13 🔧 Custom Browser User Scripts: Unblock Brave Browser from Archive.is

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2. Archive.is Website No Longer Supports the Brave Browser
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Introduction to Archive.is and the Brave Browser

As I have stated many times before, to ensure that websites and webpages are preserved from either censorship or simply lack of maintenance, it is important to always archive webpages.

I had been doing so mainly with the website Archive.is and mainly with their browser extension.

Note that the https://archive.is site appears to be mirrored alongside https://archive.vn and https://archive.today, so any of them can be used to archive webpages and will be viewable on the other sites as well; I will reference them all as **Archive.is**.

Note that the browser extension can be downloaded from here: https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/archive-page/gcaimhkfmliahedmeklebabdgagipbia

I used to use the Google Chrome browser but for the past 6+ months, I have been using the new Brave browser which uses the same "Chromium" web browser architecture but allows users and publishers to earn cryptocurrency in the form of the Brave Attention Token or BAT for short.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chromium_(web_browser)

Retrieved: 14 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/wip/PC1df

Chromium (web browser)

> **Chromium** is a free and open-source software project from Google. The source code can be compiled into a web browser.
>
> Google uses the code to make its Chrome browser, which has more features than Chromium. Many other browsers are also based on Chromium code, most notably Microsoft Edge and Opera.

Essentially, Brave has the same user experience as the Google Chrome browser I was using before but now I earn crypto and which can be converted directly into cash on an exchange.

You can learn more about Brave on their website but please use my referral link if you would like to download it!

MES Brave Referral Link: https://brave.com/tmx306

I had no issues archiving using the Archive.is website until a few days ago when the archive.is extension and website stopped working for the Brave browser.

Archive.is Website No Longer Supports the Brave Browser

Now, when I try to archive webpages on the Brave browser, the Archive website(s) redirect to the following error page stating to change browser.

https://archive.vn/unsupported-browser

Retrieved: 14 August 2020
Archive: Not available

Upgrade browser for full experience

It looks like you may be using a web browser version that we don't support. Make sure you're using the most recent version of your browser, or try using one of these supported browsers, to get the full experience.

| Chrome | Opera | Vivaldi | Edge | Mozilla | Tor |

I did some digging and found out that the founder of the Archive website has a grudge against Brave for some of their country-specific token reward policies.

https://www.reddit.com/r/brave_browser/comments/i7u8fa/brave_isnt_supported_with_archiveis_anymore/

Retrieved: 14 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/wip/BDyJ6

About Community

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r/brave_browser

Brave is on a mission to fix the web by giving users a safer, faster and better browsing experience while growing support for content creators through a new attention-based ecosystem of rewards. Available on Android, iOS, Windows, macOS and Linux. Want to help improve Brave? Try our Beta build: https://brave.com/download-beta

30.6k	202
Members	Online

🎂 Created Mar 23, 2018
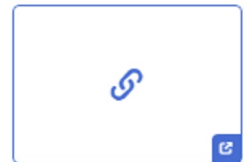
AdminsAreCool 9 points · 3 days ago

https://web.archive.org/web/20200810225903/https://blog.archive.today/

Apparently Brave doesn't pay out to some countries and the owner of archive.is is pissed and blocked the browser.

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remote_by_nature 🔑 3 points · 3 days ago

Well, that's lame. Other browsers don't even have a tipping system. What a dick.

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mcantrell 1 point · 13 hours ago · edited 13 hours ago

If I tip his website through Brave, and Brave takes my money, but it never gets to him and they have no intention of ever allowing him to get my money...

... How is that not theft?

I don't agree with him. It's none of his business what browser I use and it's definitely not his right to shut me down because he doesn't like it.

But I kinda understand his point.

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It appears that there were some issues regarding Brave's KYC or Know Your Customer policy, as well as some miscommunication over Brave's referral program.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Know_your_customer

Retrieved: 16 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/wip/TNZ7T

Know your customer

> The **know your customer** or **know your client (KYC)** guidelines in financial services requires that professionals make an effort to verify the identity, suitability, and risks involved with maintaining a business relationship. The procedures fit within the broader scope of a bank's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) policy.

https://blog.archive.today/

Retrieved: 14 August 2020

Archive:

> Why are you checking for "supported browser"? You have a simple html form. I'm using Brave browser on mobile which is chromium based, but the "unsupported browser" error shows and I can't get to the form. Seems very unnecessary, just render the page anyways.

Anonymous

Using other browsers prevents people from getting scammed by Brave.

⇄   ♥   3 DAYS AGO   #BRAVE SCAM

> Please provide all the details about how Brave allegedly scammed your friend, because it doesn't make sense. They are about as far as being a domain registrar as is possible. If they did, or someone at Brave scammed your friend, please let us know all about it so we can get him made whole.

Anonymous

I transferred the domains to an account of my friend who has some experience in crypto-community, so he has an Uphold account and knowledge on how to convert those "tokens" into money.

But that transfer resulted in his account get banned and tokens (both his and mine) frozen by Brave.
Could you please check?
- Show quoted text -

Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>   Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 8:12 PM
To: Web Master <webmaster@archive.is>
Cc: Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>
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Hi Denis,

The account listed under your email brav████████.cz is active, though there are no verified channels linked to it. What is the email connected to your friends account?

Thank you,
Steven
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webmaster <webmaster@archive.is>   Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 8:31 PM
Reply-To: webmaster@archive.is
To: Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>
Cc: Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>
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The email is brav████s.ru, archive.* domains should be on it at the moment
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Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>   Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 8:38 PM
To: Web Master <webmaster@archive.is>
Cc: Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>
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The account linked to brav████s.ru is based in Russia, and the referral program is no longer available there - https://brave.com/important-changes-to-the-brave-referral-program/.

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Hi Denis,

Thanks for your patience here.

The channels belong to you, and your enterprise and funds cannot be disbursed to a 3rd party. Please move channels to your KYC'd account or your original account so we can pay them out. We are happy to pay you for your registered accounts; refer to Section 10 (a) in the TOS you signed up for.

Do authorize us to move the channels back into your custody.

We are happy to pay out the contributed BAT, but your websites must be transferred back to your active account; an account registered by you and KYC'd with your identity.

We are working with D███ for their account; but let's understand that they are a separate entity and/or individual, and will be treated as such.

Creator account ownership is a legitimate concern, especially when the sites/channels are pre-authenticated against a different user owner. If D███ has acquired assets for your sites, do let us know by showcasing appropriate documentation.

Thanks

Best,
Mandar

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☆ **webmaster** <webmaster@archive.is>   Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 6:24 PM
Reply-To: webmaster@archive.is
To: Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>
Cc: Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>
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D███ is the only person I know who managed to pass Uphold validation, so I would prefer to have him as an intermediary to the crypto-world.

The archive.* domains are authenticated (using TXT DNS records) for his account, not mine.
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Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>   Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 6:37 PM
To: Web Master <webmaster@archive.is>
Cc: Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>

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Ok - here is my ask;

Can you send us an official email (separate from this thread) suggesting that the domains belong to
Dmitry, and are authenticated/owned by his account?
Please copy D▓▓▓▓

Subject: Moving domains to owner <full name>

Text - as you so wish but should say that D▓▓▓ will be the registered owner for the near future.

I will take it from there. Thanks

Two follow up topics for you to be aware of;
1. Once you have assigned the authority to D▓▓▓, he will have full authority.
2. You have seen this; https://brave.com/important-changes-to-the-brave-referral-program/

Russia is not supported for referrals anymore; so your accounts will be treated as such and referrals
won't get counted. Heads up.
Thanks.

Best, Mandar
- Show quoted text -
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Best, Mandar

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webmaster <webmaster@archive.is>   Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 6:44 PM
Reply-To: webmaster@archive.is
To: Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>
Cc: Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>

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webmaster <webmaster@archive.is>   Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 6:52 PM
Reply-To: webmaster@archive.is
To: Mandar Shinde <mandar@brave.com>
Cc: Steven Hollon <steven@brave.com>

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What is the reason for such email?

1. You already see that the domains are validated for his account.

2. Even I will make a separate account for myself - what would it
change? I am also in one of the discredited countries.

3. The ToS change is about "referral program" - payments for drive-by
downloads of Brave software - and do not cover donations the website
users are sending to webmasters via your system. As far I know neither
me nor D▓▓▓ did not participate in "referal program".

4. The tokens/money we are talking about are for the past months,
donated much before the ToS change. Even if ToS change would cover
them, such change does not have retroactive force.

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Quick Reply

hey youve lost a lot of users over your petty actions

Anonymous

What makes you think that fewer users is something bad (when there is no goal to pump the share price)
?

It would allow to cut expenses and to provide captcha-less access to everyone.

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Anyways, go through that chat if you so wish.

Solution: Custom Browser User Script

The solution to this particular issue was also included in the Brave subreddit referenced earlier.

https://www.reddit.com/r/brave_browser/comments/i7u8fa/brave_isnt_supported_with_archiveis_anymore/

REDDITWASRIGHT 8 points · 3 days ago · edited 3 days ago

```
if (navigator.brave || false) { document.cookie = 'unsupported-browser=1;path=/;ma
```

Yep, he just has a grudge.

Edit: Here you go, userscript to bypass this bullshit:

https://pastebin.com/cc9urNKn

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remote_by_nature 2 points · 3 days ago
Is there an easy way to add this to Brave?

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REDDITWASRIGHT 3 points · 3 days ago · edited 2 days ago
Depends on how you define 'easy'. There's different UserScript managers. I personally use ViolentMonkey (open source) then there's also e.g. Tamper Monkey (closed source)

Then you should be able to just click the icon, "+" symbol to create a new script, paste it in, and you should be done.

Alternatively to make it easier for you, i've uploaded the script to greasyfork. So basically, install violentmonkey, then go here: https://greasyfork.org/en/scripts/408612-unblock-brave-from-archive-is

Click "install this script" and you should be set.

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remote_by_nature 1 point · 2 days ago
Thanks! I really appreciate it!

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t0m5k1 2 points · 3 days ago
Nice one, I like the log entry too 👍

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The "REDDITWASRIGHT" user wrote a custom browser script, or "user script" or "userscript", that bypasses the Archive.is restrictions, and which can be viewed on Pastebin, which is a text storage and sharing website.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Userscript

Retrieved: 16 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/y1G1D

Userscript

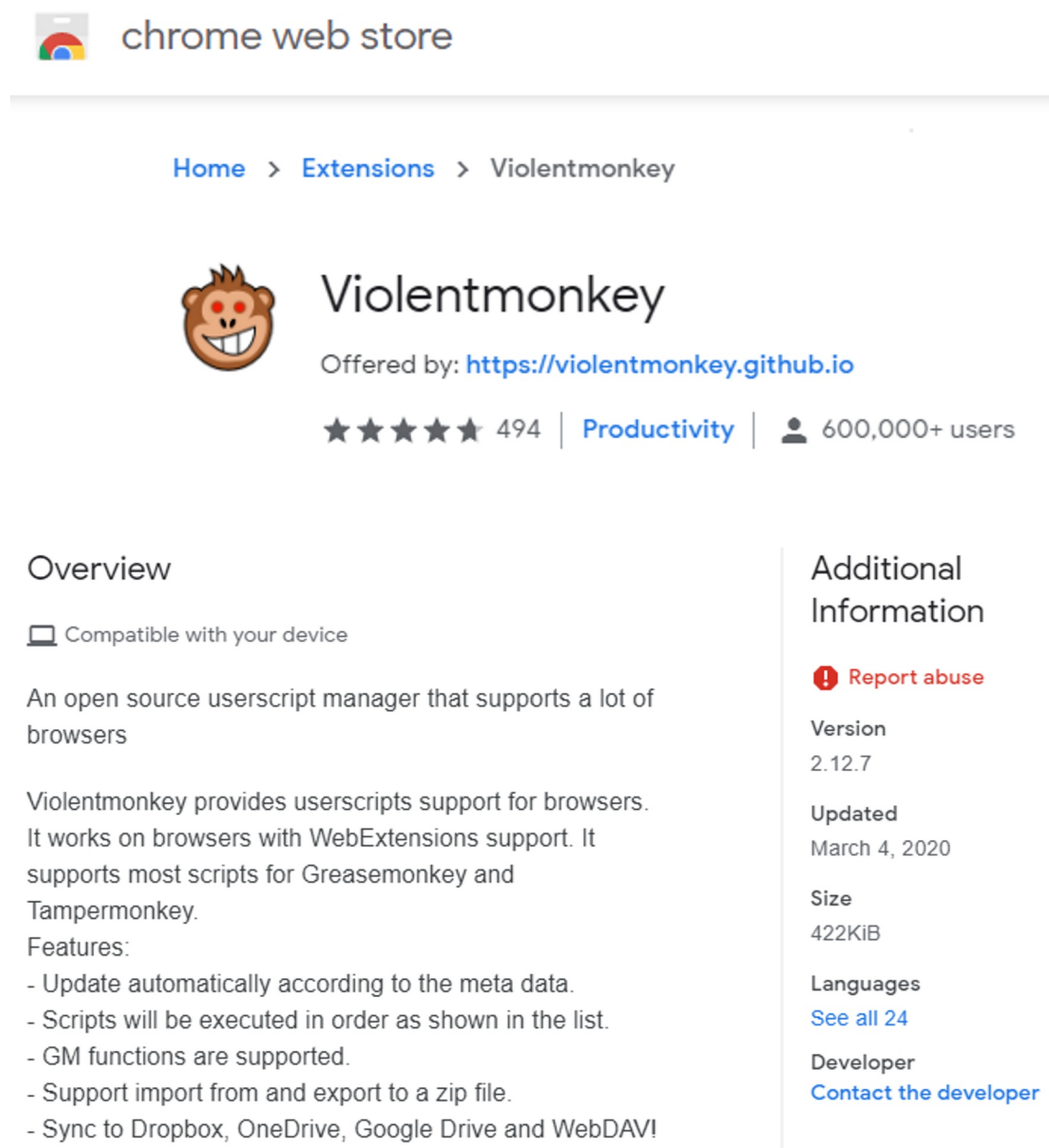A **userscript** (or **user script**) is a program, usually written in JavaScript, for

modifying [web pages](#)[1] to [augment browsing](#).

In order to use the script, we would first need to install a browser script manager, such as Violentmonkey.

[https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/violentmonkey/jinjaccalgkegednncc ohejagnlnfdag](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/violentmonkey/jinjaccalgkegednnccohejagnlnfdag)

Retrieved: 14 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/wip/QPzWO

chrome web store

Home > Extensions > Violentmonkey

Violentmonkey

Offered by: https://violentmonkey.github.io

★★★★★ 494 | Productivity | 👤 600,000+ users

Overview

🖥 Compatible with your device

An open source userscript manager that supports a lot of browsers

Violentmonkey provides userscripts support for browsers. It works on browsers with WebExtensions support. It supports most scripts for Greasemonkey and Tampermonkey.
Features:
- Update automatically according to the meta data.
- Scripts will be executed in order as shown in the list.
- GM functions are supported.
- Support import from and export to a zip file.
- Sync to Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Drive and WebDAV!

Additional Information

🛑 Report abuse

Version
2.12.7

Updated
March 4, 2020

Size
422KiB

Languages
See all 24

Developer
Contact the developer

We can now create a new script and just copy and paste the custom one from Pastebin.

```
// ==UserScript==
// @name        Unblock Brave from archive.is
// @namespace   Violentmonkey Scripts
// @match       https://archive.is/*
// @grant       none
// @version     1.0
// @author      -
// @description 8/11/2020, 6:55:34 PM
// @run-at      document-start
// ==/UserScript==
(function() {
    "use strict";

    const inject = function() {
        "use strict";

        function delete_cookie(name) {
            document.cookie = name + '=; expires=Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:01 GMT;';
        }
        delete_cookie('unsupported-browser');

        Object.defineProperty(window.navigator, "brave", {
            get: function() {
                console.log("ok bro");
                return undefined;
            }
        });

    }

    const script = document.createElement("script");
    const target = document.head || document.documentElement;
    script.text = "(" + inject.toString() + ")();";
```

```
    target.appendChild(script);
    target.removeChild(script);
})();
```

REDDITWASRIGHT also included the script on the script sharing website, Greasy Fork, and which automatically can install onto Violentmonkey. #InterestingInternetNaming

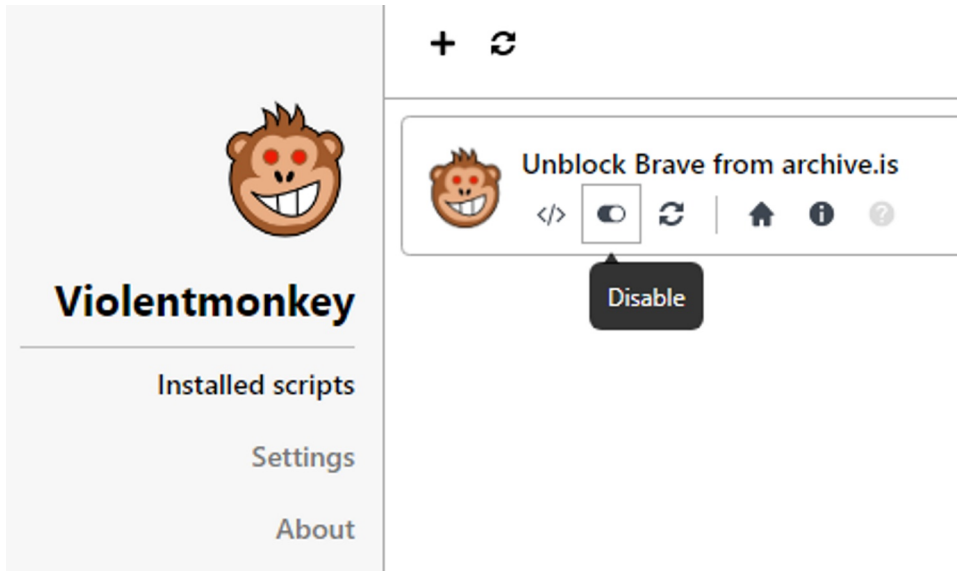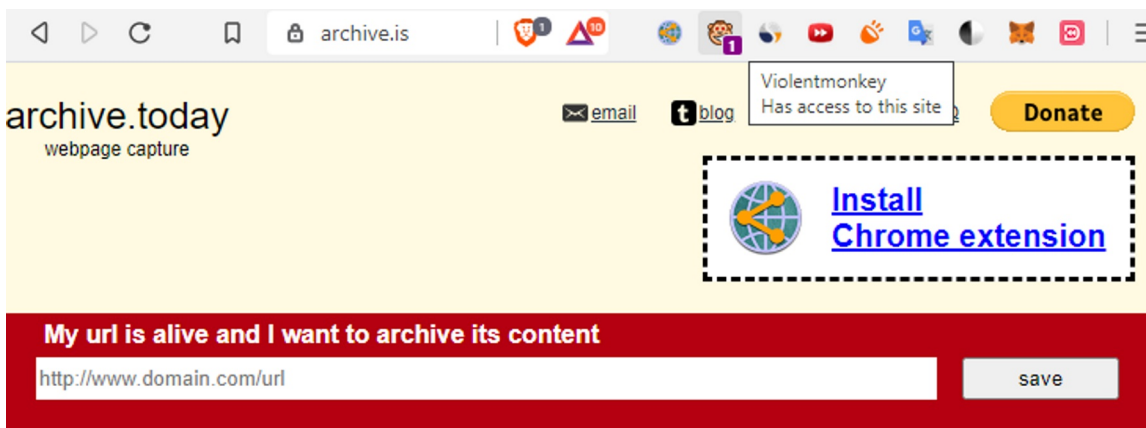https://greasyfork.org/en/scripts/408612-unblock-brave-from-archive-is

Retrieved: 14 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/R3wRN

Once installed, make sure the user script is Enabled.

When the script is working it should indicate on the browser icon that it has matched with the Archive.is website.

MES Custom User Script Modification

Since the Archive.is website has multiple mirror websites such as Archive.vn and Archive.today, I have made a slight modification to account for all of these.

https://pastebin.com/3Rb4EuN5

Retrieved: 16 August 2020
Archive: https://archive.vn/wip/34leh

MES Paste: Archive.is Support for Brave Browser

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})();
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Alternatively, you can just manually edit the previous user script directly in Violentmonkey.

For further info on coding with Violentmonkey, you can check out there website: https://violentmonkey.github.io/api/matching/

This the first time I had used a custom browser user script before and it is great to be able to circumnavigate any unnecessary restrictions on the internet.

Let me know if this tutorial helps!