# **About Mojeek**

**Vision and Mission Statement**

Our vision is to be the world’s alternative search engine; a search engine that does what’s right, that values and respects your privacy, whilst providing its own unique and unbiased search results.

**Company History**

Mojeek started as a personal project in founder Marc Smith’s bedroom in 2004. It became an official registered company in 2009, moving out of Marc’s bedroom in 2012. In 2013 Mojeek received its first major investment from a group of private investors, going on to secure further funding in 2016 and then 2018.

A complete and regularly-updated timeline of Mojeek’s major milestones and added features can be found on the [Technology](https://www.mojeek.com/about/technology.html) page.

**Location**

Based in Sussex, UK.

Hosted and run from the UK’s greenest data centre [Custodian DC](https://www.custodiandc.com/) in Maidstone, Kent.

**Founder biography**

Based in Eastbourne, founder and developer Marc Smith created Mojeek as a side project running from 2 donated servers and a laptop in his bedroom in 2004. Programmed in the C programming language, Mojeek was built from scratch with no pre-existing search technology. He never planned to put it online, but after showing it to a few people he decided to. Working on the search engine solely by himself for more than 10 years, it grew substantially and no longer runs from his bedroom, but in a data centre with over 300 servers. Mojeek is now the only search engine left in the world developed by a single person that has indexed over 1 billion pages.

**CEO biography**

Colin Hayhurst is the Chief Executive Officer of Mojeek Limited, a fully remote company with its roots in the UK. He heads up a dynamic team who are working hard to ensure that there is a true choice in search independent of Big Tech. Colin has a vast array of entrepreneurial experience within the tech world, with proven commercial and technical experience in startups, academia and industry. He has been a co-founding CEO or CTO of three startups in high-performance computing, web-infrastructure and machine learning respectively. His international business experience is predominantly in the UK, Europe and USA, including the Y Combinator 2012 summer cohort.

### Product information

**Index Size:** as of August 2024, the Mojeek index contains 8.3 billion pages

**Technology:** Mojeek's has been developed mostly using the C programming language, and uses no pre-existing search or web crawler technology. All technology/IP is fully owned by Mojeek Ltd.

[**Search technology created from the ground up**](https://www.mojeek.co.uk/about/technology.html)

When you do a search on Mojeek, the results shown have been generated by our own algorithm, from our own database of web pages, which was crawled and made searchable by our own technology. Mojeek runs on over 300 of our own bare metal servers that we partially built and installed, and these servers are maintained by those working at Mojeek.

[**Independent and unbiased search results**](https://blog.mojeek.com/2018/08/independent-and-unbiased-search-results.html)

Mojeek is a crawler-based search engine with its very own index of web pages, so we are not reliant on any other engine to produce our results. Mojeek doesn't have an agenda because we believe it’s a search engine’s job to provide you with relevant search results, not to force a point of view on you.

[**Search that doesn’t follow you around**](https://blog.mojeek.com/2018/10/search-that-does-not-follow-you-around.html)

Mojeek was the first search engine ever to state that it doesn't track its users, and we've been committed to privacy ever since. This means Mojeek does not possess any identifying information on you, such as IP addresses, search history or click behaviour. That's because we think it’s your right to search the web without someone following you around.

## FAQs

A full list of answers to frequently-asked questions can be found on [our Why Mojeek page](https://www.mojeek.com/about/why-mojeek).

### Previous Coverage

Mojeek has been featured in stories in The Guardian, Financial Times, The Times, Search Engine Watch, Ars Technica, PC Mag, 404Media, and Wired.

Here are a few of those stories:

* **Wired:** <https://www.wired.com/story/best-google-search-engine-alternative-privacy/>
* **Ars Technica:** <https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2024/05/bing-outage-shows-just-how-little-competition-google-search-really-has/>
* **PC Mag:** <https://uk.pcmag.com/software-services/139960/go-beyond-google-the-best-alternative-search-engines>
* **404 Media:** <https://www.404media.co/google-is-the-only-search-engine-that-works-on-reddit-now-thanks-to-ai-deal/>

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