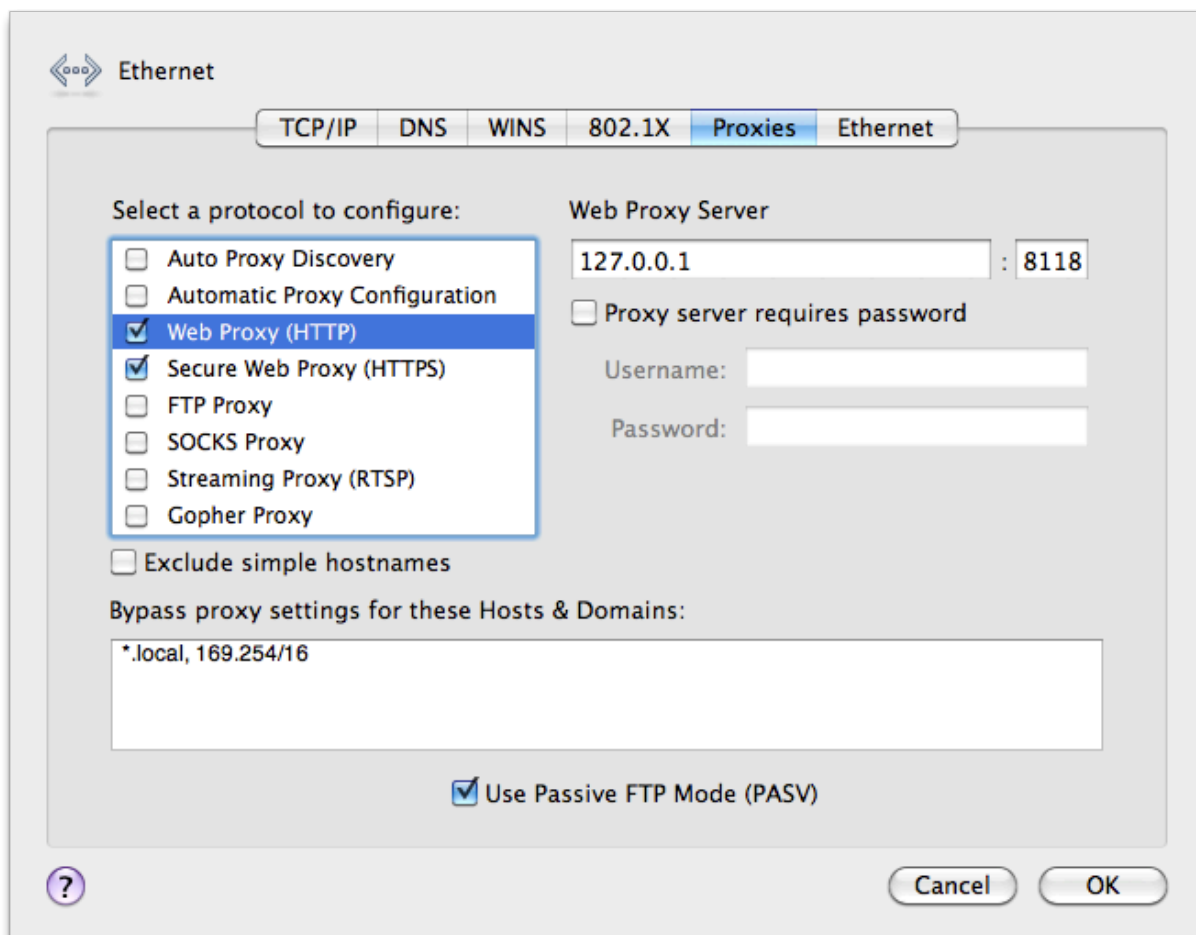


You must make the following change in order to start using Privoxy! Also see below for enabling HTTPS inspection.

Setting up your web browser(s) to use Privoxy

In order for Privoxy to filter web content for you, it must be set up as a proxy for your web browser. To do this for most web browsers (Safari, Chrome, Camino - see later in this readme for other browsers) go into your System Preferences.. Network.. preference pane. If the padlock at the bottom-left of the window is locked, you'll need to click it and enter your password to makes changes, then click 'Advanced' and click on the Proxies tab. In both the Web Proxy (HTTP) **and** Secure Web Proxy (HTTPS) entries, add the value 127.0.0.1 in the Web Proxy Server box and 8118 in the box to it's right (see screenshot below). Click 'OK' and then 'Apply' and you're all set!



Firefox and Opera have their proxy server settings within the application, for Firefox you'll find the settings at:

Firefox > Preferences > Network > Settings > Manual Proxy Configuration

and for Opera at:

Opera > Preferences > Advanced > Network > Proxy Servers

All done! To test that you've set things up correctly please follow the instructions in the next section.

Enabling HTTPS inspection

If you would like Privoxy to be able to filter the content of your HTML files even when they are HTTPS encrypted, please refer to this section of the User Manual for the required config file changes, and this section for guidance on configuring actions to control which sites it applies to.

Checking that Privoxy is working for you

Simply point your web browser here:

<http://config.privoxy.org/>

If you see a page like the following screenshot then all is well and Privoxy is filtering web content for you.

This is [Privoxy 3.0.19](#) on [proactivate.adobe.com \(127.0.0.1\)](#), port 8118, enabled

The following files are in use:

Actions Files:	
/usr/local/etc/privoxy/match-all.action	View
/usr/local/etc/privoxy/default.action	View
/usr/local/etc/privoxy/user.action	View
Filter Files:	
/usr/local/etc/privoxy/default.filter	View
/usr/local/etc/privoxy/user.filter	View
Trust File:	
None specified	

The CGI editor is currently disabled, thus no edit buttons are shown.
Please have a look at the [enable-edit-actions documentation](#) to learn how to enable it and what the risks are.

Privoxy was [invoked](#) as follows:

`/usr/local/sbin/privoxy --no-daemon /usr/local/etc/privoxy/config`

The following options were given in the [config file](#):

Known Problems

The OS X 'Mavericks' & 'Yosemite' releases have a bug that causes an intermittent problem for Privoxy that a simple upgrade install will not cure. If you have a persistent problem with Privoxy not starting (in your web browser you get a "Cannot connect to proxy server" error) then the best advice is to completely uninstall Privoxy (using the guide in the readme file at /Applications/Privoxy) then reinstall from scratch. Please ensure you take a copy of your config file and filters if you have made any customisations you do not want to lose.

For the technically minded, the bug is that the `_privoxy` user & group cannot be reliably read from directory services at system startup time (there are suggestions that usernames with leading underscore are no longer properly supported), causing Privoxy to fail to load. Details can be found in these discussion threads:

<https://sourceforge.net/p/ijbswa/support-requests/1601/>

<https://sourceforge.net/p/ijbswa/support-requests/1599/>

<https://sourceforge.net/p/ijbswa/bugs/882/>

Is there a particular feature from our TODO list you'd like to see implemented sooner rather than later? Would you like to donate in general?

Donations are welcome, and you are free to discuss with us what your donation should be used for. Our [TODO list](#) is rather long and being able to pay one (or more) developers to work on Privoxy would make a huge difference, even if it was only for a couple of weeks. Donations may also be used for Privoxy-related travel expenses (for example to attend conferences), for hardware used for Privoxy development and for hosting expenses etc.

Privoxy is an associated project of [Software in the Public Interest \(SPI\)](#), which allows us to receive tax-deductible donations in the United States. If you want to donate through SPI, please use [SPI's donation page](#) to see what the options are.

You can also donate to Privoxy using a bank account managed by [Zwiebelfreunde e.V.](#):

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BIC: GENODEM1GLS

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If you have any questions regarding donations please mail to either the public user mailing list or, if it's a private matter, to [Fabian Keil](#) (Privoxy's SPI liason) directly.

Configuring Privoxy

You can access your Privoxy installation configuration at:

<http://config.privoxy.org/>

Note that to make configuration changes here you first have to manually enable this feature. This is done by setting parameter enable-edit-actions to the value 1 in Privoxy's config file, which you'll need to edit as an administrator in order to save your changes. Full documentation for Privoxy can be found here:

`file:///usr/local/share/doc/privoxy/` (a good place to start is `index.html` or `README`)

Merging in an existing configuration

If you already had Privoxy installed prior to this installation, then your configuration is unchanged. It is possible however that the configuration files supplied with this new installation contain new options that your existing configuration files do not. If you wish to manually merge your settings into the new files you will find them all at `/usr/local/etc/privoxy/`

Starting and stopping Privoxy

Privoxy can be started and stopped using the two scripts in `/Applications/Privoxy` named `startPrivoxy.sh` and `stopPrivoxy.sh`. They must be run as `sudo` from an account that has administrative rights. To do this, open a Terminal window then enter the following commands:

```
cd /Applications/Privoxy
sudo ./startPrivoxy.sh
```

<or>

```
sudo ./stopPrivoxy.sh
```

Uninstalling Privoxy

To remove Privoxy once it has been installed, first of all reconfigure your web browser(s) not to use Privoxy as a proxy (see the top of this file for details). Once you're happy that you're not using Privoxy any more you can run its uninstall script.

To do this, open a Terminal window then enter the following commands:

```
cd /Applications/Privoxy  
sudo ./uninstall.command
```

You will be prompted for your password, since the script requires super-user privileges to run. If your account is not an administrator account, then the script won't work; you'll need to log in using an administrator account and try again. If you have already dragged the Privoxy application folder to the trash, use the 'Put Back' feature to restore it or else recreate the Privoxy folder in your Applications folder, drag the uninstall.command file from the trash to that folder and proceed as above.

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