

# Privacy Policy: Douglass Browser

The Douglass Browser is **privacy-focused**. It offers tracking protection and removes many features that decrease users' privacy, such as Pocket, Telemetry, data collection and startup profiling. It is also able to erase all online data on your system without the use of add-ons.

We strive to collect only the absolute minimum to provide you with a useable web experience. We try to avoid any personal data where we can and keep data collection to the minimum.

We believe you should always know what data we collect from you and how we use it, and that you should have meaningful control over both. We want to empower you to make the best decisions about the information that you share with us.

The Douglass Browser does not collect telemetry about your installation - any telemetry modules are disabled when the browser is built. What you do in your browser is only known by you.

The Douglass Browser uses the privacy protecting Douglass Search Engine. With The Douglass Search Engine there is No user tracking, No user profiling, AND Cookies are not used by default.

## Improve security for users everywhere

Desktop versions of The Douglass Browser check for updates by persistently connecting to Douglass' update servers. Your Douglass Browser version, language, specific search configurations and device operating system are used to apply the correct updates.

The Desktop version of the Douglass Browser periodically connects to external services to protect you and others from malicious add-ons. Your Douglass Browser version and language, device operating system, and list of installed add-ons are needed to apply and update the add-ons blocklist.

When you visit a secure website (usually identified with a URL starting with "HTTPS"), The Douglass Browser validates the website's certificate. This may involve The Douglass Browser sending certain information about the website to the Certificate Authority identified by that website. Opting out increases the risk of your private information being intercepted.

The Douglass Browser always asks before determining and sharing your location with a requesting website (for example, if a map website needs your location to provide directions). To determine location, The Douglass Browser will use your operating system's geolocation features.

If you allow a website to send you notifications, The Douglass Browser connects with a third party service and uses your IP address to relay the message. The Douglass Browser nor the third party service can access the content of messages.

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