

USER MANUAL · VERSION 1.5.0

YT PURGE EXTENSION

Blacklists YouTube® channels, comments and videos you don't want to see.

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01 WHAT IT DOES

YT Purge Extension keeps a personal blacklist of YouTube channels and hides everything from them while you browse YouTube. Purge a channel once, and its videos, Shorts and comments stop showing up.

- Hides blacklisted channels' videos and channel cards in your feed, search results, recommendations and sidebars.
- Hides their Shorts, including shelves like "Latest Shorts from *channel*".
- Hides comments written by purged channels, plus optional filters for bot-like and auto-generated commenters.
- Adds **PURGE** buttons directly on YouTube, so blocking a channel takes one click.
- Can hide every Short on YouTube with one button.
- Export and import your blacklist as a file, to back it up or move it to another browser.

Everything runs inside your browser. There is no account, no server and no tracking (see **09 Privacy**).

02 INSTALLING

Unzip `YT-Purge-Extension-v1.5.0.zip` into a folder you'll keep, for example `Documents\YT Purge Extension`. The browser loads the extension from that folder, so don't delete it after installing.

CHROME, EDGE, OPERA, BRAVE AND VIVALDI

1. Open the Extensions page: type `chrome://extensions` in the address bar (Edge: `edge://extensions`, Opera: `opera://extensions`).
2. Turn on **Developer mode** (top right, or the left sidebar in Edge).
3. Click **Load unpacked**.
4. Select the unzipped `YT Purge Extension` folder, the one that contains `manifest.json`.
5. Click the puzzle-piece icon in the toolbar and pin **YT Purge Extension** so its icon is always visible.
6. Reload any YouTube tabs that were already open.

FIREFOX

1. Type `about:debugging#/runtime/this-firefox` in the address bar.
2. Click **Load Temporary Add-on...**
3. Select `manifest.json` inside the unzipped folder.

FIREFOX NOTE

Temporary add-ons are removed when Firefox closes, so repeat these steps after each restart. Export your blacklist before closing Firefox, and import it again after reloading the add-on.

UPDATING TO A NEW VERSION

1. Open the popup and click **Export** to save a backup of your blacklist.
2. Replace the files in your existing extension folder with the new version. Keep the same folder location.
3. On the Extensions page, click the reload arrow on the YT Purge Extension card.

KEEP THE FOLDER WHERE IT IS

Browsers tie an unpacked extension's saved data to its folder location. If you move or rename the folder, the browser treats it as a new extension and starts with an empty blacklist. Import your exported file to get it back.

03 PURGING A CHANNEL

"Purging" adds a channel to your blacklist and hides it everywhere on YouTube straight away. There are several ways to do it.

DIRECTLY ON YOUTUBE

WHERE	WHAT TO CLICK
Video cards (home, search, recommendations)	**PURGE** on the card.
Shorts cards and shelves	**PURGE** on the Short. The extension finds the Short's channel even when YouTube hides it.
Video page	**PURGE CHANNEL** next to the channel name under the video.
Channel page	**PURGE CHANNEL** beside the Subscribe button.
Comments	**PURGE** in the comment header (see **07 Comment filter**).

After clicking, the button changes to **PURGED** and the channel's content disappears from the page.

FROM THE TOOLBAR POPUP

Open any YouTube video or channel page, click the extension icon, and press **PURGE CURRENT CHANNEL**. If the channel is already on your list, the button reads **ALREADY PURGED**.

QUICK ADD (TYPE IT IN)

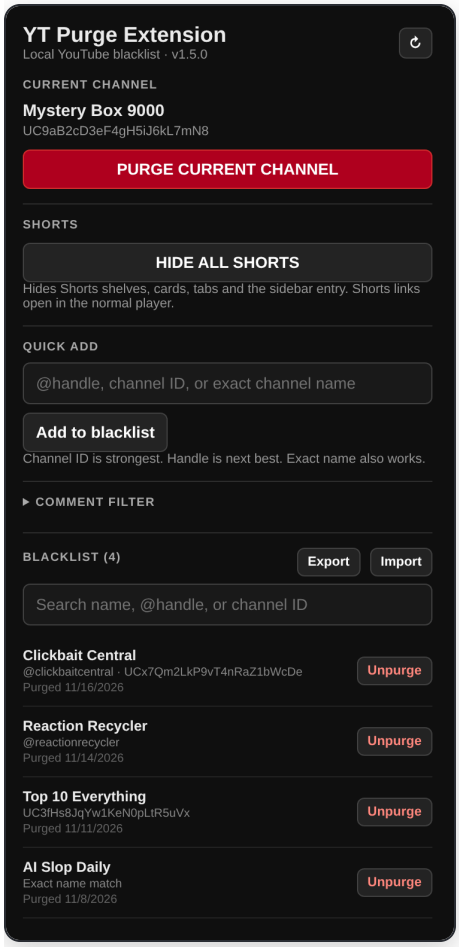
In the popup's **QUICK ADD** box, type or paste any of these and click **Add to blacklist**:

YOU ENTER	EXAMPLE
Channel ID	`UCx7Qm2LkP9vT4nRaZ1bWcDe`
@handle	`@clickbaitcentral`
Channel URL	`youtube.com/channel/UC…` or `youtube.com/@handle`
Exact display name	`Clickbait Central`

> **TIP**
>
> A channel ID is the most reliable way to block a channel, because it never changes. A handle is next best. A display name is a fallback only: two unrelated channels can share the same name.

04 THE TOOLBAR POPUP

Click the YT Purge Extension icon in your browser toolbar to open the popup.



The popup with four purged channels (sample data). The numbered items on the right run top to bottom.

1. **Refresh** ↻: re-detects the channel in your current tab.
2. **CURRENT CHANNEL**: the channel of the video or channel page you have open, with its ID. **PURGE CURRENT CHANNEL** blocks it.
3. **SHORTS**: **HIDE ALL SHORTS** hides every Short on YouTube (see **06**).
4. **QUICK ADD**: type a channel ID, @handle, URL or exact name to block it (see **03**).
5. **COMMENT FILTER**: click to expand the comment options (see **07**).
6. **BLACKLIST**: every purged channel, newest first, with the date it was purged. **Export** and **Import** back up and restore the list.
7. **Search**: filters the list by name, @handle or channel ID.
8. **Unpurge**: removes a channel from the blacklist.

05 MANAGING YOUR BLACKLIST

FINDING A CHANNEL

Type in the search box under **BLACKLIST**. The list filters as you type, matching the channel name, @handle or channel ID. Each entry shows what it matches on: the @handle and/or channel ID, or "Exact name match" for channels added by name.

UNPURGING (REMOVING) A CHANNEL

Click **Unpurge** next to the channel. The channel shows up on YouTube again. Changed your mind? Click **Undo** in the bar that appears; it stays for 10 seconds.

BACKING UP: EXPORT

Click **Export**. Your browser saves `YT-Purge-Extension-blacklist.json` to your downloads folder. Keep it somewhere safe; it's your backup.

RESTORING OR MOVING: IMPORT

Click **Import** and choose a previously exported `.json` file. A message confirms how many channels were loaded.

> **IMPORT REPLACES YOUR LIST**
>
> Importing doesn't add to your current blacklist. It **replaces** it with the contents of the file. Export your current list first if you want to keep it.

EXAMPLE BLACKLIST

The download includes `YT-Purge-Extension-example-blacklist.json`, a ready-made list you can import to try the extension out. Importing it replaces your current list, as above.

06 HIDING SHORTS

Don't want Shorts at all? Open the popup and click **HIDE ALL SHORTS**. This hides:

- Shorts shelves and Shorts cards everywhere on YouTube
- the Shorts tab on channel pages
- the Shorts entry in YouTube's sidebar
- the Shorts filter chips in search

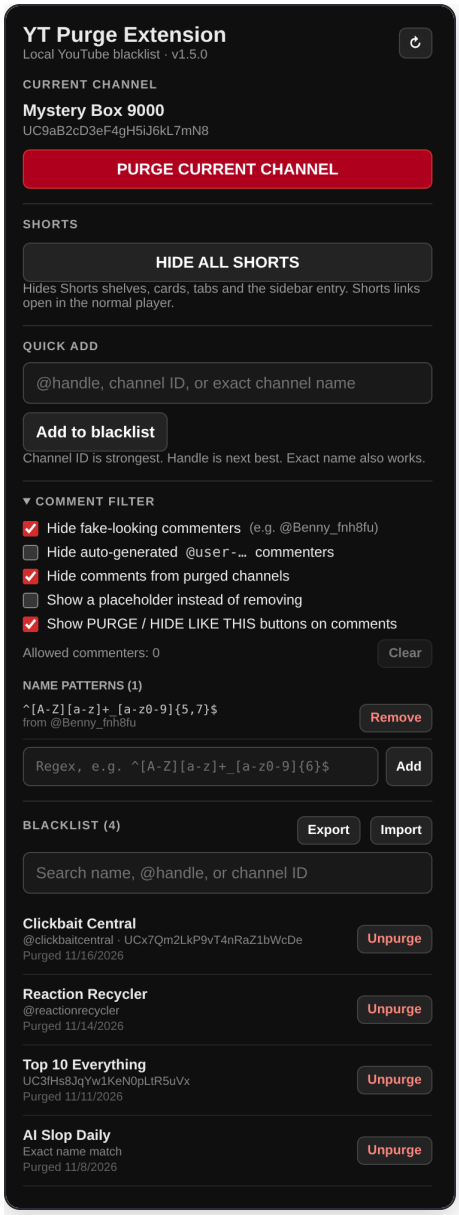
If you open a Shorts link (`youtube.com/shorts/…`), it plays in the normal video player instead.

While Shorts are hidden, the button reads **SHORTS HIDDEN · CLICK TO SHOW**. Click it again to bring Shorts back.

07 COMMENT FILTER

Open the popup and click **COMMENT FILTER** to expand these options. Changes apply immediately.

OPTION	WHAT IT DOES	DEFAULT
Hide fake-looking commenters	Hides bot-style accounts whose handle is a name plus a short random tail, such as `@Benny_fnh8fu`.	On
Hide auto-generated `@user-…` commenters	Hides accounts that never chose a handle (`@user-abc123` style).	Off
Hide comments from purged channels	Hides comments written by any channel on your blacklist.	On
Show a placeholder instead of removing	Leaves a small "hidden comment" placeholder with **Show** and **Always allow** buttons, instead of removing the comment completely.	Off
Show PURGE / HIDE LIKE THIS buttons	Adds **PURGE** and **HIDE LIKE THIS** to each comment header.	On



Comment filter expanded, with one saved name pattern.

HIDE LIKE THIS: HIDE A WHOLE FAMILY OF BOT ACCOUNTS

Spam accounts often share the same shape of handle. To hide all of them at once:

1. Click **HIDE LIKE THIS** next to one of the commenter names.
2. A panel shows a pattern built from that handle's shape. For example, `@Benny_fnh8fu` becomes "capitalized name + underscore + 5–7 random letters or digits".
3. The panel tells you how many commenters on the page the pattern matches. If it's too broad, edit the pattern.
4. Click **HIDE THESE** (or press Enter). **Cancel** or Esc closes the panel.

NAME PATTERNS

Saved patterns are listed under **NAME PATTERNS** in the comment filter. Click **Remove** to delete one. Experienced users can also type a regular expression into the box and click **Add**. Patterns are matched against the handle without the @.

ALLOWED COMMENTERS

Clicking **Always allow** on a placeholder adds that commenter to your allowed list, so the filters never hide them. The popup shows how many are allowed. **Clear** empties the list.

08 HOW MATCHING WORKS

Each blacklist entry can match a channel three ways, from most to least reliable:

IDENTIFIER	RELIABILITY
Channel ID (`UC…`)	Permanent. Never changes, even when a channel renames itself or changes its handle.
@handle	Very reliable. A channel can change its handle, but rarely does.
Exact display name	Fallback only. Two unrelated channels can have the same name, and both would be hidden.

The extension identifies channels mainly from YouTube's own channel links rather than page styling, so it keeps working when YouTube changes its layout. When YouTube hides who uploaded a video or Short, the extension looks the uploader up from the video itself.

09 PRIVACY

- **No server, no account.** YT Purge Extension has no backend. Nothing you do is sent to Falcon Gaming Studios.
- **No analytics or tracking.** The extension collects no usage data.
- **Stored on your computer.** Your blacklist and settings live in your browser's local extension storage. Uninstalling the extension deletes them, so export first if you want to keep your list.
- **YouTube only.** The extension only runs on `youtube.com`. To find a hidden uploader it asks YouTube itself, never a third party.

10 TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	FIX
No PURGE buttons on YouTube	Reload the YouTube tab. Tabs opened before the extension was installed or reloaded don't have it yet.
The popup says "Reload the YouTube tab once, then try again."	Reload the tab, then reopen the popup.
The popup says "Open a YouTube video or channel."	The current tab isn't a YouTube video or channel page. Open one, then click ↻.
A purged channel still shows up	It was probably added by name, and the channel uses a different name somewhere. Purge it again from its video or channel page, so the channel ID is saved.
An unrelated channel disappeared	It shares a display name with a channel you blocked by name. Unpurge the name entry and re-add that channel by ID or @handle.
Too many comments are hidden	Check **NAME PATTERNS** for a pattern that's too broad and remove it, or turn on the placeholder option to review hidden comments.
My blacklist is empty after an update	The extension folder was moved or renamed. Import your last export (see **02 Updating**).
Something on YouTube looks broken	YouTube changes its pages often. Disable the extension on the Extensions page to confirm, then report it to info@falcongamingstudios.com.

11 LICENSE

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