A Bestiary of Blocking The Motivations and Modes behind Website Unavailability

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The dunderheads at Verizon block access to myverizon.com account if you are overseas. I plan to cancel my service. idiots.

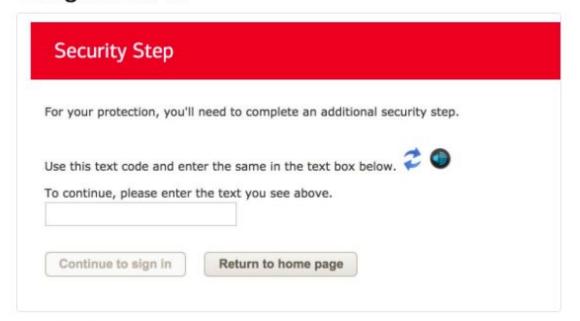
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The best CAPTCHA is the one you can't even see! Trying to log into my bank from Bangladesh ...



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Types of and Motivations for Blocking



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Block pages with or without reasons



Sorry, our site is unavailable in your country right now.

In the meantime, visit CVS Health to learn about our company.

The requested URL was rejected. Please consult with your administrator.

Your support ID is: 5527351751160471927

Failing load anything

- DNS errors
- Timeouts
- Connection refused
- Connection resets

Soft blocks: slowing page loads, CAPTCHAs



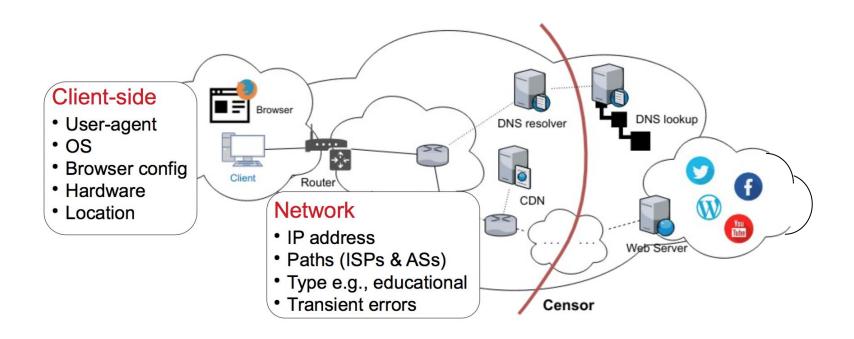
Checking your browser before accessing vape.gg.

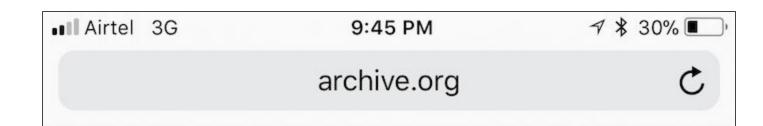
This process is automatic. Your browser will redirect to your requested content shortly.

Please allow up to 5 seconds...

DDoS protection by Cloudflare Ray ID: 421a43cf50f43e86

A website can be inaccessible in many ways





Your requested URL has been blocked as per the directions received from Department of Telecommunications, Government of India. Please contact administrator for more information.

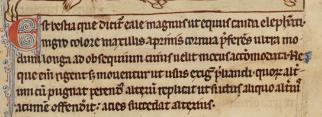
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| Motivations | | |
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| | Server (including CDNs) | Middlebox (ISP, gov.) |
| Political censorship | Bowing to China's demands | Great Firewall of China |
| Economic sanctions | US sites blocking Cuba/Iran | |
| Third-party liability | Blocking US due to SESTA | |
| Copyright | Germany blocking YouTube | ISP blocking Pirate Bay |
| Other compliance | GDPR | |
| Security | Fraud | |
| Hosting costs | CDN fees | |
| Revenue | Price discrimination | Net-neutrality |
| Unintentional | Slash-dotting | Overloaded rural links |



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Measuring Blocking

Crawler

- 1. Attempts DNS resolution for each provided URL
 - If unresolved, try again adding "www." prefix
- 2. If resolved, uses Python's Requests package to request the webpage
 - Timeout of 30 seconds
 - Chrome user agent string from a MacBook
 - Trys HTTP, but follows any automatic switches to HTTPS
- 3. Use RegExes to recognize block pages



Country-Based Blocking

JCPenney



We Are Currently Unable to Provide a Shopping Experience for This Country

Please try again later

Sorry about that

Grubhub food delivery is not available in your country







This site has been blocked by the network administrator.

Block reason: Gateway GEO-IP Filter Alert

IP address: **39.53.47.73**

Connection initiated from country: Pakistan

Error 1009

Ray ID: 422f2004f42f93a8 • 2018-05-30 06:25:43 UTC

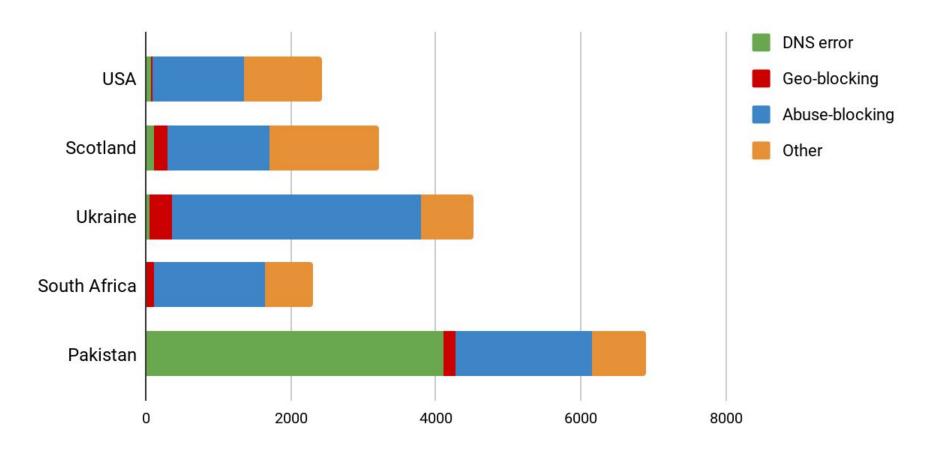
Access denied

What happened?

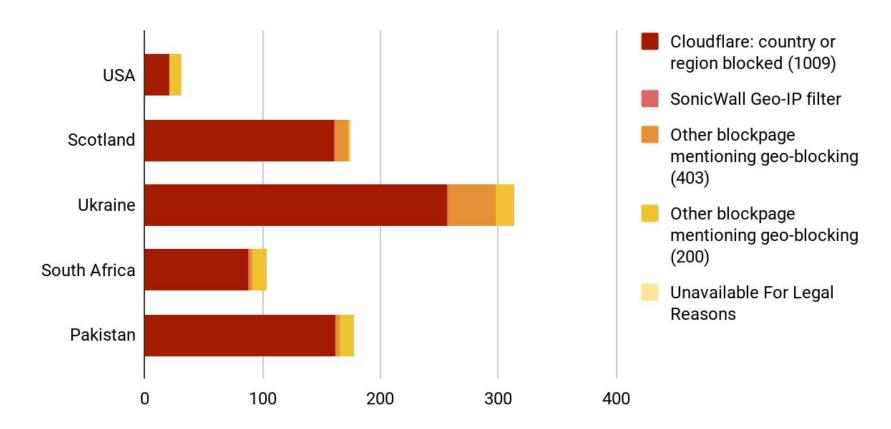
The owner of this website (stoiximan.com.cy) has banned the country or region your IP address is in (US) from accessing this website.

85,421 Cloudflare-hosted URLs from Alexa top 1M domains from





Types of geo-blocking





Security-Motivated Blocking

Blocking mechanisms: Security

www.lendingtree.com - Access Denied

Error code 16

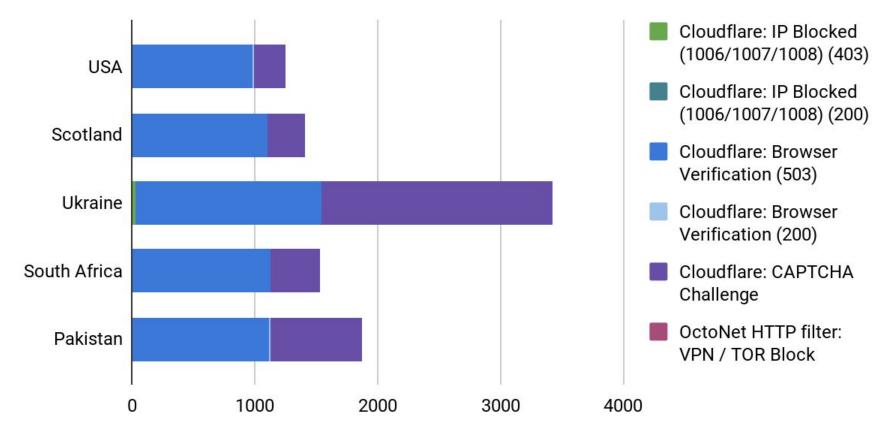
This request was blocked by the security rules

2018-05-23 09:03:55 UTC

Your IP 39.45.233.157 | Proxy IP 45.60.28.117 (ID 10407)

Incident ID: 407001860088678508-402561825777322917

Types of security-motivated blocking





GDPR-Motivated Blocking

We're sorry. This site is temporarily unavailable.

We recognise you are attempting to access this website from a country belonging to the European Economic Area (EEA) including the EU which enforces the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and therefore cannot grant you access at this time.

For any issues, contact us.

(403 error.)







451 Unavailable For Legal Reasons

Sorry, this content is not available in your region.

Los Angeles Times

Unfortunately, our website is currently unavailable in most European countries. We are engaged on the issue and committed to looking at options that support our full range of digital offerings to the EU market. We continue to identify technical compliance solutions that will provide all readers with our award-winning journalism.

7081 websites from various Alexa lists before and after GDPR went into effect. Count:

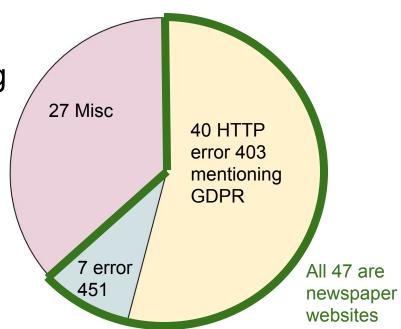
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- still works from the US after, but
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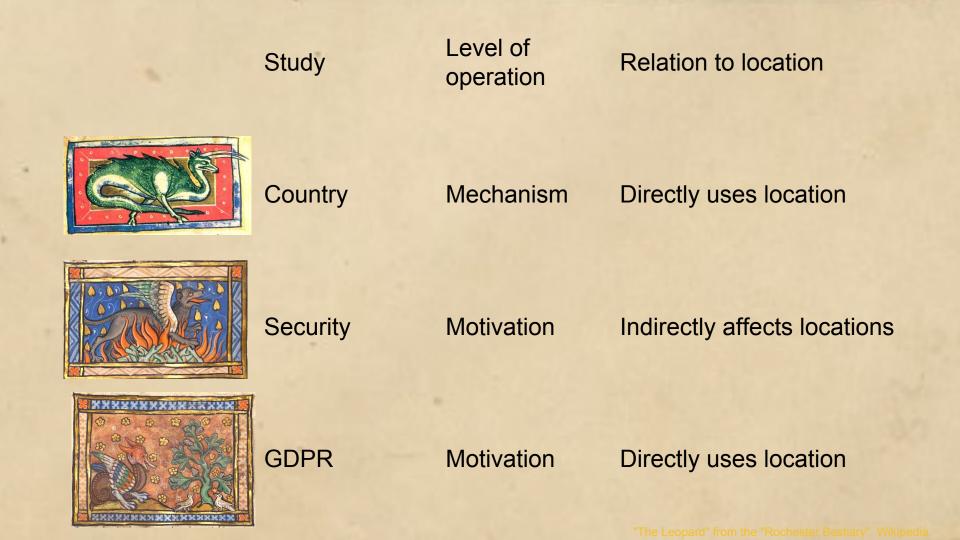


Measurement Results

7081 Websites tested

74 websites stopped working





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