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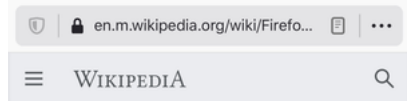
History

In December 2014, Mozilla announced it was designing a version of Firefox for iOS.^[7] In September 2015, it released a limited preview of the app available only in the New Zealand iOS App Store.^[8] In November 2016, Firefox Focus, a stripped-down version of the full browser with a specific focus on private browsing, was published in the Apple App Store.^[9]

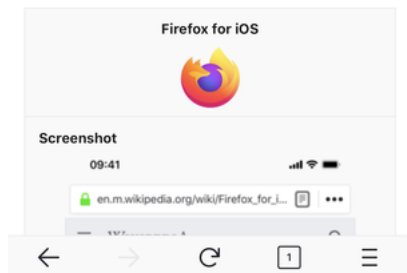
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Firefox for iOS running on an iPhone X

Developer(s)	Mozilla Foundation and its contributors <div>Mozilla Corporation</div>
Initial release	November 12, 2015 ^[1]
Stable release	102.2 / July 22,

- Version 10.0, released in November 2017, introduced a redesigned user interface, corresponding to the new "Photon" UI introduced with Firefox 57 later that month.^[11]
- Version 11.0, released in April 2018, set tracking protection to be enabled by default.^[12]
- Version 12.0, released in May 2018, introduced file downloads, unified share extension, and easier syncing.^[13]
- Version 13.0, released in May 2018, introduced dark mode, tab search.^[14]
- Version 14.0, released in November 2018, introduced support for Siri shortcuts and allowing the user to pick the items to be deleted from the history.
- Version 15.0, released in February 2019, introduced an improved menu, new tab settings, and allowing the user to drag tabs to reorder them.
- Version 16.0, released in April 2019, introduced access to bookmarks, history, reading list, saved passwords and downloads, and includes a redesigned search bar.
- Version 17.0. released in May 2019, introduced bookmark sync via Firefox Account.
- Version 18.0, released in July 2019, Bookmark improvement.
- Version 19.0, released in September 2019, Tracking Protection (Enhanced Tracking Protection) redesign.
- Version 20.0, released in October 2019, added "Clear all History" option to the history tab.
- Version 21.0, released in December 2019, dark theme now includes a dark keyboard and dark splash screen.
- Version 22.0, released in January 2020, Tracking Fingerprinting list for Enhanced Tracking Protection.
- Version 23.0, released in February 2020, bug fixes and technical improvements.
- Version 24.0, released in March 2020, updated Enchanted Tracking Protection information screen.
- Version 25.0, released in May 2020, updated welcome screen and Firefox Account improvement.
- Version 26.0, released in May 2020, sync support using QR code.
- Version 27.0, released in June 2020, continue transition to new internal analytics platform.
- Version 28.0, released in July 2020, new bottom search button of tab screen, new one-click option to start search.
- Version 29.0, released in October 2020, added iOS 14 default browser feature.
- Version 30.0, released in December 2020, general fixes.

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Repository	github.com/mozilla/firefox-ios (https://github.com/mozilla/firefox-ios)
Written in	C, Objective-C, Swift
Operating system	iOS 13 and above
Size	101.8 MB ^[3]
Type	Mobile browser
License	MPL 2.0
Website	mozilla.org/firefox/ios/ (http://mozilla.org/firefox/ios/)

- Version 31.0, released in February 2021, general fixes.
- Version 32.0, released in February 2021, pinned sites improvement.
- Version 33.0, released in March 2021, added iOS 14 widget feature.
- Version 34.0, released in May 2021, redesigned UI.

Firefox Home

Firefox Home was a companion app for the iPhone and iPod Touch based on the [Firefox Sync](#) technology. It allowed users of either device to access their Firefox browsing history, bookmarks, and recent tabs. It also included Firefox's "Awesomebar" location bar. Firefox Home was not a web browser, the application launched web pages in either an embedded viewer for that one page, or by opening the page in the Safari app.^{[15][16]} Mozilla pulled Firefox Home from the [App Store](#) in September 2012, stating it would focus its resources on other projects. The company subsequently released the [source code](#) of Firefox Home's underlying synchronization software.^[17]

Features

Firefox for iOS supports many features common to other mobile browsers, including tabs, history, and bookmarks. It also implements some unique features, including the same tracking protection found in [Firefox Focus](#), a new tab page mimicking that is found on other versions of Firefox, and support for syncing with a Firefox account between devices.

Unlike Firefox on Android, Firefox for iOS does not support browser add-ons. Additionally, it uses Apple's [WebKit](#) rendering engine, rather than Mozilla's [Gecko](#). Both of these limitations are in accordance with Apple's rules for submitting apps to the [App Store](#).

See also

- [Firefox for Android](#) – a project for Android

Firefox Home



Screenshot



Firefox Home on iOS 7.0 on an iPhone 5

Developer(s)	Mozilla Corporation Mozilla Foundation
Initial release	September 22, 2010
Final release	1.1.1 / December 22, 2010

- smartphones and tablet computers
- Firefox Focus – a privacy-focused mobile web browser
- Firefox – Mozilla's web browser for desktop computers
- Safari – the default web browser for iOS
- Minimo – a previous project to create a mobile Mozilla browser
- MicroB – a Mozilla-based mobile browser for Nokia Maemo
- Mobile browser

<u>Repository</u>	<u>https://github.com/mozilla-services/ios-sync-client</u>
<u>Written in</u>	<u>Objective-C</u>
<u>Operating system</u>	<u>iOS 3.1 and above</u>
<u>Type</u>	<u>Browser synchronizer</u>
<u>License</u>	<u>MPL 2.0</u>

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External links

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 - Firefox for iOS mozilla wiki page (https://wiki.mozilla.org/Mobile/Firefox_for_iOS)
 - Firefox for iOS (<https://itunes.apple.com/app/firefox-web-browser/id989804926>) on the App Store
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