Google as a search engine is complete and absolute shit (technology)

submitted 15 hours ago by stillinit

It's been a gradual slope to shit, but that slope has exponentially risen the past year. It's bad. I can't find an article that was pretty damn specific that came out a few months ago. Almost like google didn't want the information to spread. This is worse than the search engines of the 90s before google came around. Fix this shit nerds! You are the 21st century soldiers of freedom.

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[-] BlockMe 32 points (+33|-1) 14 hours ago

I used to point and laugh at bing, now I use it more often than not via DDG !b option.

PS, bing images is 100x better than anything else. The tagging is damn good.

Proof:

https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=george+soros

[-] CobraStallone 21 points (+21|-0) 14 hours ago

Same here. I wanted to read up on some missile defense system that Trump was funding, or increasing scope or something, I google "Trump missile system" and the top 5 results are liberal media hit pieces on how some random dope doesn't think Trump is qualified to have control of the nukes. I "bing" it? That's awkward, and I get maybe one hit piece and the second result was what I was looking for. I still don't love it, but it's maybe better than google now.

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[-] **ninjai 0** points (**+1**|**-1**) 8 hours ago

There's an old article somewhere where Microsoft admits ripping off the first result from Google.

Other than that I find bing has a lot more ads... At least I'm not used to them because sometimes I click on them as I'm so used to ad placement in Google.

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[-] fartyshorts 4 points (+4|-0) 13 hours ago

"Young George Soros" should be a cartoon on Adult Swim.

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[-] natehigger44 2 points (+3|-1) 10 hours ago

Why does his face always look like it's melting...? Did they try to oven him during the Holohoax?

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[-] BordelonLoop 0 points (+0|-0) 10 hours ago

Jim Goad called him "anus eyes."

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[-] Firevine 3 points (+3|-0) 13 hours ago

Bing image search is great, outside of being miserably slow.

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[-] heuristic 0 points (+0|-0) 4 hours ago
ill trade speed for lack of censorship
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[-] **Elemental_Lightning 2** points (+2|-0) 14 hours ago

That's quite funny permalink parent

5 replies

[-] HappyMealBullshit 27 points (+27|-0) 14 hours ago

Google is less of a "search" engine and more of a "tell me what I should look at" engine.

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[-] TheDaoReveals 8 points (+8|-0) 13 hours ago

I recall an interview with Brin (I think, not positive) where they flat out said that people want Google to work like a magic 8 ball, where they ask it questions and it tells them things, so that's what they're going to give them. Shortly after that they started with the featured content panes.

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[-] MrKequc 1 points (+1|-0) 12 hours ago
Now you're getting it
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- [-] obvious_throwaway1 13 points (+15|-2) 15 hours ago (edited 15 hours ago)
 - 1. You don't know how to properly use Google filters.

- 2. The actual reason Google sucks is you're forced to use filters to wade through the garbage that is SEO optimization.
- 3. You are just data being sold by Google with no benefit to yourself, and that is the primary reason SEO optimization exists.
- 4. Don't use Jewgle.

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[-] thatguyiam 12 points (+13|-1) 14 hours ago

No, google is absolute shit now

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[-] Caveman_in_a_suit 5 points (+5|-0) 13 hours ago

I believe both of you!

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[-] ForgotMyName 1 points (+1|-0) 8 hours ago

You don't think SEO applies to all search engines? Of course it does. Don't be ridiculous. They all look at similar factors. Naturally they all have their own proprietary mix, but most of the concepts are the same.

I suppose SEO is the reason there are sites that have been removed from google's listings too eh?

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[-] lawlerskehts 0 points (+0|-0) 4 hours ago
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Offer alternatives cunt.

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[-] BiscuitFever 0 points (+0|-0) 3 hours ago
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Bing and DDG are both superior search engines.

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[-] goatsandbros 9 points (+9|-0) 13 hours ago
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Fix this shit

You have to remove the commies and SJWs from the company, first. At the moment, there is nothing to fix.

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[-] jizzswizzler 0 points (+0|-0) 7 hours ago (edited 7 hours ago)
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Shut it the fuck down for a month. Cut out the cancer. Let the script kiddies go outside in the sun and make yagi cantennas connected to nokia smartphones and shit. Start again.

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[-] aaronC 8 points (+8|-0) 13 hours ago
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Google has been floundering for a while. I remember a year or two ago they completely broke obscure searches you would do by autocorrecting to what it thought was right and not giving you a chance to search for your original query.

Google is going down the path of Apple, where they coast on existing products for a long time without innovating or making things better. And the products they coast on slowly deteriorate (like IOS 11). Give them 5 years, they will not be in a good position.

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I think it was longer ago than that. It became nearly useless as a search engine for anything technical. You do a search on some technical term that it decides is close to some BS query and suddenly there's no way to ever search for what you're looking for.

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[-] jizzswizzler 0 points (+0|-0) 6 hours ago
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im gonna throw a spanner in that. its there but its seperate from the bog standard google search, kudos to all the effort put into their academic and legal engines and shit.

But because its seperate is harder for someone less internet savvy to be able to access or use. I sure as shit dont know how to do nested boolean search queries and shit.

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use duck duck go. google is cancer permalink

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[-] AndrewBlazelt 6 points (+12|-6) 14 hours ago
If google is cancer, then duck duck go is AIDS.
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           parent
  [-] valk2 5 points (+8|-3) 14 hours ago
  Do you got an engine to suggest or just attempting to make
  a witty comment?
  permalink
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  3 replies
  [-] bourbonexpert 2 points (+2|-0) 13 hours ago
  tell that to the CIA and FBI when they can only find your
  google searches, not your DDG searches......be prepared,
  even if you arent guilty
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             parent
  1 reply
[-] piratse 3 points (+3|-0) 13 hours ago
DDG gets garbage results. I had to stop using it. And no map
feature which is 70% what I use search engines for.
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  [-] ZYX321 4 points (+4|-0) 13 hours ago
  http://openstreetmap.org/
  It's not perfect, but it's getting more usable every day.
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  2 replies
  [-] MrKequc 0 points (+0|-0) 12 hours ago
  For businesses I use Tripadvisor and for addresses I use
  HERE WeGo. Both are perfectly decent map apps.
  permalink
             parent
  [-] bourbonexpert 0 points (+1|-1) 13 hours ago
  apple maps is legit.
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but....they dont provide bike options. weired but true, so i use apple 1st, and if shit happenes, i fall back on jewgle. but over all, i dont use google at all. bing is fine, apple is good.unless its a real pickle, i dont use use google.

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[-] doomsdrzej 6 points (+6|-0) 14 hours ago

Google employs too many social justice warriors for me to remove their domains from them from my block list.

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[-] Marijuana_Merlin 5 points (+5|-0) 12 hours ago

can we just start calling Google what it is? The Ministry of Truth.

[-] Ywis 5 points (+6|-1) 14 hours ago

GIGO is a real thing. Google works just fine. It's people controlling the search results to that are the issue. You get garbage searches because they pick and choose what you get to see.

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[-] fartyshorts 1 points (+1|-0) 13 hours ago

Google's algorithm was basically set up to reward spam. When it hit fever pitch (around 2011), they radically changed the algorithm. What happened? The spammers got smarter.

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[-] ardvarcus 4 points (+4|-0) 13 hours ago

I've noticed the same thing. For a few years now Google has stunk. Try to find something to do with sexuality, and all you get are porn sites, or sites that pretend to be search engines. On top of that, Google has decided to turn SJW and refuse to list sites whose politics or social opinions they disagree with. They are shit.

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[-] lifes-not-fair 4 points (+4|-0) 14 hours ago

Try https://searx.me I have been using it in preference to ddg. Better results. Anonymous too. I'm not sure why it is not more

popular. Serious question. Anyone have an answer?

[-] Cannibalguy 4 points (+4|-0) 14 hours ago

I've never heard of it, I'm pretty sure that's the answer for almost all people.

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[-] **RoBatten 0** points (+0|-0) 1.3 hours ago

I too have been using searx.me. I like the results, at least they are much better than DDG or joogle. I also check Bing. Another anon posted this search engine earlier. I'm going to check it out: findx.com

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[-] MrKequc 0 points (+0|-0) 12 hours ago

I don't know what I'm looking at but I'm pretty sure this doesn't work.

https://i.imgtc.com/pi1LzMq.png PNG

Also it is slow as molasses.

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[-] **lifes-not-fair 1** points (+1|-0) 12 hours ago

Interesting, never seen that. I had no problem running the same query now. It is not as fast as Google partly because it trawls other search engines to give a wider range of responses. I've never had it "slow as molasses" but I have had it time out occasionally. Try resubmitting the query.

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[-] FatBastardIRL 4 points (+8|-4) 14 hours ago (edited 14 hours ago)

yeah I'm sure Google's engineers will take your very wellconsidered and technical analysis of this issue pretty seriously permalink

[-] R34p_Th3_Wh0r1w1nd 3 points (+3|-0) 11 hours ago

Google is NOT a search engine. It is an arm of the CIA (alphabet refers to the letters). The results are skewed. It is also used as an advertising platform.

If you use Google you are in fact a commie and should hang yourself.

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[-] **fusir 2** points (+2|-0) 15 hours ago

So now there is no reason to not use duckduckgo.

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[-] AndrewBlazelt 4 points (+6|-2) 14 hours ago

DDG is partnered with yahoo, so yeah, there is.

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[-] **wecanhelp 1** points (**+1**|**-0**) 1.9 hours ago

While that is true, according to DuckDuckGo, this partnership doesn't compromise the privacy they promise. They use Yahoo! both as one of their sources for search results (along with Bing and Yandex), and as an advertising partner (along with Bing, and in some form eBay and Amazon) which, according to their help article, they don't provide with user data, merely the search query itself.

As long as that really is the case, there is no practical reason – only ideological – to avoid DuckDuckGo, and I find it somewhat reassuring that they're this transparent about their revenue model even if the very fact of these names being associated with them is enough for some to avoid them. Of course, making a decision based on all this assumes trust in DuckDuckGo, but then again, it's the same with everyone else on the internet.

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[-] Chempergrill 0 points (+0|-0) 14 hours ago

fuccckkkkkk

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1 reply

[-] **Elemental_Lightning 0** points (+0|-0) 14 hours ago

I thought Yahoo was bad. ... did something change recently?

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2 replies

[-] BiscuitFever 1 points (+1|-0) 3 hours ago

No one ever believes me when I tell them Bing is vastly superior to Jewgle. But it isssss.

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[-] **rednukleus 1** points (+1|-0) 8 hours ago (edited 7 hours ago)

I've seen several headlines recently about their concern these days with how to rank articles with any political leaning. Judging by YouTube and Twitter, it's a sure bet they are hard at work pozzing their algorithms unrecognizably. I've tried startpage, ixquick, and duckduckgo. I think the former is best as far as features working like you expect from a google search results page, but it uses google's results directly, so that must be kept in mind.

With ixquick the search capabilities are more customizable, but the interface is clunky.

With DDG nothing about it is top notch.

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[-] 1764_sugar_act 1 points (+1|-0) 9 hours ago (edited 9 hours ago)
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Yep. I tried to find the clip of donald trump overtly implying that there is a certain group who runs the media, but he wouldn't dare name them. It went on at length with the presstitutes trying to coax him to say it. I've forgotten which ones were interviewing him, they begin to all blend together after a while. He kept saying "You know who it is... No no, you know."

Figures that I wouldn't be able to find it. Such a shame, it would be a great stepping stone for /r/the_donald types.

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[-] carryon 1 points (+1|-0) 13 hours ago
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What are you talking about!? Google gives me great results and all the (((answers))) to my questions!

Don't be evil, friends.

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[-] Ralman23 1 points (+1|-0) 13 hours ago
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[This comment has been removed by Google Automated Systems]

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[-] The_Red_Kraken 1 points (+1|-0) 13 hours ago (edited 13 hours ago)

No shit? I only use Google to search the names of other search engines. I want Google to know.

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[-] KekistanEmperor 1 points (+1|-0) 13 hours ago

Was the article about black on white crime per chance? Or the true cost of illegal immigration? Or BLM being destructive cunts? Or AntiFa? Certain things are not good for you goy.

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[-] **phantomElectra 0** points (+0|-0) 12 minutes ago

I only use it on my work since I gotta websearch scientific articles and rare webshops....

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[-] Naught405 0 points (+0|-0) 2.7 hours ago

Switch to duckduckgo it uses keyword search like in the golden age of google when you could find obscure shit from half a remembered word list.

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[-] **Wargasm 0** points (+0|-0) 2.9 hours ago

DuckDuckGo > google

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[-] equilibrium 0 points (+0|-0) 4 hours ago

Google is junk.

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[-] **jizzswizzler 0** points (+0|-0) 7 hours ago

I like how i look for tickets to a gig first and get the cuntbag rip off mass buyup and spit em out at high price and maybe not even get in service as the first hit with a tiny little next to it, i didnt read too good at first which is my bad in the first place and it looked like it had linked directly to the artists page, telling me there were half a dozen tickets available (actually a reasonable assumption) until i saw the url and noped the fuck out.

Link two was the official ticketing site link hit directly from the (artist) (venue) (date) query, showing me no i dont have to rush buy diddly shit.

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[-] **joku 0** points (+0|-0) 7 hours ago

Guess bing is slowly and discreetly catching up....

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[-] the_sharpest_knife 0 points (+0|-0) 8 hours ago

Which article can you not find on google?

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[-] littul_kitton 0 points (+0|-0) 3 hours ago

Damn near everything. It is not politics. Google search simply no longer functions properly for anything. For example, I was looking for a person I knew years ago who had been convicted of a crime. Let's call him Reginald Clarkson. Searching for

Reginald Clarkson conviction

returned not one single useful result, and I checked the first 100+ results.

In theory, Google has an "intext" modifier that only returns results that contain the specified words. However, searching for

intext:Reginald intext:Clarkson intext:conv
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also failed to return any useful results at all. In fact, all of the results were missing at least one specified word, most were missing two words, and some had not a single search word. Not one fucking word! Google has degenerated so far that the search function essentially returns a random list of pages.

I eventually found the town where he lives (which we will call Yaster) and the search

Reginald Clarkson Yaster guilty

finally started returning old newspaper articles about his conviction.

This is completely unacceptable. It should not take an hour of frustrating puzzle-solving to find newspaper articles with very distinctive words.

Google obviously has severe management problems. Their premier product has stopped working and no one in charge has noticed. They need to go through the ranks with a flaming sword cutting out rot. I suspect that a bunch of social justice warriors have taken over and are playing mind games instead of working.

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[-] kiWreft 0 points (+0|-0) 8 hours ago
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I disagree. The other search engines are even worse.

I would like to break free of Google, and have tried it at numerous times, but Google is just superior to others by far.

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[-] SolarBaby 0 points (+0|-0) 8 hours ago
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Google as a corporate front for the NSA & DARPA is complete and absolute

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[-] Harry_Maltravers1953 0 points (+0|-0) 9 hours ago
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Thanks to this thread I finally went DDG. and yes, Bing Image is very good

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[-] boekanier 0 points (+0|-0) 9 hours ago
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Agree.

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[-] Dumpsterjuice 0 points (+0|-0) 9 hours ago
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Just google the words women killed in 2017

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[-] lucifirius 0 points (+0|-0) 11 hours ago
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Wasn't a google exec mentioned in the leaked emails?

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[-] carnold03 0 points (+0|-0) 11 hours ago
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People still use Google for searches?

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[-] Illiilliill 0 points (+0|-0) 12 hours ago

Waterfox "+Ecosia.org?

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[-] **VivaFrei 0** points (**+0**|**-0**) 13 hours ago

http://www.unz.com/isteve/great-moments-in-google-american-inventors/

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[-] wivre 0 points (+0|-0) 14 hours ago

I use ecosia, bing, duckduckgo, and startpage all regularly. I often have very specific questions about software or health issues or something. I hate it, but after I try the rest, I often find Google is right there, with the right answer at the top of the search. It's like they have a deeper or more up to date reach into forums and such.

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[-] Chiefpacman 0 points (+0|-0) 14 hours ago

Google excels at finding easy answers to simple questions. I despise them, but half the time I resort to google after I can't easily find what I'm looking for on ddg.

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[-] ForgotMyName 0 points (+0|-0) 8 hours ago

DDG works for me 99.9% of the time. I'm beginning to think you people are just terrible at performing searches.

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[+] Orangishlemon -7 points 14 hours ago (show)

[-] **stillinit** [S] **8** points (+8|-0) 14 hours ago

If you get offended by nerd then you aren't the type of person who is going to solve the the internet's problems. You need to solve your own.

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[+] Orangishlemon -5 points 14 hours ago (last edited 14 hours ago) (show)