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**xHamster** is a [pornographic](/wiki/Pornography) media and [social networking](/wiki/Social_networking) site headquartered in [Limassol](/wiki/Limassol), [Cyprus](/wiki/Cyprus). As of May 2016 it has an [Alexa](/wiki/Alexa_Internet) global rank of 88.[[1]](#cite_note-1)[[2]](#cite_note-2)==History== xHamster was founded in 2007, by a group of founders who "wanted to [gather] all porn related things into one place, including videos, live webcams, messaging, etc."[[3]](#cite_note-3) In November 2015, it surpassed 100,000 members.[[4]](#cite_note-4) In April 2016, the site blocked users with IP addresses based in [North Carolina](/wiki/North_Carolina), due to a recent law in the state stopping its counties and cities from passing laws to protect [LGBT](/wiki/LGBT) people.[[5]](#cite_note-5) In May 2016, xHamster released [*The Sex Factor*](/wiki/The_Sex_Factor), a reality series competition where contestants compete to become a [porn star](/wiki/Porn_star).[[6]](#cite_note-6)[[7]](#cite_note-7)[[8]](#cite_note-8) In response to the verdict of [*People v. Turner*](/wiki/People_v._Turner), xHamster instituted a "Brock Turner rule", which banned videos involving [rape](/wiki/Rape), including those involving sex with an unconscious partner or hypnosis.[[9]](#cite_note-9) Users searching for such content were given a message asking them to "[consult] with a professional psychologist", and provided with a hyperlink to the online therapy service [7cups.com](/wiki/7_Cups).[[10]](#cite_note-10)

## Background[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

xHamster provides various pornographic videos, photos, and [erotic stories](/wiki/Erotica) grouped under categories catering to specific [fetishes](/wiki/Sexual_fetishism) or sexual preferences.[[11]](#cite_note-11) In addition to these prerecorded videos, users can view [live streams](/wiki/Live_streams) of paid models; the model can interact with several users by means of an online chat service. Models can also activate a "Tip" button, which allows users to provide the models [additional money](/wiki/Gratuity).[[12]](#cite_note-12)

### Malvertising[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

Researcher Conrad Longmore claims that advertisements displayed by the sites were found to contain [malware programs](/wiki/Malvertising), which install harmful files on users' machines without their permission. Longmore told the [BBC](/wiki/BBC) that two popular sites – XHamster and [Pornhub](/wiki/Pornhub) – pose the greatest threat.[[13]](#cite_note-13)[[14]](#cite_note-14)

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