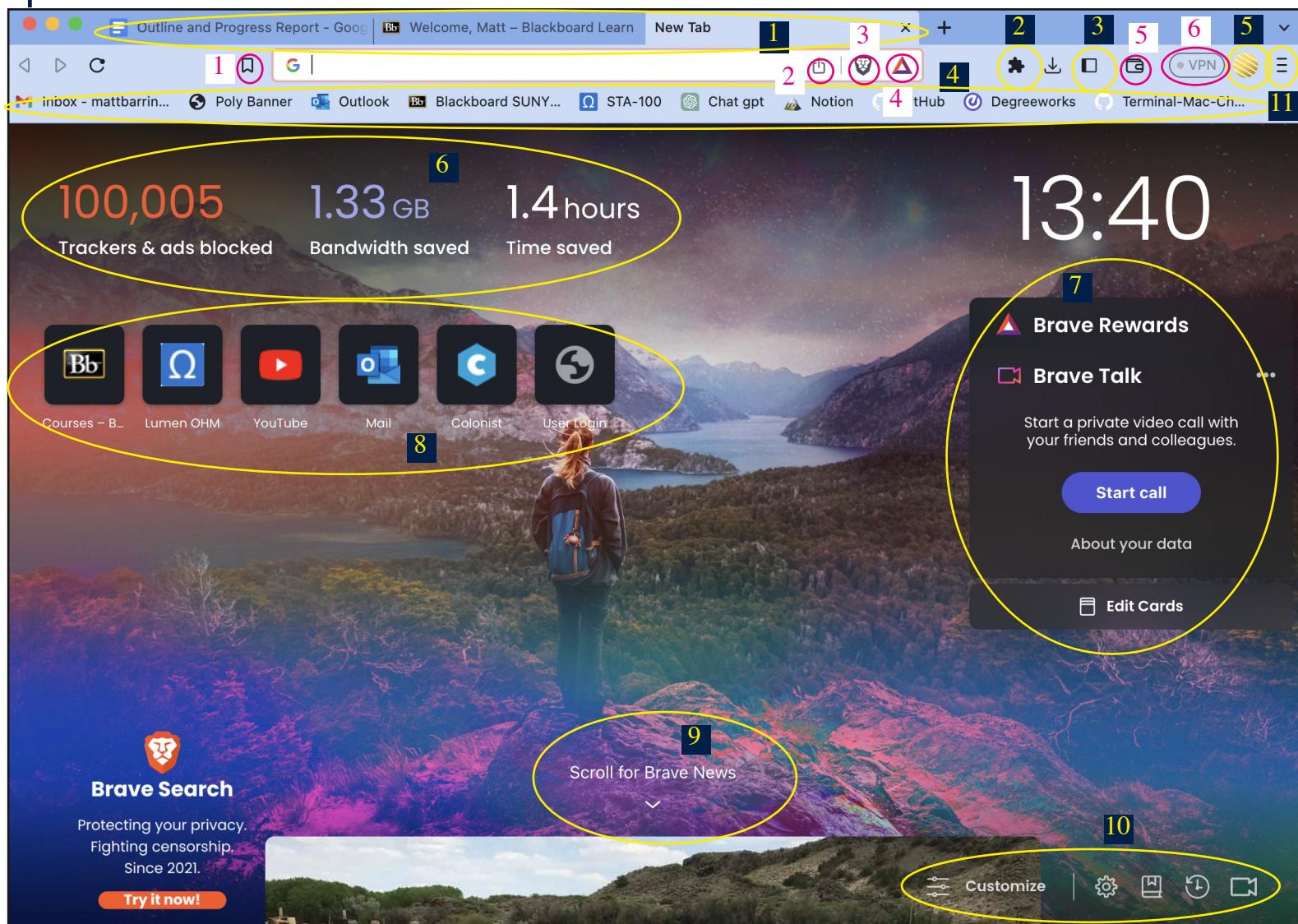


The Brave Homepage

Key

█ = important features

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Homepage Features

Important Features: The parts of the homepage that are circled in yellow are the "Important Features" of the homepage. These are features that may look new to you if you haven't used Brave before.

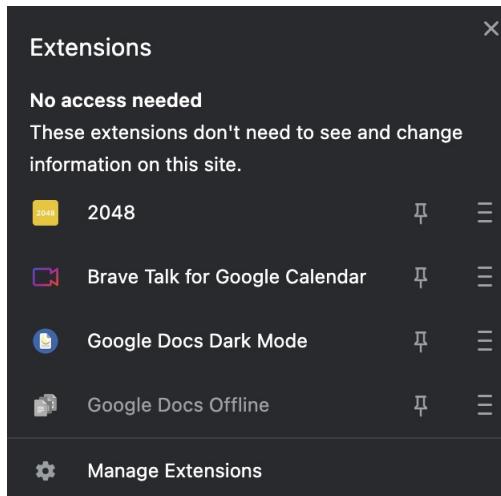
Miscellaneous Features: The parts of the homepage circled in magenta are "Misc Features." Some of these may be familiar to you if you are coming from using a different browser, and some may look new.

Important Features

1. Tab Navigation: This top part of your web screen shows any tabs you have open at any given time. To open a new tab, you left-click on the '+' button to the right of your other opened tabs.

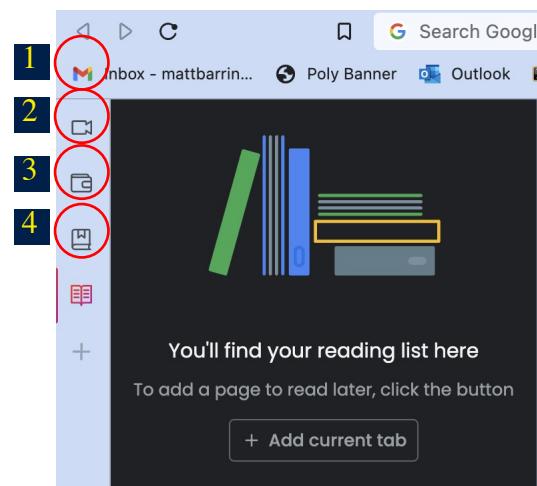


2. Web Extension Menu: Brave supports almost all web extensions that work with Google Chrome. Left-clicking the **puzzle piece icon** in the upper-left portion of the screen will show any or all extensions you have installed. You can also left-click the "**Manage Extensions**" button to change extension settings or install new extensions.



3. Toggle Sidebar Button: Left-clicking the **sidebar button** in the upper-right portion of the screen will activate the sidebar. The Brave sidebar is customizable, but default allows you to access Brave Talk, Brave Wallet, your bookmarks, and your reading list.

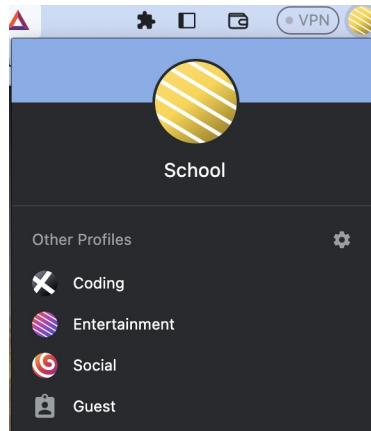
- 1 This is the brave talk icon. Left-clicking it will open the Brave Talk page.
- 2 This is the Brave Wallet icon. Left-clicking will open the Brave Wallet page.
- 3 This is the bookmarks icon. Left-clicking it will open your bookmarks within the sidebar.
- 4 This is the "read later" icon. Left-clicking it will show links that have been saved to read later, and also shows the button to add the current tab to read later.



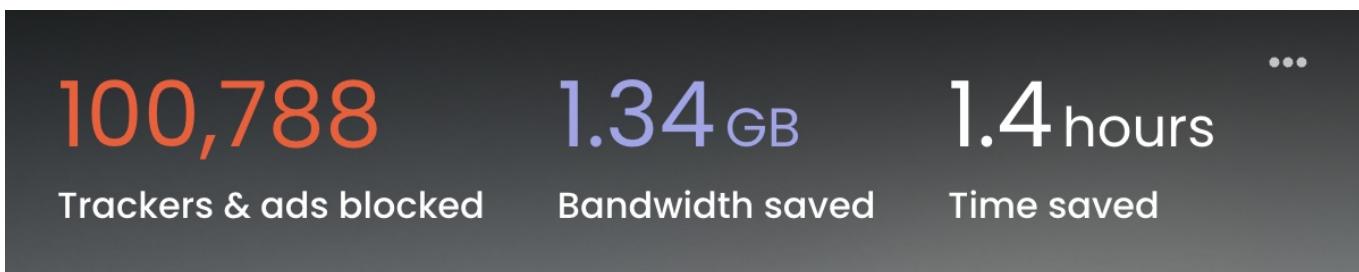
4. Easy Bookmark Navigation: The section of your screen directly below the search bar is your list of bookmarks. Left-clicking any of the bookmarks will open the link associated with the bookmark. If you have many bookmarks, you may have to click the **arrow button** to right of your bookmarks to access them all, or you can use the **sidebar**.



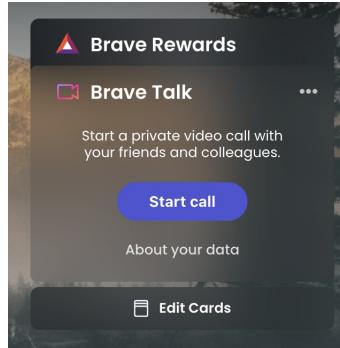
5. Profile Navigation: Brave has the unique option to change profiles when browsing the web. Each profile has its own data associated with it such as passwords, bookmarks, and customization options. This is a nice way to divide your web use into different categories. For example, you may have a "School" profile with bookmarks for any school related websites or resources and the passwords associated with them. Then, you could have an "Entertainment" profile that has streaming services or social media platforms bookmarked for easy access. Dividing these uses of the web makes it easier to focus on tasks and makes your browser feel more tailored to your needs. How to add and manage profiles will be covered in **Chapter 3: Using Brave's Tools**.



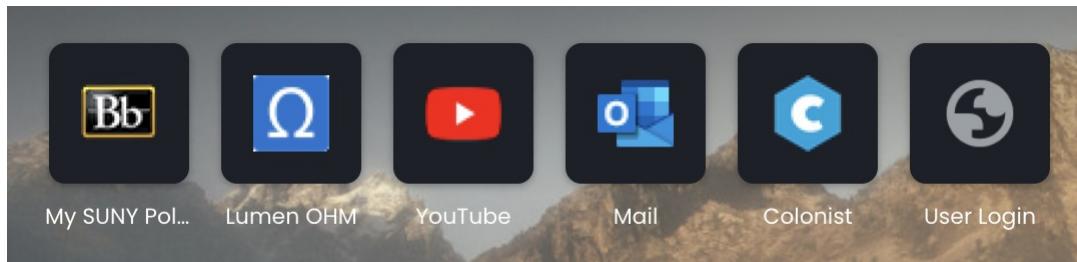
6. Brave Stats: This upper-left section of your homepage shows how many tracker and ads Brave has blocked, the bandwidth saved (internet usage), and time saved from opening pages. Brave's most prominent features include blocking ads, speed, and efficiency. This is a way to constantly see how Brave is operating in the background to make your web use safe and optimal. This can be disabled in the page customization options.



7. Brave Cards: This right section of the homepage is a quick way to access Brave Rewards Data or to start a Brave Talk call. These features can be toggled on or off according to your preference by left-clicking the "Edit Cards" button. One display can be turned off while the other remains on, or both can be turned off.



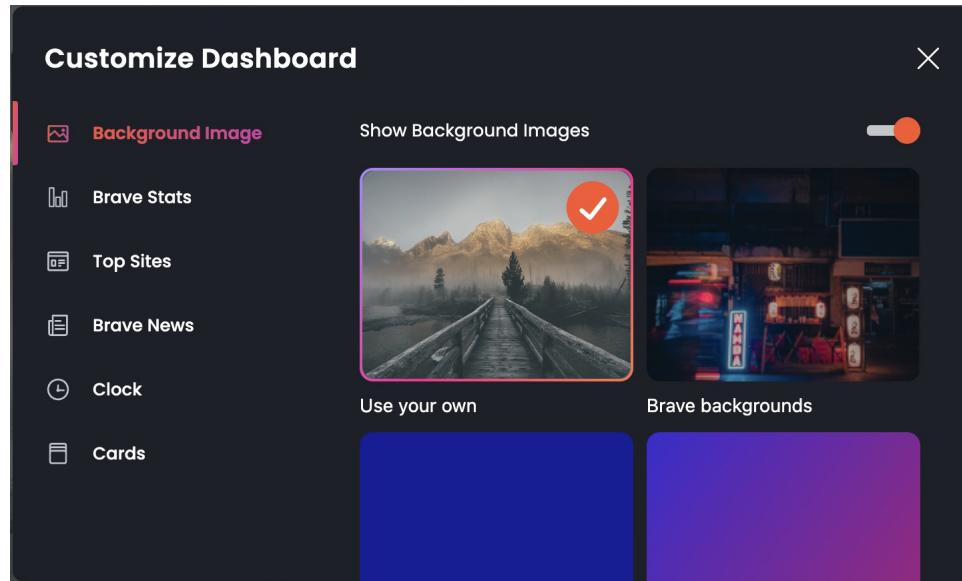
8. Top Websites: The section of the homepage directly below Brave Stats is your "Top Sites" section. Your Brave homepage will display frequently visited sites that can be left-clicked for easy navigation to these sites. This can be turned off in the page customization options.



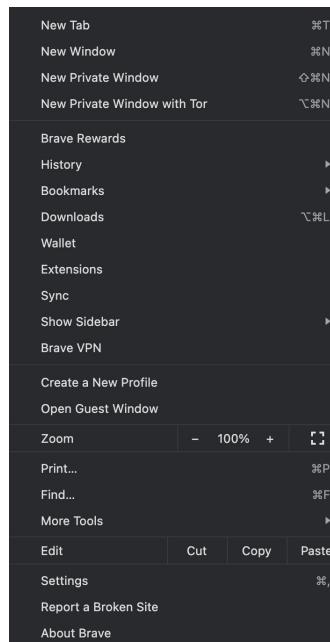
9. Brave News: You will notice that the lower-middle part of your homepage will have text reading "Scroll for Brave News" and an arrow pointing downwards. If you scroll down using your mousewheel, trackpad, or finger, you will see a display of Brave News stories. After you begin scrolling, a "customize" button will appear in the lower-right part of the screen. If you left-click on the button, you will see an assortment of different sources that you can follow. You can also choose different "channels" such as business, fashion, or food to see more stories about them. Followed sources will appear more often as you scroll. More on how to use Brave News will be covered in **Chapter 3: Using Brave's Tools**.

A composite image showing the Brave News interface. On the left, a laptop screen displays a news article titled "How to Improve Your Machine Learning Model With TensorFlow's Data Augmentation". A red circle highlights the "Customize" button in the bottom right corner of the article's footer. On the right, a larger screenshot of the Brave News dashboard shows various news sources like The New York Times, CNN, and FOX News, along with sections for Following, Discover, Popular, Suggestions, and Channels.

10. Homepage Toolbar: The lower-right section of your homepage is a crucial controller to customization and feature settings. The "Customize" button, when left-clicked, allows you to disable particular features within your homepage such as the time, Brave Cards, Top Sites, etc. To the right of the homepage customization button, there are an assortment of icons: The **cog icon** opens your Brave Settings, which is an assortment of all settings within Brave, the **book icon** to the right of the cog opens your bookmarks, the **clock icon** opens your search history, and the **camera icon** opens Brave Talk.

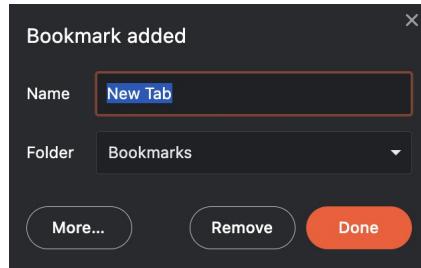


11. Brave Toolbar: The **three lines** displayed at the top-right part of the screen is the Brave Toolbar. Left-clicking this icon opens a large menu with most of the features aforementioned shown, along with other settings. This toolbar is thorough, and many of the features shown won't affect your web-browsing experience much. Descriptions of these options can be found in Brave Settings. The Brave Toolbar can be opened on any webpage, not just the homepage.

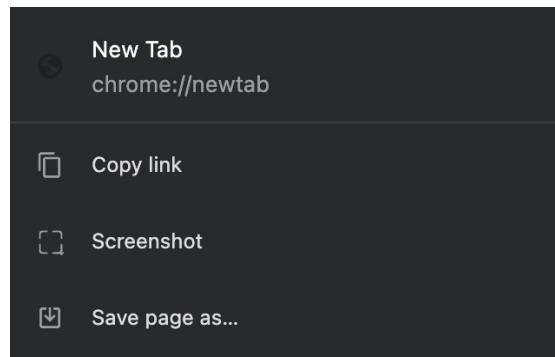


Misc Features

1. Bookmark Icon: The **bookmark icon** to the left of the search bar is the bookmark button. When you're currently viewing a website you want to bookmark, left-click the bookmark icon to create a new bookmark. The name of the bookmark defaults to the text on the webpage, but you can edit the name or folder of bookmarks you want to save it to.



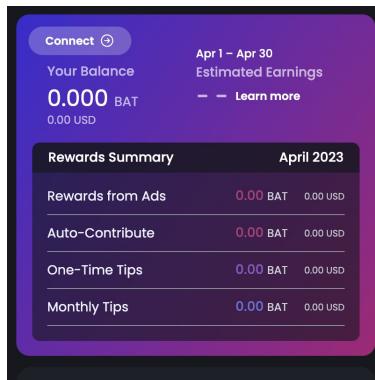
2. Share Icon: The icon of the box with an arrow pointing upward out of it on the right side of the search bar is the **share button**. Hitting this button allows you to copy the URL of the website you are currently viewing, take a screenshot of the screen, or save the webpage into your local computer files.



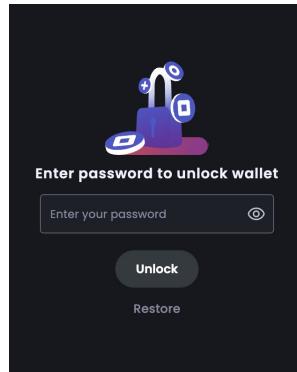
3. Ad-Blocker Icon: The icon of Brave's mascot- the orange lion, is the button for the built in ad-blocker. When you're viewing a webpage that you wish to disable ads for, left-click the **ad-blocker icon**, then left-click on the **toggle slider** in the right-middle section of the menu. This will refresh the page and begin blocking ads from appearing. The ad-blocker menu also shows how many ads have been blocked on the website you're currently viewing, as well as changing any advanced ad-blocker controls.



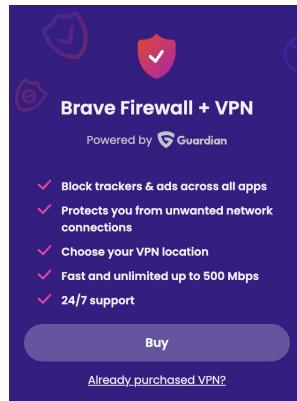
4. Brave Rewards Icon: This purple and orange triangle icon towards the right side of the toolbar is the **Brave Rewards Icon**. Left-clicking the icon opens a menu that shows your current Brave Rewards Stats, and allows you to edit Brave Rewards settings for the website you are currently viewing. **Using Brave Rewards will be covered in Chapter 3: Using Brave's Tools.**



5. Brave Wallet Icon: This wallet-shaped icon in the top-right part of the screen is a short way to access **Brave Wallet**. There is a dropdown menu you can access by left clicking the broker that is being shown to look at all the different options. This is an easy way to keep track of, send, or swap your crypto balances. You can also deposit money into Brave Wallet to use for buying crypto as an extra precaution for keeping payment details safe. **What Brave Wallet is and how to use it will be covered in Chapter 3: Using Brave's Tools.**



6. VPN icon: The oval icon with "VPN" inside of it in the upper-right section of the screen is a quick way to look at and **edit VPN** settings if you wish to purchase Brave VPN. Since Brave's VPN is not a free feature, its settings will not be covered in this manual.



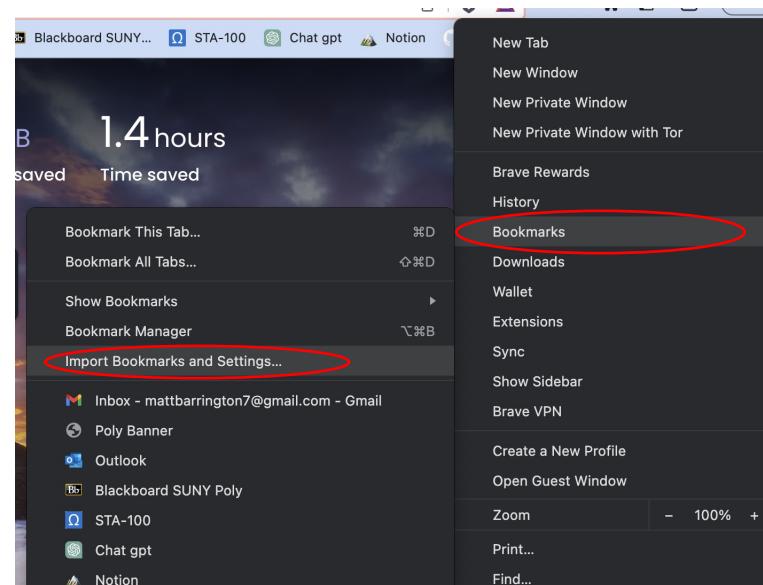
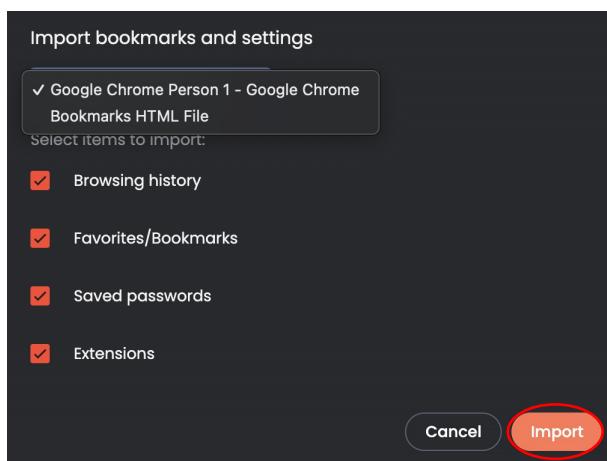
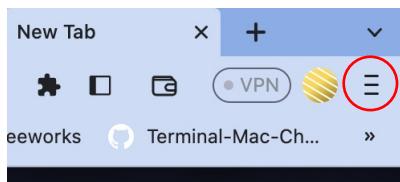
Importing Bookmarks, Passwords, and Settings

If you use Brave across multiple platforms or want to transfer to Brave from another web browser, try importing your bookmarks, passwords, and settings. The process for importing settings, passwords, and settings is very simple and is all done at once.



Importing Your Preferences

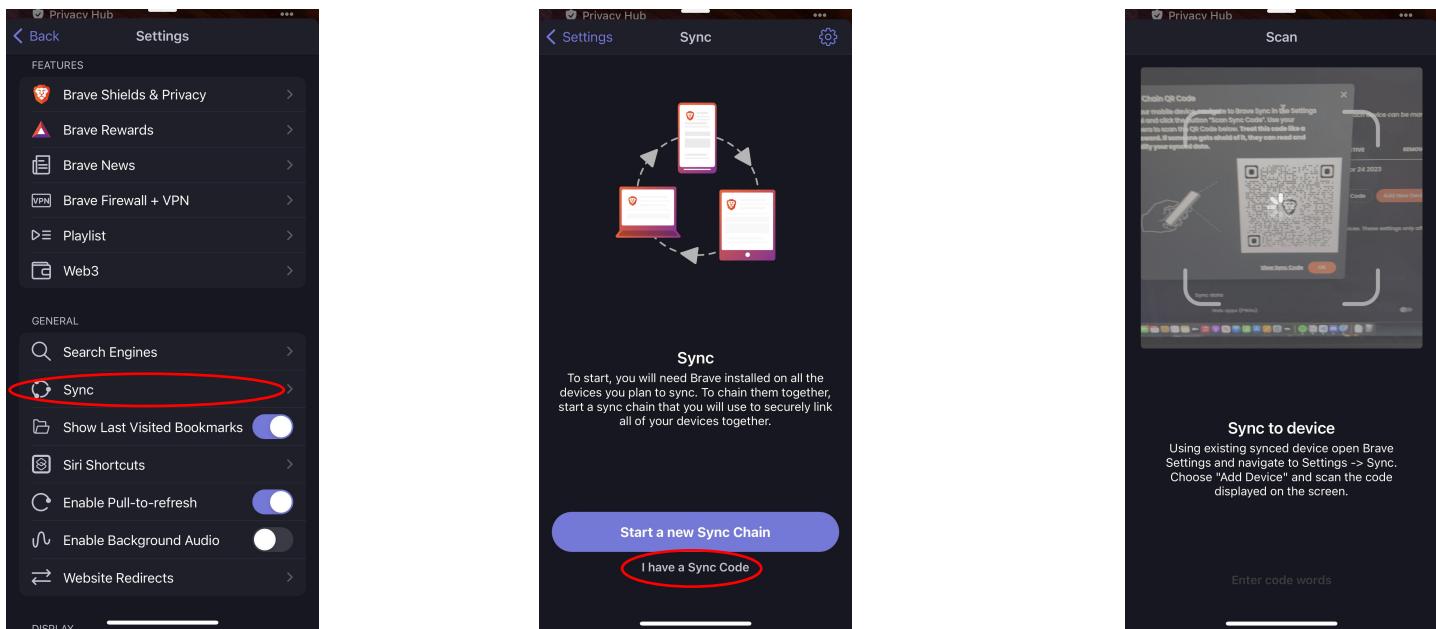
To import bookmarks, settings, and passwords from another browser is very easy. Simply left click the **Brave Toolbar Icon** in the top right of the homepage (three horizontal lines stacked on top of each other). Then, hover the mouse over the "**Bookmarks**" option. From here, left click on "**Import bookmarks and settings.**" Hitting this button will bring you to your Brave settings and open the options for importing your preferences. Brave will detect what other browsers you have used on your computer, so you can select which profile from which browser to import. There is also a **checkbox** to indicate which preferences you wish to import. When you have selected your preferences, click the orange "**Import**" button. That's all you need to do for importing preferences from a different browser you've used on the same computer.



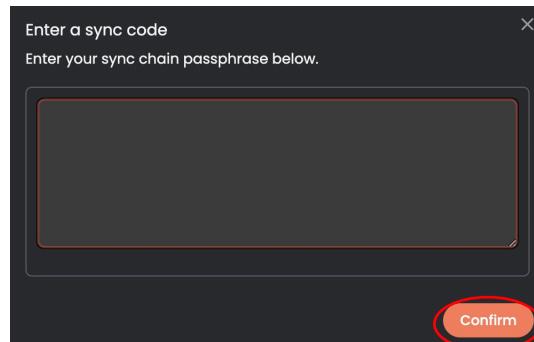
Saving Preferences Across Devices

If you decide to use Brave on more than one device, it may be easier to save your settings across devices instead of changing them all manually. Thankfully, Brave offers a simple method to syncing your bookmarks, extensions, history, settings, and more.

To sync preferences across devices, you first need to have a device where you have your settings set to your preference. Then, choose which device you'd like to sync to. After determining these devices, navigate to the **Brave toolbar** on the Brave homepage of the device where your settings are saved (the three horizontal lines stacked on top of each other in the top right of the homepage is the menu). Left-click on this icon, then left-click on "Sync." This will open the sync tab in Brave settings. Next, click the orange "**Add New Device**" button. You should be prompted for if the device you're trying to sync is a computer, or phone/tablet. Click whatever you're trying to sync. For syncing your phone, you need to open Brave settings within your phone's Brave browser, click "Sync," click "**I have a sync code**", then scan the QR code on your computer. Check the boxes to indicate what you want to transfer to your phone/tablet.

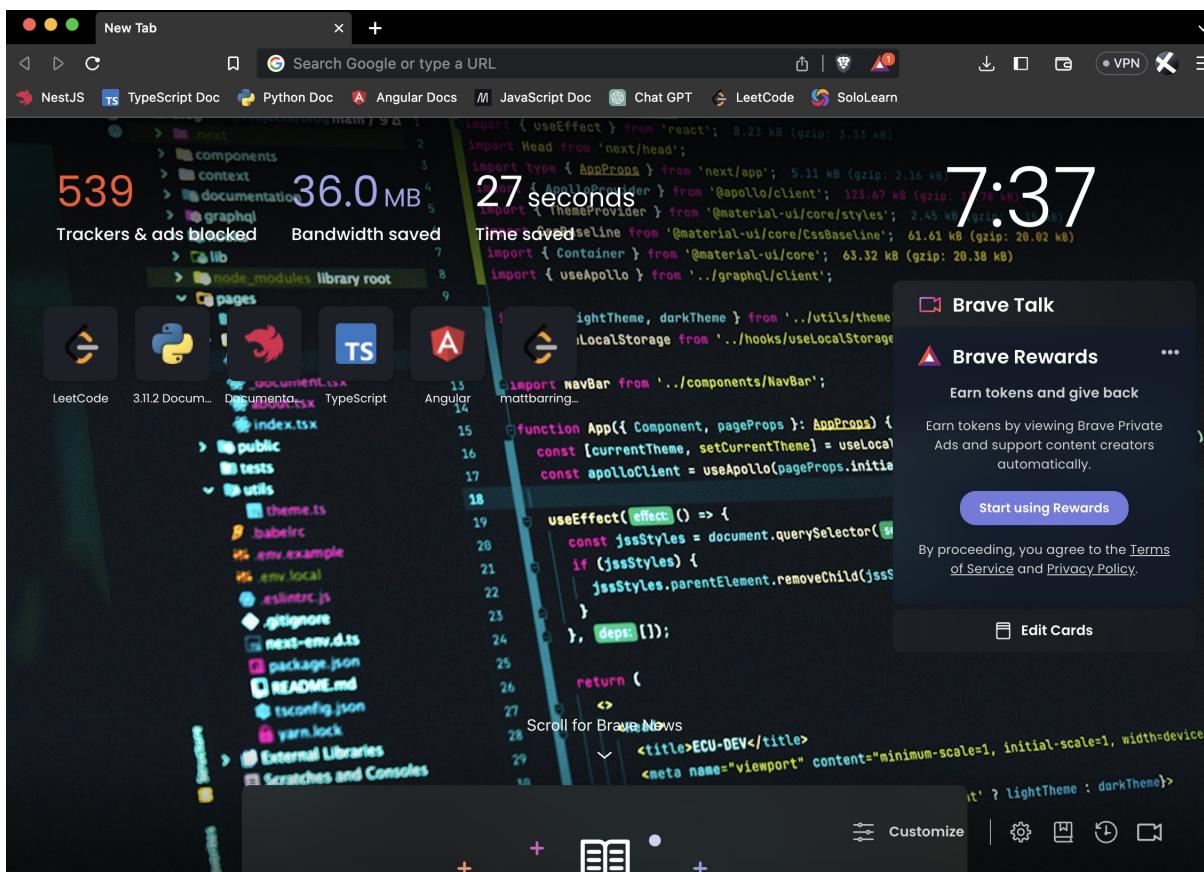


To sync a computer to your current device, left-click on the "**Add New Device**" button, then click on the "**Computer**" button. This will prompt a 25 word "password" to pop up which you will use to sync your other computer to this device. Proceed to the Sync settings on the computer, click on "**I have a sync code**," then enter the 25 word passcode that you have on your original device. When the entire password has been entered, left-click the orange "**Confirm**" button.



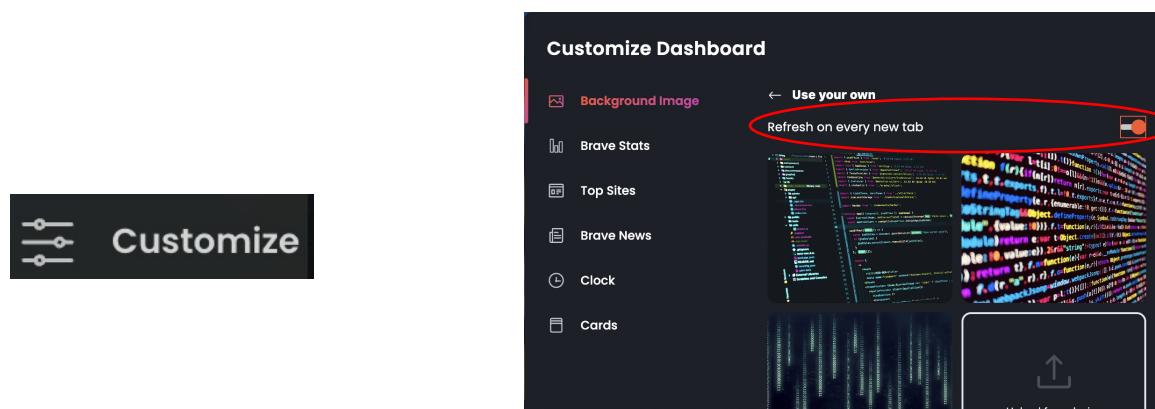
Customizing the Homepage

Brave offers a wide array of customization options such as a custom background, theme, and dark/light mode. Everyone has their preferences, and Brave has a perfect fit for everyone.



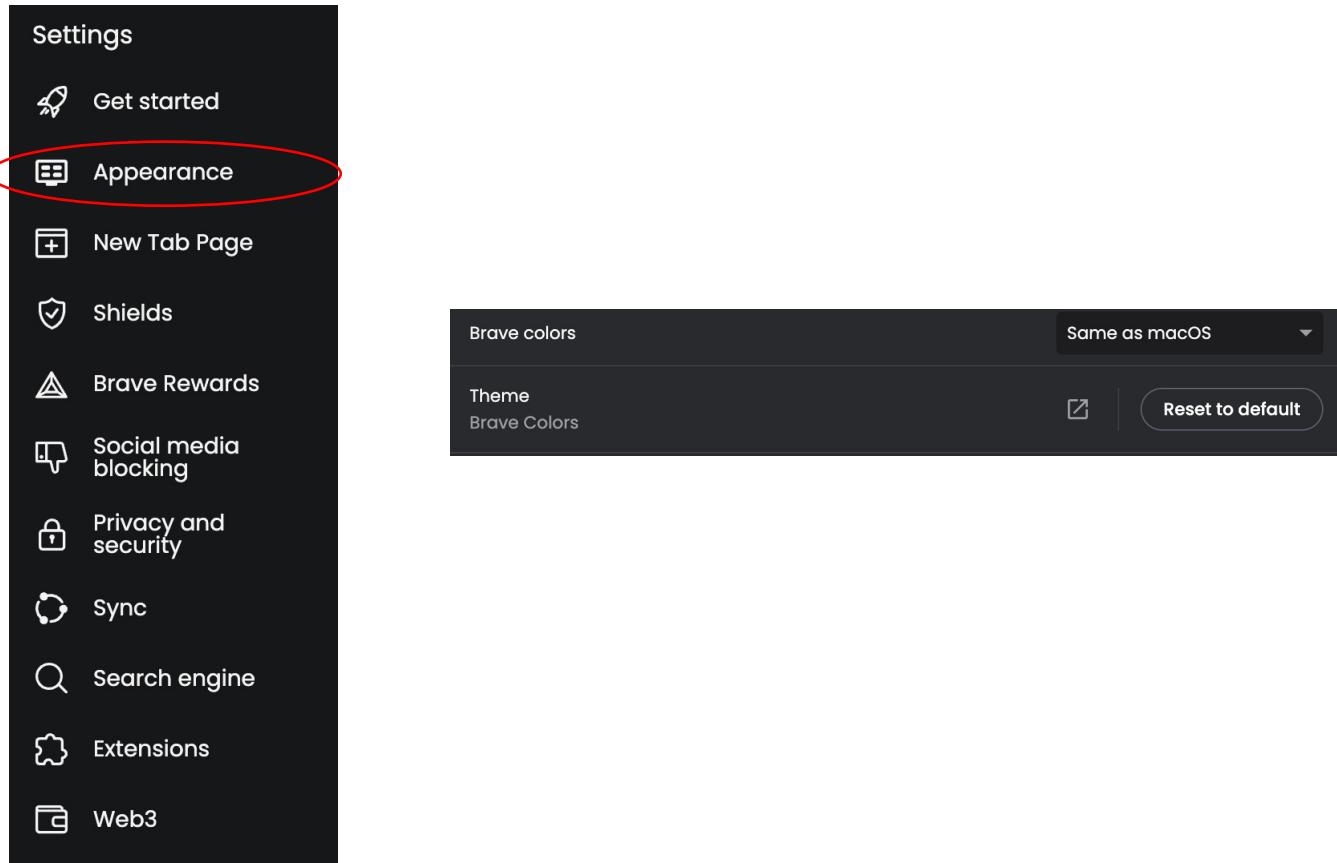
Changing the Homepage Background

Changing the homepage background is very simple and can be done right from your Brave homepage. Left-click on the "Customize" button in the lower-right corner of the homepage. Then left-click what image you want as a background. If you want to choose a picture from your local files, left-click the "Use your own" button, then find the image you want to use. If you want, you can add multiple images and open a different one every time you open a new tab.



Changing the Theme and Dark/Light Mode

Changing the theme and altering the lighting mode of Brave is a simple process. Navigate to Brave settings by left-clicking the **gear icon** in the lower-right part of the homepage. Then, left-click on the "**Appearance**" tab in the setting. From here, the first setting on the top of the appearance page is "**Brave colors.**" This lets you change Brave to light mode, dark mode, or match the color to the system you are on. The second setting is the "**Theme.**" To change the theme, left-click on "**Theme**" section of the settings. This will open a new tab to google extention which can act as new themes. Themes can also be changed in **profile customization.**



Chapter 3: Using Brave's Tools



Using Brave Wallet

Brave Wallet is a must-have tool in Web 3.0. Having a crypto wallet that functions with several third party providers, manages crypto functions, and is seamlessly integrated into your web browser is textbook Web 3.0 innovation. Using Brave Wallet involves third party companies, some of which only allow purchase in certain countries. Before using the wallet, you will need to research what crypto brokers are partnered with Brave, and which ones support your country.

Buying and Selling Cryptocurrency: Since Brave Wallet is embedded into Brave, most of the functions take place through external sites. Because of this reason, how to buy and sell cryptocurrency within Brave Wallet will not be covered in this manual. However, guides on using Brave Wallet can be found on Brave's website or using other online resources.

How does Brave Wallet compare?

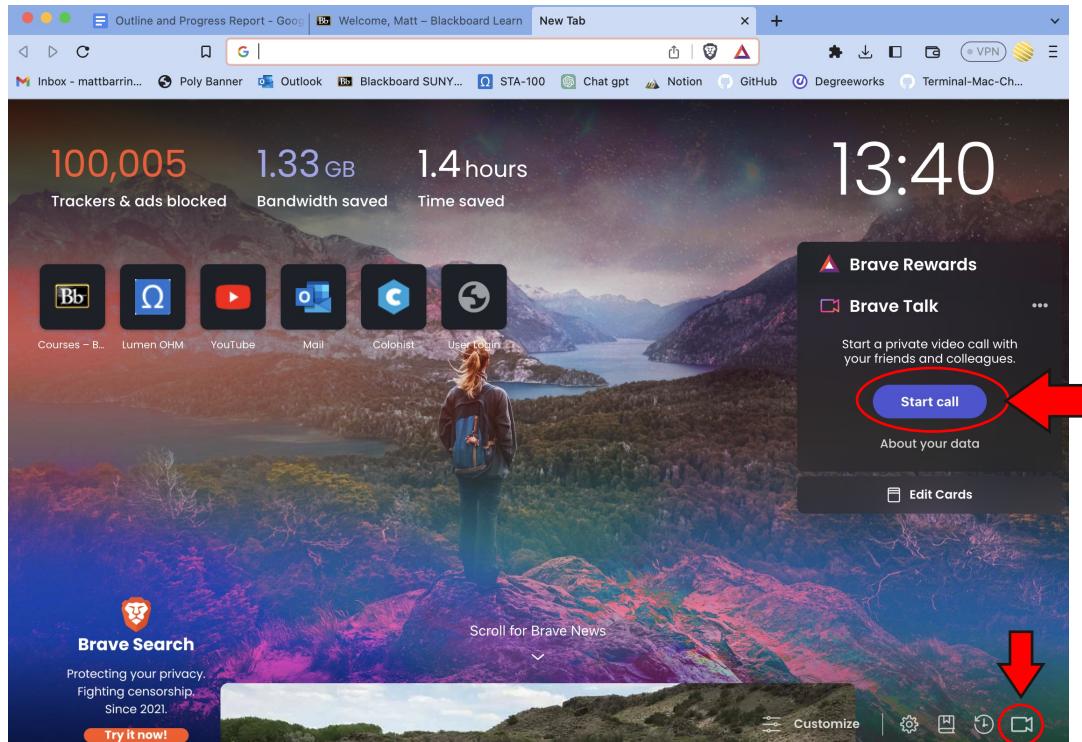
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Browser native (no extension to download)	✓	○	○	✓	○
NFT support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Available on desktop & mobile	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ledger & Trezor support *	✓	✓	✓	○	✓
Buy, store, send, & connect to DApps on Solana	✓	✓	○	✓	✓
Buy, store, send, & connect to DApps on Ethereum & EVM chains	✓	✓	✓	✓	○
Buy, store, & send FIL on the Filecoin chain *	✓	○	○	○	○
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Open license	✓	○	○	○	○
Crypto market data	✓	✓	○	○	○

Checking Brave Wallet Balances: To check your crypto balances through Brave Wallet, simply left-click the **Brave Wallet Icon** in the upper-right section of the screen. After entering your set Brave Wallet password, you can choose which cryptocurrency balance to view and through which broker.

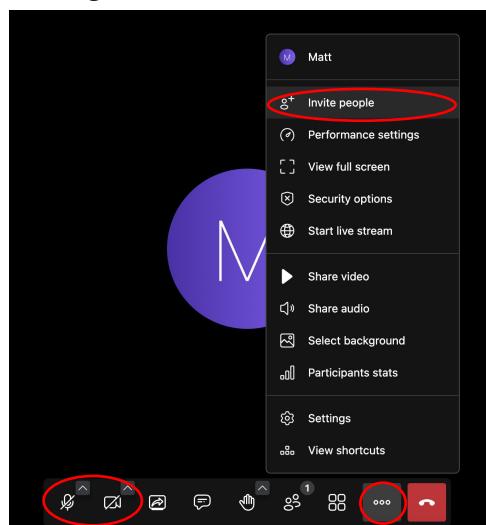


Using Brave Talk

Brave Talk is an integrated online conference software application for users to seamlessly videochat within their browser. To open Brave Talk, you can use "**Brave Cards**" or the **Brave Homepage Toolbar**. Both of these options are accessed on the Brave Homepage. Keep in mind that Brave Talk is a paid service with a default free version. The free version only supports 4 participants during meetings.

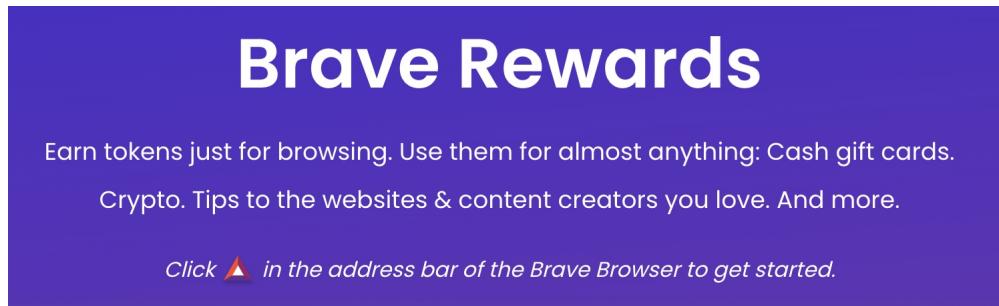


Starting a meeting: Left-clicking either of these options will open the Brave Talk homepage. You will create a conference room automatically. Your device may ask for microphone and camera use in order to get audio and video so other members can see and hear you during a call. After choosing whether to enable these devices, your conference room is joined. To enable your microphone or camera, left-click on the **microphone** or **camera icon** respectively. To invite members, left-click on the **3 dots icon** on the right side of the Brave Talk toolbar in the lower-middle section of your screen. Then, left-click on the "**Invite people**" button, and lastly copy the link for the meeting. Up to four participants can join with the free version of Brave talk. Happy conferencing!

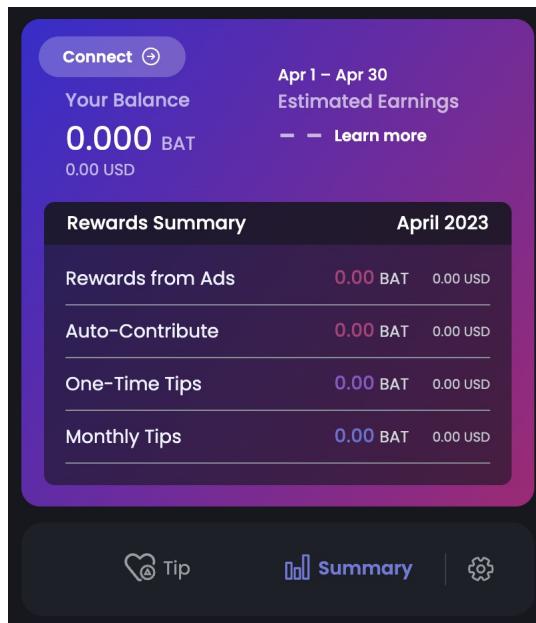


Using Brave Rewards

Brave Rewards is a completely free way to support websites partners with Brave. The nice part about Rewards is its integration right into your web browser. By enabling Brave Rewards, you will be shown non-disruptive ads in order to build up Basic Attention Tokens (BATs). BATs are created from ethereum technology, and allows you to donate real money to your favorite Brave-partnered websites.



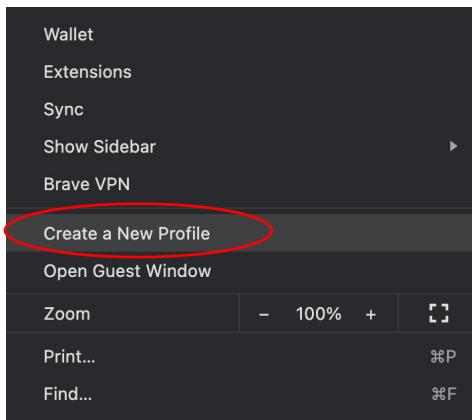
Enabling Brave Rewards: To enable Brave Rewards, left click on the **Brave Toolbar icon** (3 horizontal lines on top of one another) in the top right section of the Brave homepage. Then, left-click the **"Brave Rewards" button**. This will direct you to the Brave Rewards Page where you can choose to enable Brave Rewards and link a custodial account. You can access your Brave Rewards total at any time by left-clicking the Brave Rewards Icon (orange and purple triangle) in your search bar. Your current balance, contribution total, tip total, and monthly tip total will all be displayed here.



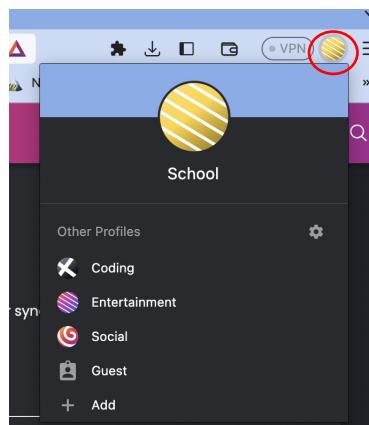
Using Profiles

Profiles are a fantastic customization option if you want to separate your web browser into different uses. For example, if you want to have a profile with all things related to learning, you can make an education profile. This profile could include an education-themed background, bookmarks having to do with your background, and browser settings that match your wants and needs for learning. Then, you might have an entertainment profile with different streaming services or social media platforms. The possibilities are only limited by your creativity.

Creating a New Profile: To create a new profile, left-click on the **Brave Toolbar icon** in the top-right section of the screen (three horizontal lines stacked on top of each other). Then left-click the "**Create a New Profile**" tab. This will open a new tab that allows you to customize a new profile for Brave. You can choose the name, the icon to represent it, the theme, and pretty much any Brave setting!



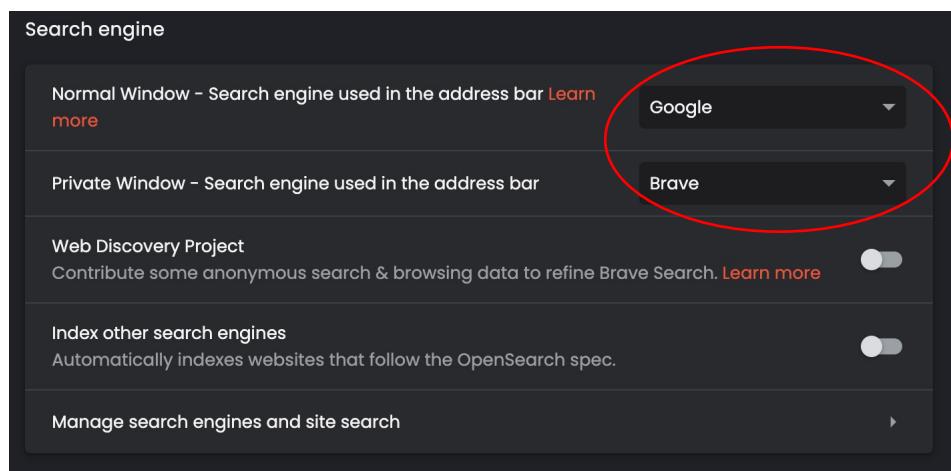
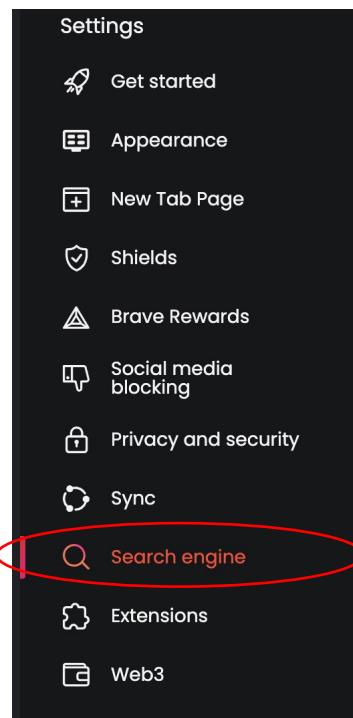
Navigating Between Profiles: One of the nicest aspects of Brave profiles is its quick transitions between different profiles. To switch what profile you want to have open, left-click on the **profile icon** that you currently have open (located in the upper-right section of the screen). This will open a dropdown menu with each of your profiles. Left-clicking on the one you want to open will open a new Brave window with all of the settings you have set for the profile. Keep in mind that opening another profile does not close the one you opened it from. You can have as many Brave profiles opened and running as you want.



Changing Default Search Engine

Brave has many things to offer, including its own search engine. However, the search engine is quite different from others such as Google, Bing, or Qwant. Thankfully, Brave allows you to change the default search engine for new tabs and new private tabs. To change your search engine within Brave, navigate to Brave settings. Do this by left clicking on the **settings icon** in the lower-right section of the screen, or by hitting the **Brave menu icon** in the upper right section of the screen then left-clicking "Settings."

Choose Your Preferred Engine: Once you have navigated to Brave Settings, left-click on the "Search Engine" tab. This will open search engine settings. Then, you can choose what you want your search engine to be in regular tabs, and in private tabs using the dropdown menus.



Glossary

Ad-Blocker: Brave's integrated ad-blocking software; users can choose which websites for ads to be blocked on.

BATs: "Basic Attention Tokens"; Currency rewarded based on watching optional ads within Brave.

Blockchain: A data-management system (especially in cryptocurrency) that runs on multiple computers to verify data.

Bookmarks: Websites and URLs marked by the user to be easily accessed from the homepage.

Brave₁: Free, open-source web browser based on the Chromium web browser.

Brave Creators: Creators or groups that have partnered with Brave; BATs can be sent to these creators.

Brave Firewall/VPN: Paid firewall and VPN built into Brave.

Brave News: A private, ad-supported news content reader integrated into the Brave browser.

Brave Rewards: Reward system built into Brave to reward BATs to users; meant to support Brave Creators.

Brave Talk: Video/audio conference tool integrated into Brave.

Brave Wallet: Crypto-wallet integrated into Brave.

Cryptocurrency₂: A digital currency where records are stored in a decentralized system using cryptography.

Firewall₃: Security software that filters incoming and outgoing traffic in the webspace according to the security preferences of the admin.

MacOS: "Macintosh Operating System" released in 1984 created by Apple.

NFTs₄: Non-Fungible Token; Unique, digital tokens created and stored using blockchain.

Profiles: Feature integrated into Brave that allows users to create different custom homepages with each having its own data (bookmarks, saved passwords, settings, etc.).

URL₅: "Uniform Resource Loader"; the address of a given resource (or website)

VPN₆: "Virtual Private Network"; an online service that protects internet connection and user privacy.

Web 3.0: The next "version" of the internet or digital world; theoretically. Involves concepts like virtual/augmented reality, decentralized data storage (blockchain), and advanced artificial intelligence processes.

Glossary

Windows: Computer operating system released in 1985 created by Microsoft.

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