Enabling Dark Browsing Mode in Firefox, Chrome, and Edge

Overview

It is possible to enable dark mode browsing in Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, and Microsoft Edge. Firefox requires that you search for and install an add-on to work with your browser. Chrome and Edge require that you change hidden settings. These steps were tested in Windows and Macintosh using the latest release (when this file was created) of each browser.

Objectives

By following the guide, you will be able to:

> Part 1: Install the Dark Reader add-on in Firefox.
> Part 2: Enable Dark Mode in Chrome and Edge.

Part 1: Installing the Dark Reader Add-on in Firefox

Important: If you do not want to allow a third-party add-on access to your system, please use Chrome or Edge. The comparable functionality for those browsers is built in and does not require installing any additional add-ons or extensions.
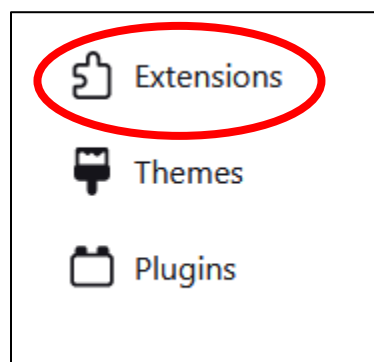
1. Launch Firefox.
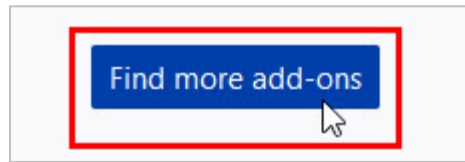2. Select the **Open menu** icon at the top right.
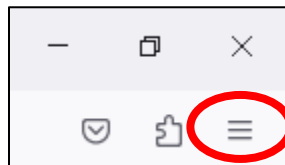
3. Windows users should choose **Add-ons and themes**, as shown. This link is **Extensions** on the Mac.
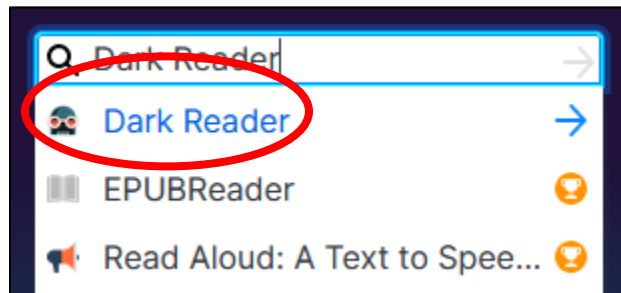

4. Select **Extensions**

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5. At the bottom of the Extensions page, Select **Find more add-ons.**

Note: This opens a new tab in your web browser and loads the Firefox Browser Add-Ons page.

6. Begin typing **Dark Reader** in the search box and select it when it appears in the list**.** If you prefer, search for other Add-ons and experiment to find one that you prefer best.
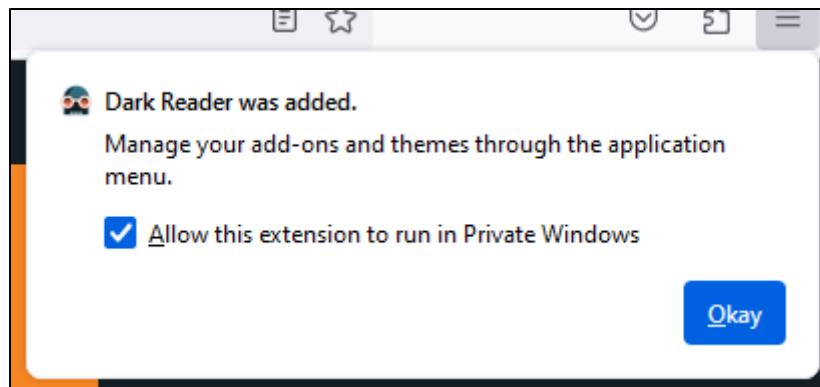

7. On the Dark Reader product page, Select **+ Add to Firefox**.

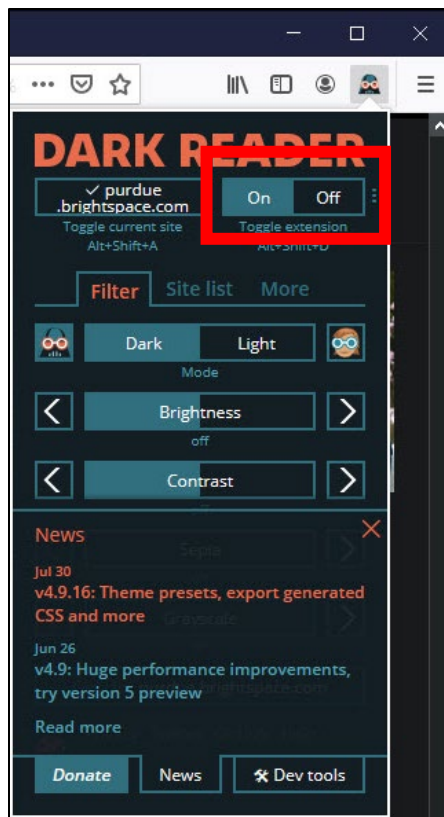8. Select **Add** when prompted to allow the add-on to access data and tabs.
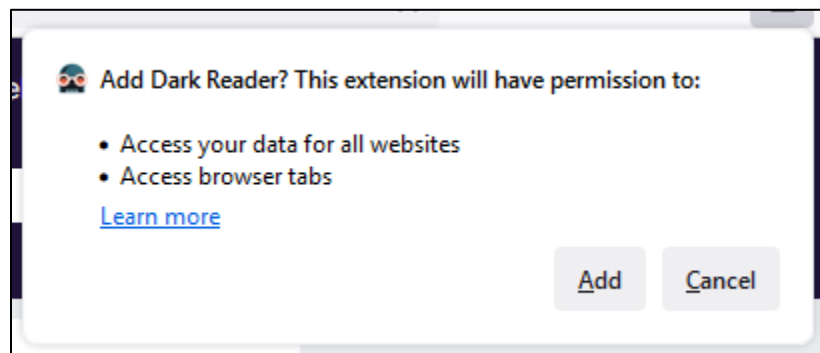
9. On the next screen, check **Allow this extension to run in Private Windows**, and then Select **Okay, Got it** to finish installing the add-on.

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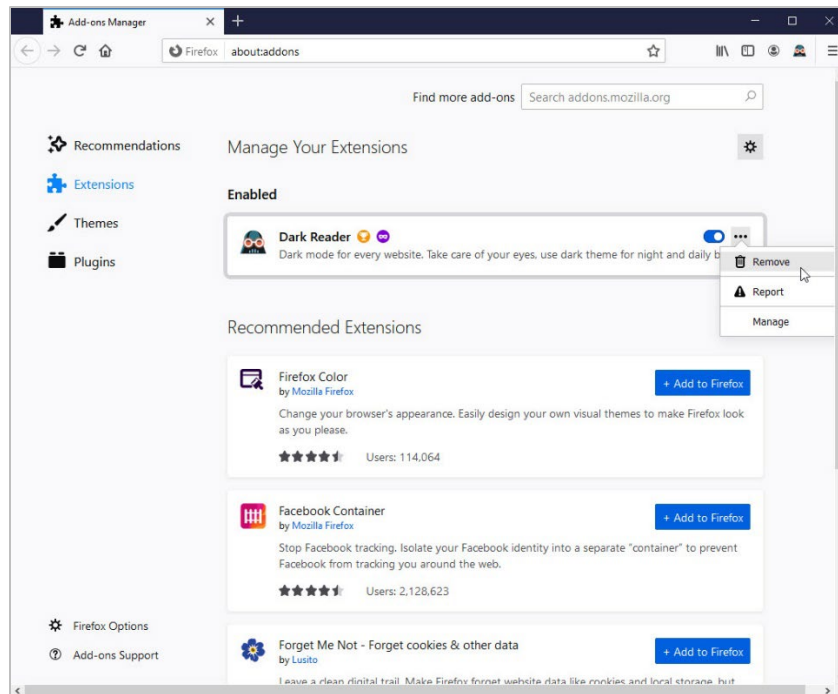**FORT WAYNE**

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10. Your browser will now appear in a dark mode when viewing most pages, as shown here. Some pages and sites will not change.
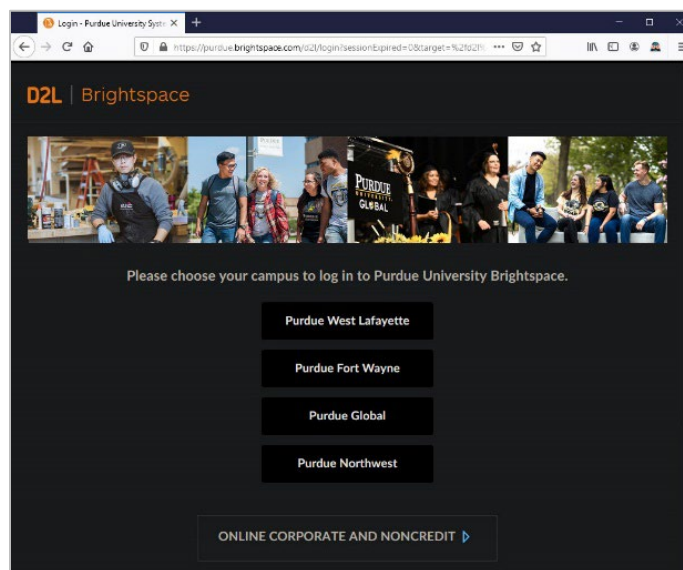
11. To change the Dark Reader preferences:

    a. Select the puzzle piece on the toolbar.

    b. Select Dark Reader from the drop-down menu and adjust settings. Make changes as desired. Note that this is not supported software and we have no further training or information on it or any other third-party add-on.

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12. To temporarily disable the add-on On, open the Dark Reader preferences dialog box as shown in Step 11 and select **Off**.

13. To remove the add-on, complete steps 1-3 to return to the Extensions page, then Select the three dots to the right of the add-on and choose **Remove**. Select **Remove** when prompted to complete the process.

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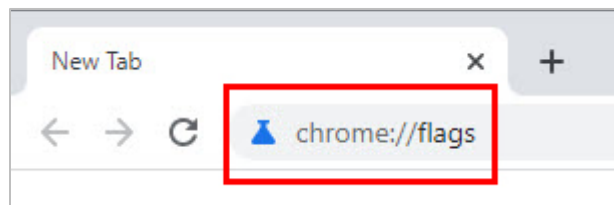UNIVERSITY.
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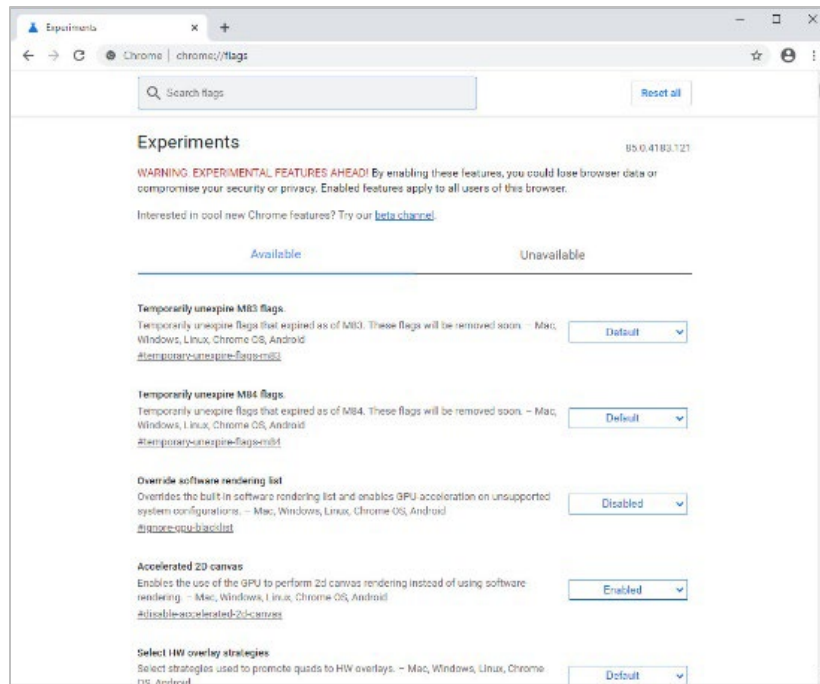6/11/2024

Part 2: Enabling Dark Mode in Chrome and Edge

1. Launch Chrome or Edge.
2. Type the following in the address bar, depending on the browser you are using:

Browser	Type in the address bar
Chrome	**chrome://flags**
Edge	**edge://flags**

3. Then press Enter or Return.

4. You'll see a screen with several items. Don't panic.

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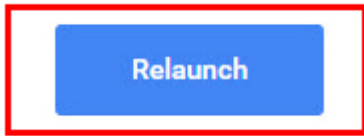5. Type **dark** in the Search Flags box.
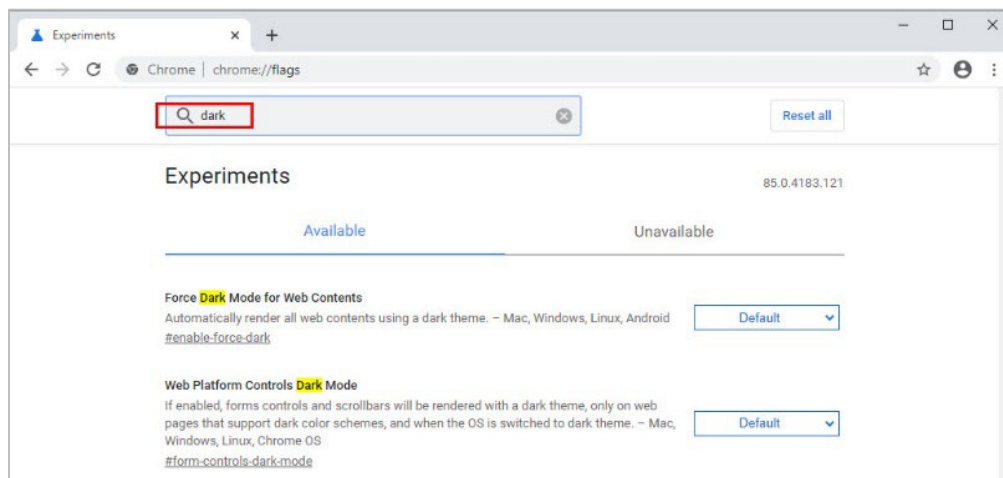
6. Select the drop-down menu for the Force Dark Mode for Web Contents add-on and choose **Enabled**.
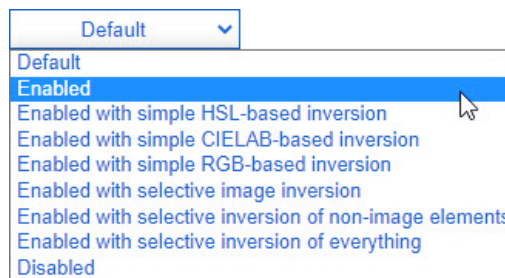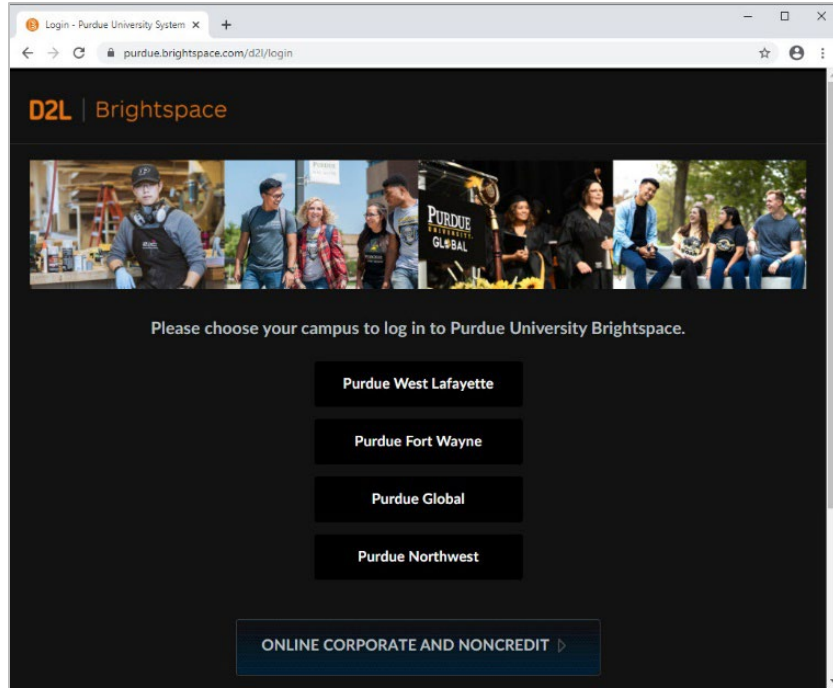

Note: If you prefer, select different options and experiment.

7. Press the **Relaunch** (Chrome) or **Restart** (Edge) button that appears in the bottom right corner of the browser window.

8. The browser will change to Dark Mode, as shown here:

9. To disable Dark Mode, return to **chrome://flags** or **edge://flags**, select the drop-down menu for Force Dark Mode for Web Contents, choose **Default**, then **Relaunch/Restart**.