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Full-text search across your browser bookmarks with a local search index

Your bookmarks are read locally. Nothing is uploaded except the URLs you open.

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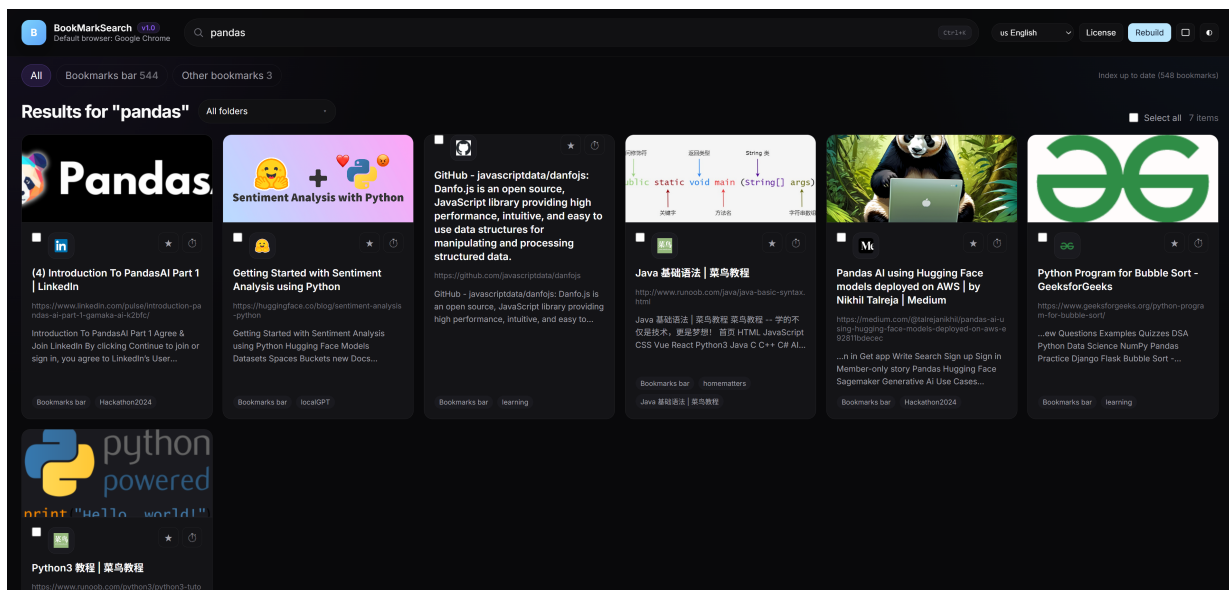
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1. About BookMarkSearch

BookMarkSearch is a Windows desktop application that indexes your browser bookmarks and lets you search them instantly. When it starts, it automatically detects the Chrome and Edge bookmark files on your PC, builds a local search index, and opens the search screen in your web browser.

Key features

- Full-text search across bookmark title, URL, folder path, source, and downloaded page content
- Downloads and indexes page text when you rebuild the index
- Auto-detects Chrome and Edge bookmark files on Windows
- Supports manual sources in config.xml
- Double-click a result to open the URL in your default browser
- Dark and light themes, three interface languages



The BookMarkSearch search screen.

2. System Requirements

- Windows 10 or Windows 11 (64-bit)
- At least 2 GB of RAM (4 GB recommended for large bookmark collections)
- About 150 MB of free disk space
- A modern web browser (Chrome, Edge, or Firefox)

No separate Java installation is needed. The package includes the bundled Java runtime and opens the search screen at <http://localhost:8765> in your default browser.

3. Installation

Extract the downloaded zip file into any folder, for example `C:\BookMarkSearch`, and run `BookMarkSearch-1.0.0.exe`. No installation is required (portable version). You can create a desktop shortcut for convenience.

Windows SmartScreen notice. The first time you run an unsigned program, Windows may show a blue "Windows protected your PC" screen. Click **More info**, then **Run anyway**. If the file was downloaded, you can also right-click the exe, open **Properties**, and tick **Unblock** before launching.

Your data is stored separately under %LOCALAPPDATA%\BookMarkSearch (config.xml, the search index, and the page-content cache), so updating the program does not delete your data.

4. First Launch - Trial and Language

On first launch BookMarkSearch scans your Chrome and Edge bookmark files, builds the search index, and downloads page text for indexed bookmarks. This first indexing run can take several minutes depending on the size of your bookmark collection.

You can try the software free for 30 days. During the trial a "Notice" popup appears at startup; click **Try** to continue. Once a license is registered, the popup no longer appears.

Choose your language (English, Chinese, or Japanese) with the selector in the top-right corner of the search screen.

5. Searching Bookmarks

The search screen opens automatically in your web browser at <http://localhost:8765>.

5.1 Search and filters

Type in the global search box (or press **Ctrl+K**) to search across titles, URLs, folder paths, and downloaded page content. Quick filters (All / AI / Dev / Design / Reading) narrow the result grid, and **Esc** clears the current search.

5.2 Organize and open results

The left panel shows folder collections and tags; the right panel shows recent visits, popular tags, and your read-later list. Double-click any result to open the URL in your default browser. You can pin results to the top or add them to read later, and switch between dark and light themes.

6. Rebuilding the Index

Click **Rebuild** to rebuild the index and re-download page content. Bookmark files are read locally; page text is downloaded with the built-in HTTP client and cached on your PC so later rebuilds are faster.

- Close Chrome or Edge before rebuilding if the bookmark file is locked.
- If some pages fail to download, connect a VPN or configure a proxy in config.xml, then click Rebuild.
- The first rebuild is the slowest; later rebuilds use the content cache.

7. Configuration

Most users do not need to change anything. Advanced settings live in `config.xml` in your data folder (%LOCALAPPDATA%\BookMarkSearch). Key options:

Option	Description
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IndexDir	Folder where the search index is stored
ContentCacheDir	Folder for cached downloaded page text
DownloadContent	1 = download page content during index rebuild
HttpPort	Local web UI port (default 8765)
AutoIndexOnStartup	1 = rebuild index on every startup
UseDefaultBrowserOnly	1 = only read bookmarks from the default browser
OrOperator	1 = OR, 0 = AND between search terms
ProxyHost / ProxyPort	Manual proxy (e.g. 127.0.0.1:7890)
UseSystemProxy	1 = use Windows system proxy settings

8. Trial and Licensing

Mode	Duration	Features
Trial	30 days	All features during the trial
Licensed	Unlimited	All features

- The license fee is USD 22.00 (taxes and fees included).
- Click Buy in the License dialog to pay with Stripe; the license key is sent to your email.
- One license is valid on one PC at a time. Use Revoke license before moving to another PC.
- Activation requires an internet connection once; if online authentication is unavailable, contact support by email.
- Licenses are not reissued - keep your license information in a safe place.

9. Troubleshooting

Issue	Solution
Windows SmartScreen on first launch	Click More info, then Run anyway, or unblock the downloaded exe in Properties.
First launch is slow	Normal - the index is being built and page content downloaded for the first time. Later starts are faster.
Rebuild reports an indexing failure	Close Chrome or Edge if the bookmark file is locked, then restart the app and click Rebuild.
Some pages fail to download	Connect a VPN or configure a proxy in config.xml, then click Rebuild.
Default browser is not detected	The app scans known browser folders as a fallback; you can also add sources manually in config.xml.
Port 8765 is already in use	The app automatically uses the next available port.
Can I change the language?	Use the language selector in the top-right corner (English, Chinese, or Japanese).

10. Privacy and Data

- Bookmark files are read locally on your computer.
- Page content is downloaded by the app's HTTP client and cached on your PC.
- Only the URLs you choose to open are sent to your browser.
- The app contacts its license server only when you activate or revoke a license.

11. Contact and Support

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