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WHY AND WHEN TO USE PROXIES FOR JOB SEEKING IN THE US AND UK

First things first, what are proxies? When you're using the internet, your computer has something called an **IP address** - like a home address, but for your computer. Websites use your IP address to know where you're located. A **proxy server** hides your real IP address and shows a different one from another place, like the US or UK. So, websites will think you're visiting from a different country.

Proxies are a powerful tool for Kenyan job seekers aiming to access job opportunities on US and UK websites. We will delve into the **reasons why** a Kenyan job seeker should consider using proxies and when to use them during the job application process.

WHY USE PROXIES

1. Bypass Geographical Restrictions

Many job websites and online resources are restricted to specific countries or regions. Some US and UK employers or job portals restrict access to their content based on the user's geographic location, using the visitor's IP address to determine their country. This can be a significant barrier for Kenyan job seekers trying to browse or apply to international opportunities. A proxy helps by assigning a new **IP address** from a location like the US or UK, allowing you to bypass these restrictions and access the full range of job opportunities.

For example, sites like **EModerators**, **TextFacotry**, or **LinkedIn Jobs US** may only show specific listings to users located in these countries or may block access altogether. With a proxy, Kenyan users can access these sites as if they were in the US or UK.

2. Improve Job Application Success Rates

In many cases, job postings, especially for remote jobs, are only available to candidates from specific regions. Even for fully remote jobs, companies sometimes filter applicants based on their location due to legal or logistical concerns. By using a proxy, Kenyan job seekers can apply to US and UK jobs without being filtered out based on location.

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A Kenyan job seeker appearing as though they are applying from the US, for example, might be considered for positions that would otherwise be unavailable. This is particularly helpful for roles advertised as "remote within the US" or "remote in the UK."

3. Anonymity and Privacy

Using proxies adds an extra layer of privacy and security. When accessing websites and submitting sensitive personal information, such as your résumé or personal details, proxies can help protect your identity. Proxies mask your real IP address, making it more difficult for third parties to track your online activities. This is particularly beneficial when you're repeatedly visiting the same job boards, where multiple visits from the same IP could raise flags and even lead to blocking.

Examples of Job Websites with Geographical Restrictions

1. **The Social Element** This company provides community management and social media moderation services. Many of their positions are restricted to certain countries, particularly the US, UK, and European countries.
2. **ModSquad** - hires chat moderators and community managers for social media platforms, gaming communities, and other online spaces. While they do hire globally, some projects and roles are limited to specific regions, like the US or the EU.
3. **LiveWorld** - LiveWorld offers social media moderation and customer service roles. Many of their positions are limited to the US and sometimes specific states within the US.
4. **Crisp Thinking** - This company specializes in content moderation for online communities and social platforms. Many of their roles are region-specific, often focusing on English-speaking countries like the US, UK, Canada, and Australia.
5. **Arise** - provides customer support services, including chat moderation for different companies. However, their job opportunities are often limited to US-based workers, and they require applicants to reside in specific states.

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TYPES OF PROXIES TO CONSIDER

When deciding to use a proxy, it's essential to choose the right type for your needs:

1. **Datacenter Proxies:** These are fast and cost-effective but can be easily detected by job websites that are strict about region-based access.
2. **Residential Proxies:** These route your internet traffic through real home devices, making it harder to detect. **Residential proxies are more reliable for accessing job boards** in the US or UK without being blocked.
3. **Dedicated Proxies:** A dedicated proxy is used solely by you, giving you full control over your IP address and improving the chances of avoiding detection on job sites.
4. **Rotating Proxies:** These automatically switch your IP address periodically, which can be useful when submitting multiple applications across different websites without triggering any security flags.

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Free proxies VS premium proxies. Which one should you use?

Feature	Free Proxies	Premium Proxies
Cost	Free	Paid (typically monthly or annually)
Speed	Often slower due to many users	Generally faster, optimized for performance
Reliability	Unreliable, frequent downtime	High reliability with guaranteed uptime
Security	Often insecure, risk of data leaks	Enhanced security features, encryption, and privacy protection
IP Variety	Limited IP locations and types	Wide range of IPs from multiple locations
Anonymity	Less anonymity; IPs may be shared	More anonymity; dedicated IPs available
Performance	Generally lower due to congestion	Higher performance with dedicated resources
Access to Geo-restricted Content	May have trouble accessing some sites	More reliable access to geo-restricted content

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Summary:

- **Free proxies** may seem appealing due to their cost, but they often lack the speed, reliability, and security needed for safe browsing and data protection. They may be suitable for casual browsing but are not recommended for sensitive tasks like job applications or financial transactions.
- **Premium proxies**, while requiring financial investment, offer significantly better performance, reliability, and security. They are particularly useful for users needing consistent access to geo-restricted content and who prioritize online privacy.

BEST PRACTICES WHEN USING PROXIES

- **Use Reliable, Paid Proxy Services:** Avoid free proxies, as they often come with risks such as slow speeds, lack of security, and potential exposure to malware. Paid proxy services offer better performance, security, and reliability.
- **Test Proxy Performance:** Before applying to jobs, ensure that the proxy you are using works efficiently, and that it doesn't slow down your internet connection or get blocked by the job portals you're accessing.
- **Prioritize Security:** Ensure that the proxy service offers encryption and security features to protect your personal information when applying for jobs and submitting sensitive data.

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EXAMPLES OF BEST-IN-THE-MARKET PROXIES

Based on factors like reputation, reliability, customer support, features, and pricing, here's a recommendation of proxy providers rated on a scale of 1 to 10.

PROXY CHEAP

Rating: 8/10

Recommendation: Proxy Cheap is generally well-regarded for its diverse proxy offerings, including residential, datacenter, and mobile proxies. It provides a user-friendly interface and good customer support, making it a solid choice for users needing reliable proxies for various tasks.

IP ROYAL

Rating: 7/10

Recommendation: IP Royal provides affordable proxy solutions, which may appeal to budget-conscious users. However, the quality and reliability can vary, and it may not offer as many features or robust customer support as the other two options. It's best for those who need basic proxy services without extensive requirements.

MORELOGIN

Rating: 7/10

Recommendation: Morelogin is popular for its browser fingerprinting technology and multi-account management features. While it offers good functionality for managing multiple accounts, some users have reported occasional performance issues. Overall, it's a decent option, especially for social media and e-commerce applications.

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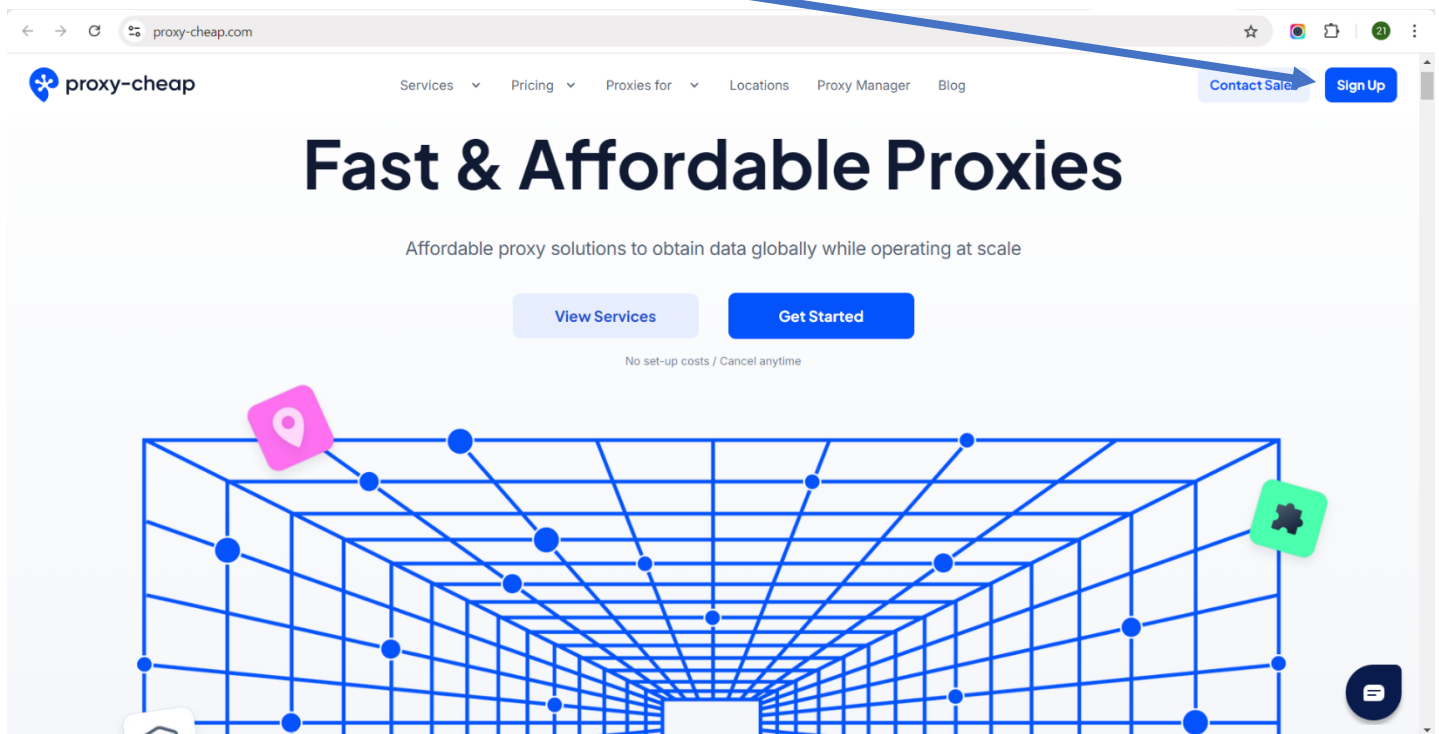
In this guide, we shall use **Proxy Cheap** for illustrations on how to buy, install, and configure a proxy that is perfect for applying for remote jobs that are geographically restricted.

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD PROXY CHEAP:

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<https://app.proxy-cheap.com/r/cblKOO> (press and hold **ctrl** on your keyboard then click on the link).

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE: HOW TO BUY A PROXY ON PROXY CHEAP

1. You will first need to go to the **Proxy Cheap** website: <https://app.proxy-cheap.com/r/cblKOO> and click on **Sign Up** to be registered on the website.



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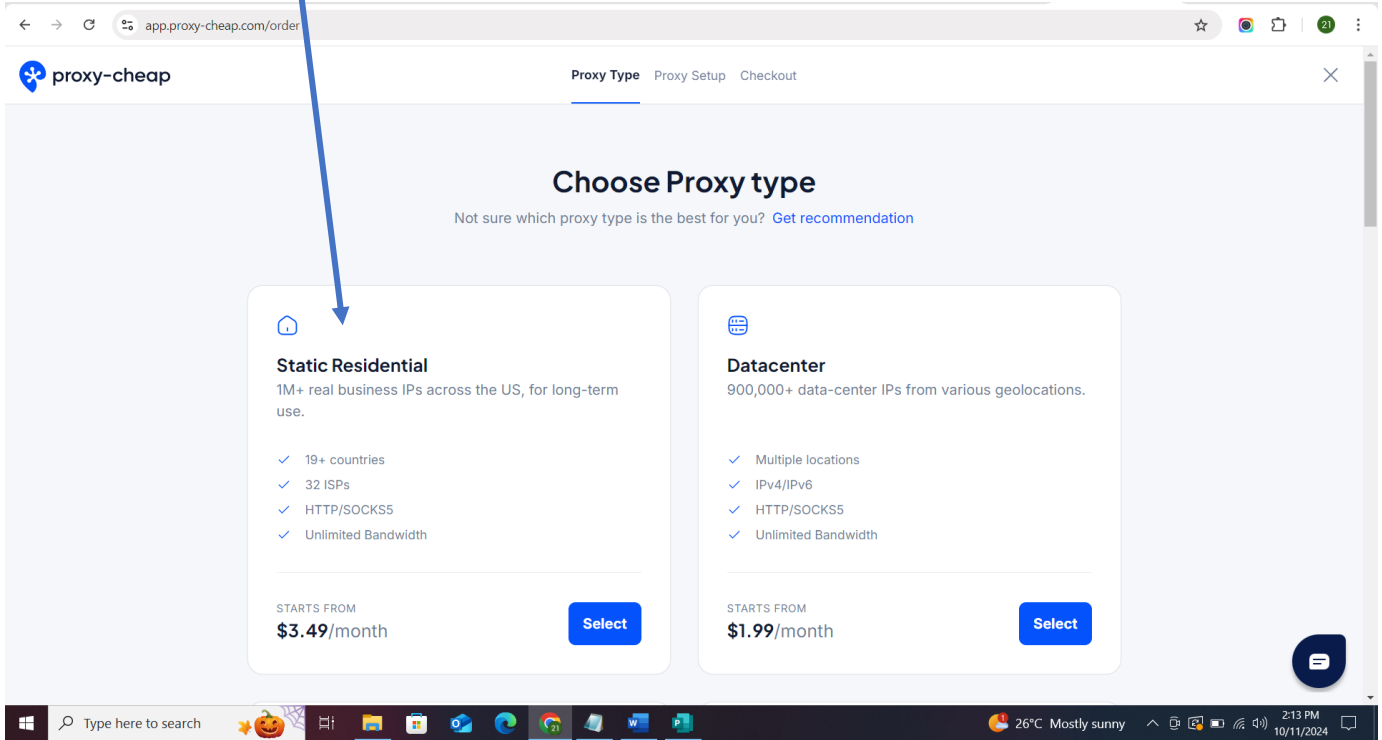
2. Now that you are registered and logged in to your account, click on **Order Proxy** to start the buying process.

The screenshot shows the dashboard of proxy-cheap.com. The page title is "Overview". On the left sidebar, there is a navigation menu with categories: GENERAL (Overview, My Proxies, Marketplace, VPN), PARTNERSHIP (Referrals, Reseller), DEVELOPER (Api Keys, Api Documentation), and TOOLS. At the top left, there is a balance section showing "\$0.00 USD" and a "Top Up" button. Below that is a prominent blue "Order proxy" button, which is highlighted by a blue arrow pointing from the text above. The main content area features a greeting "Hey," and a summary of proxy status: 1 Active Proxy, 0 Expiring Soon, and 0 Inactive. Below this is a table with columns: PROXY ID, NOTE, PUBLIC IP, NETWORK, IP VERSION, CONNECTION TYPE, BANDWIDTH, and EXPIRES. A single proxy is listed with ID 1004982, network type "STATIC RESIDENTIAL", IP version "IPv4", connection type "SOCKS5", and bandwidth "Unlimited". At the bottom, there are three promotional cards: "Get proxy manager extension", "Start your own proxy business", and "Enjoy VPN Service".

PROXY ID	NOTE	PUBLIC IP	NETWORK	IP VERSION	CONNECTION TYPE	BANDWIDTH	EXPIRES
1004982			STATIC RESIDENTIAL	IPv4	SOCKS5	Unlimited	2024-10-29 00:15

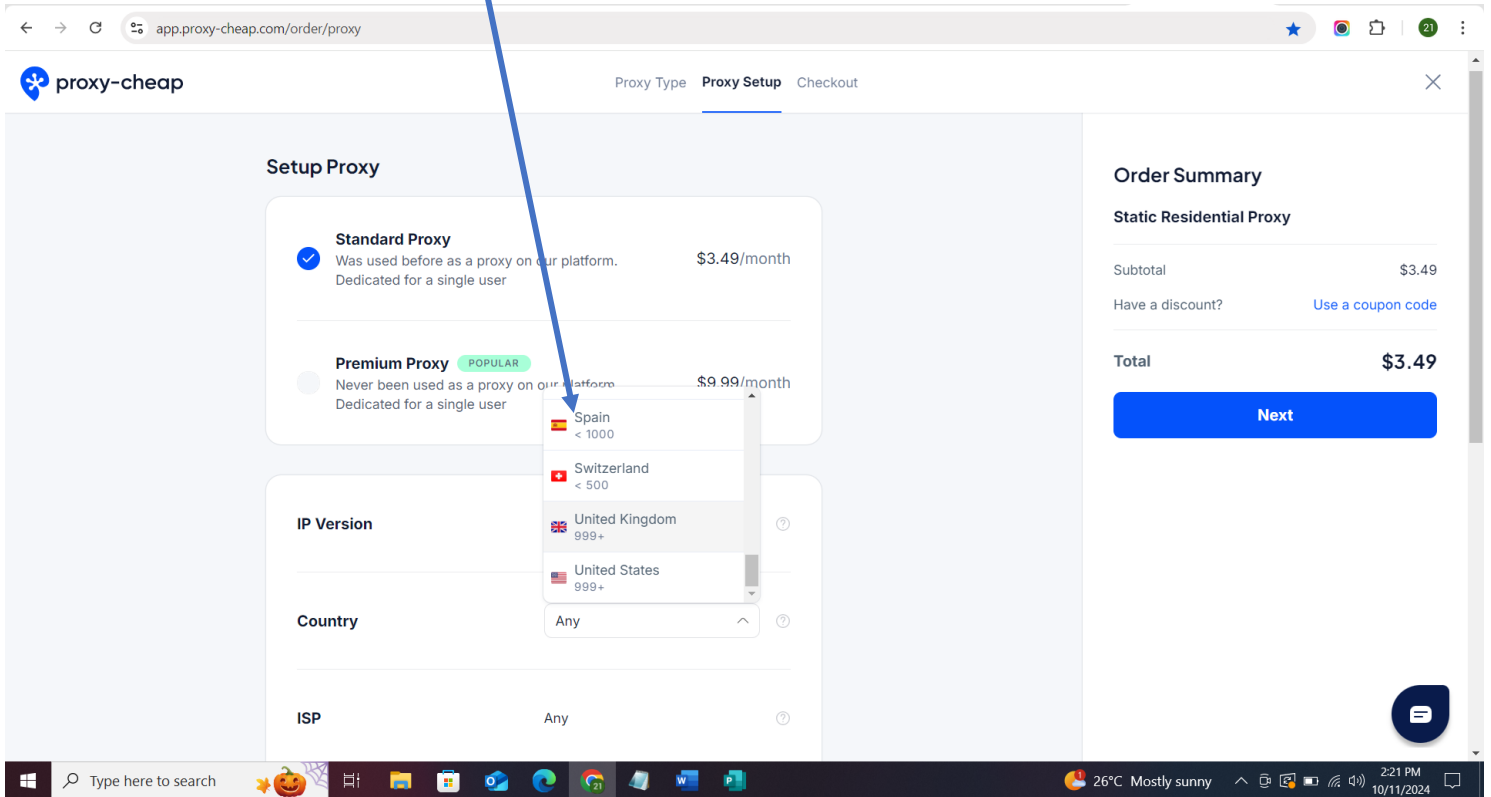
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3. Now that we want to purchase a proxy suitable for US or UK jobs, we shall choose to buy a **Static Residential Proxy**.



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4. On the **Setup Proxy** page, select the country in which you would like your proxy to reflect i.e. **United States** or **United Kingdom** depending on your job market target. Then click next to proceed.



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5. On the Check Out page, select **Credit Card** as your preferred method of payment. This will allow you to use **Mpesa Global Pay** (Virtual Credit Card) to pay for the proxy. Key in your credit card information and click on **Check Out** to buy the proxy.

The screenshot shows the checkout page for proxy-cheap.com. The browser address bar displays 'app.proxy-cheap.com/order/checkout'. The page has a navigation bar with 'Proxy Type', 'Proxy Setup', and 'Checkout' (the active tab). The main content area is titled 'Select Payment Method' and features three options: 'My Balance' (No service fee apply, \$0.00), 'Credit card' (Payment fee apply (2.9% + \$0.3)), and 'AllPay' (Payment fee apply (2.9% + \$0.3)). The 'Credit card' option is selected, indicated by a blue checkmark. Below this selection, there are input fields for 'Card number' (1234 1234 1234 1234), 'Expiration date' (MM / YY), 'Security code' (CVC), and 'Country' (Kenya). To the right, the 'Order Summary' section shows 'Static Residential Proxy' with an 'Edit' link. A table lists the order details: IP Version (IPv4), Country (United Kingdom), ISP (Any), Quantity (1), Time Period (1 month), and Auto-Extend (Yes). The summary includes a Subtotal of \$3.49, a Payment fee of \$0.40, and a Total of \$3.89. A green 'Checkout' button is prominently displayed, along with a 'Secure Checkout' lock icon and a disclaimer: 'Your information is protected by 256-bit SSL encryption. All payments are processed by Stripe.'

IP VERSION	COUNTRY	ISP
IPv4	United Kingdom	Any

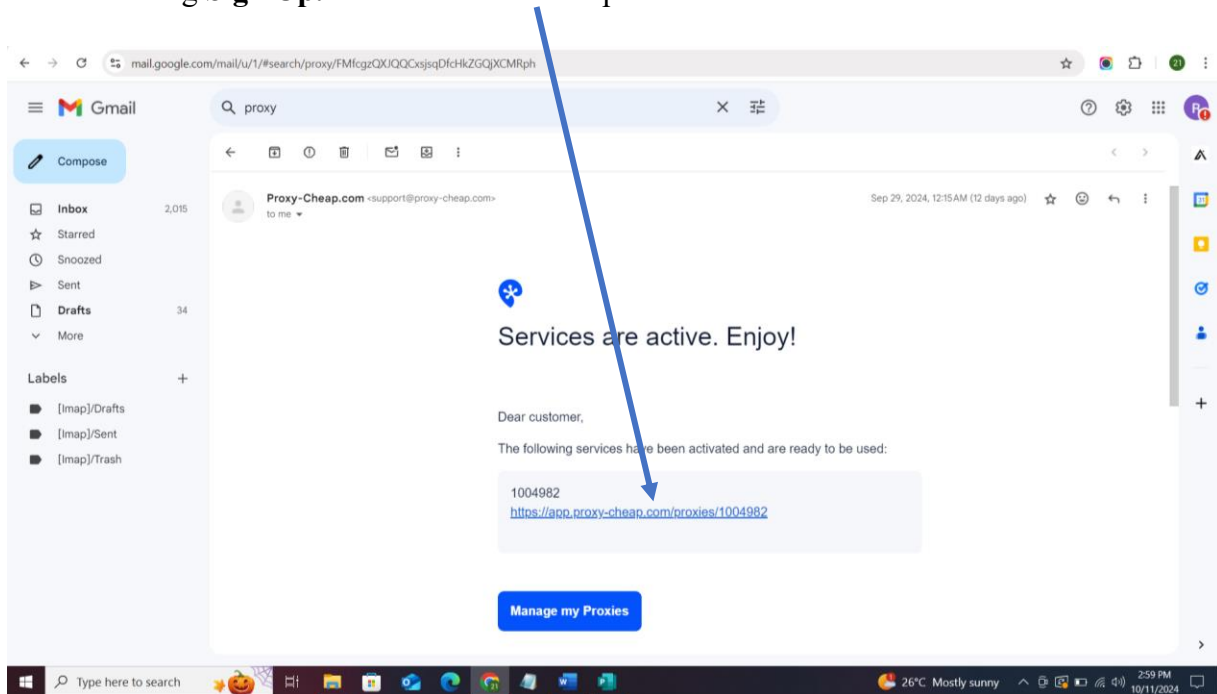
QUANTITY	TIME PERIOD	AUTO-EXTEND
1	1 month	Yes

Subtotal	\$3.49
Payment fee	\$0.40
Total	\$3.89

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Congratulations! You have just bought your first proxy service.

Now you are going to check your **Email Inbox** for the proxy authentication information sent to you by Proxy Cheap. Note that this is the email you used while creating your **Proxy Cheap** account during **Sign Up**. Click on the link to open the authentication information.



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Your authentication information will look similar to the one in the diagram shown below: Note that the authentication information will be used to configure your proxy into an **anti-detect** browser; **IX Browser**.

The screenshot displays the 'Proxy Overview' page on the proxy-cheap website. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options and a main content area with proxy status and configuration details.

proxy-cheap

BALANCE \$0.00 USD [Top Up](#)

[Order proxy](#)

GENERAL

- Overview
- My Proxies**
- Marketplace
- VPN NEW

PARTNERSHIP

- Referrals
- Reseller

DEVELOPER

- Api Keys
- Api Documentation

TOOLS

Proxy Overview

STATIC RESIDENTIAL **ACTIVE** EXPIRES 2024-10-29 00:15:03

AUTO-EXTEND

Authentication

Authentication type	Username & Password	Change
Username	YYdgT6YX2s7EVYm	Copy
Password	0zyrkFvfKwhTzWe	Refresh Copy
PROXY IP:PORT (SOCKS5)	212.32.122. [REDACTED]	Copy

Details

Public IP	212.32.122.224	Copy
IP Version	IPv4	

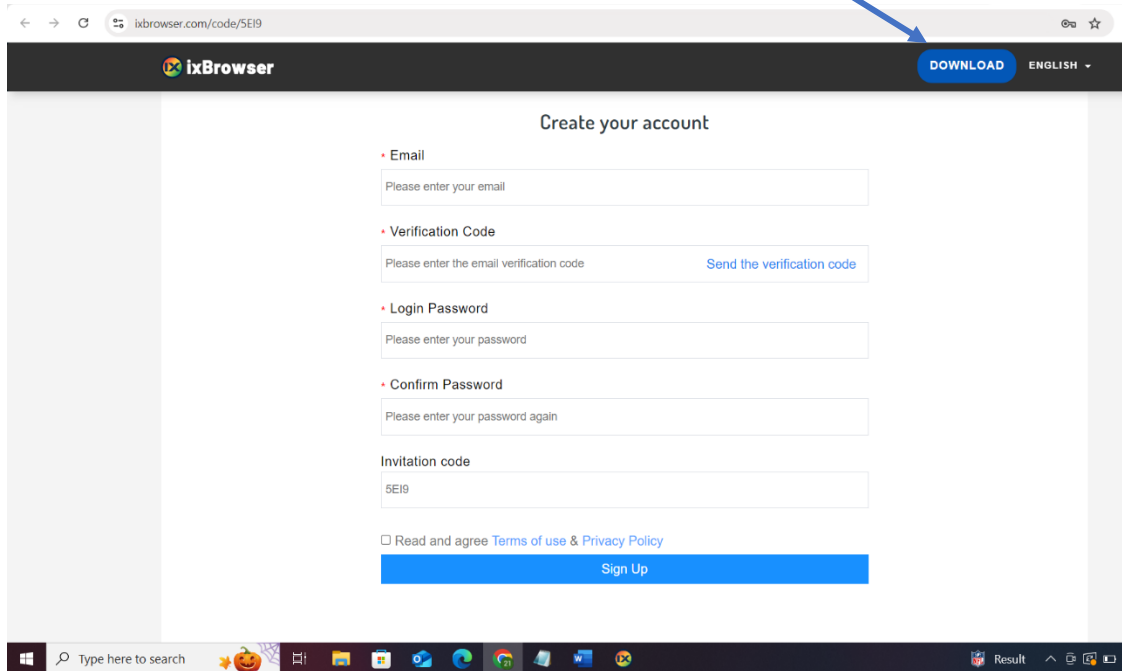
The screenshot also shows a Windows taskbar at the bottom with a search bar and several application icons.

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Now let us download the **IX Browser**. When configured with a proxy, this anti-detect browser allows you to access geographically restricted job websites.

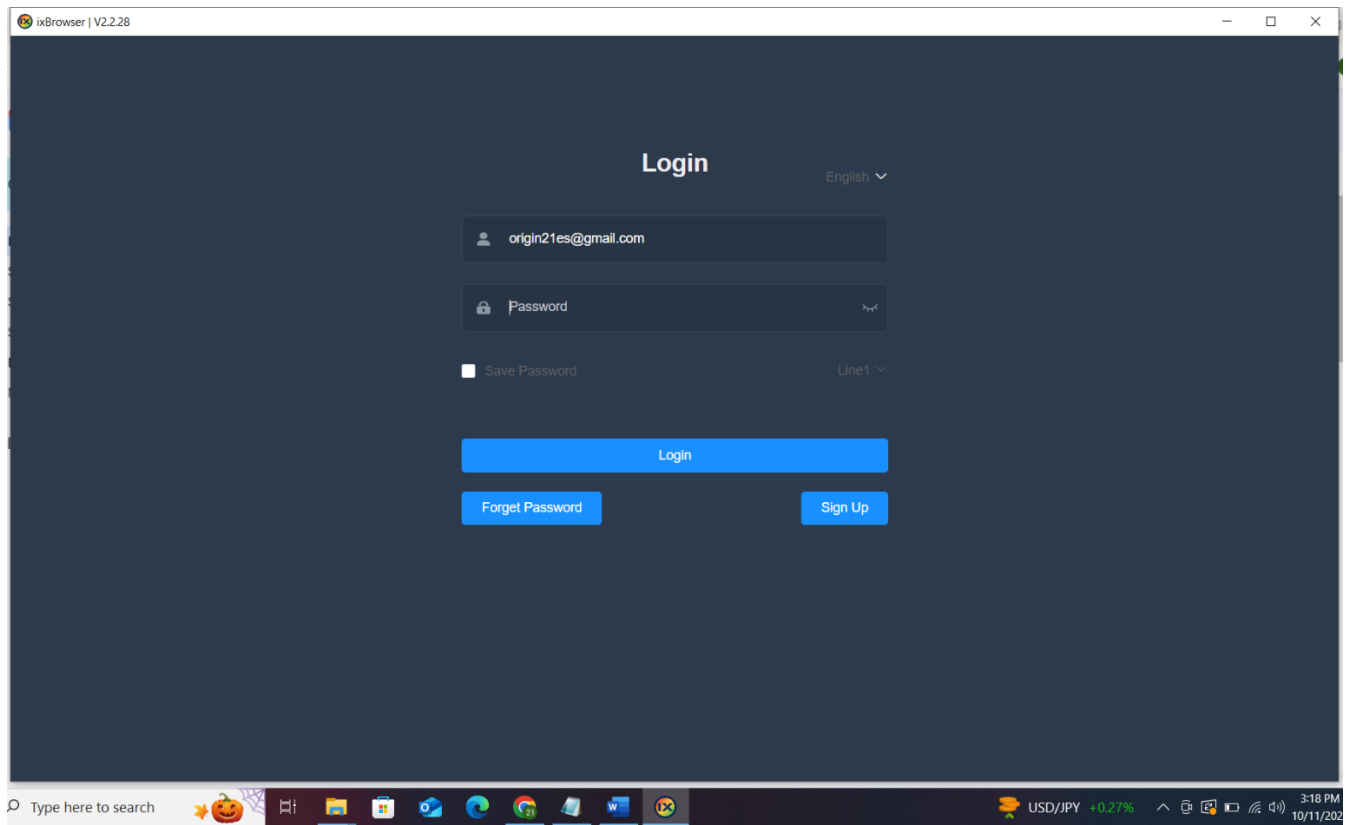
Click on the Link Below to **Download IX Browser**.

<https://www.ixbrowser.com/code/5EI9>



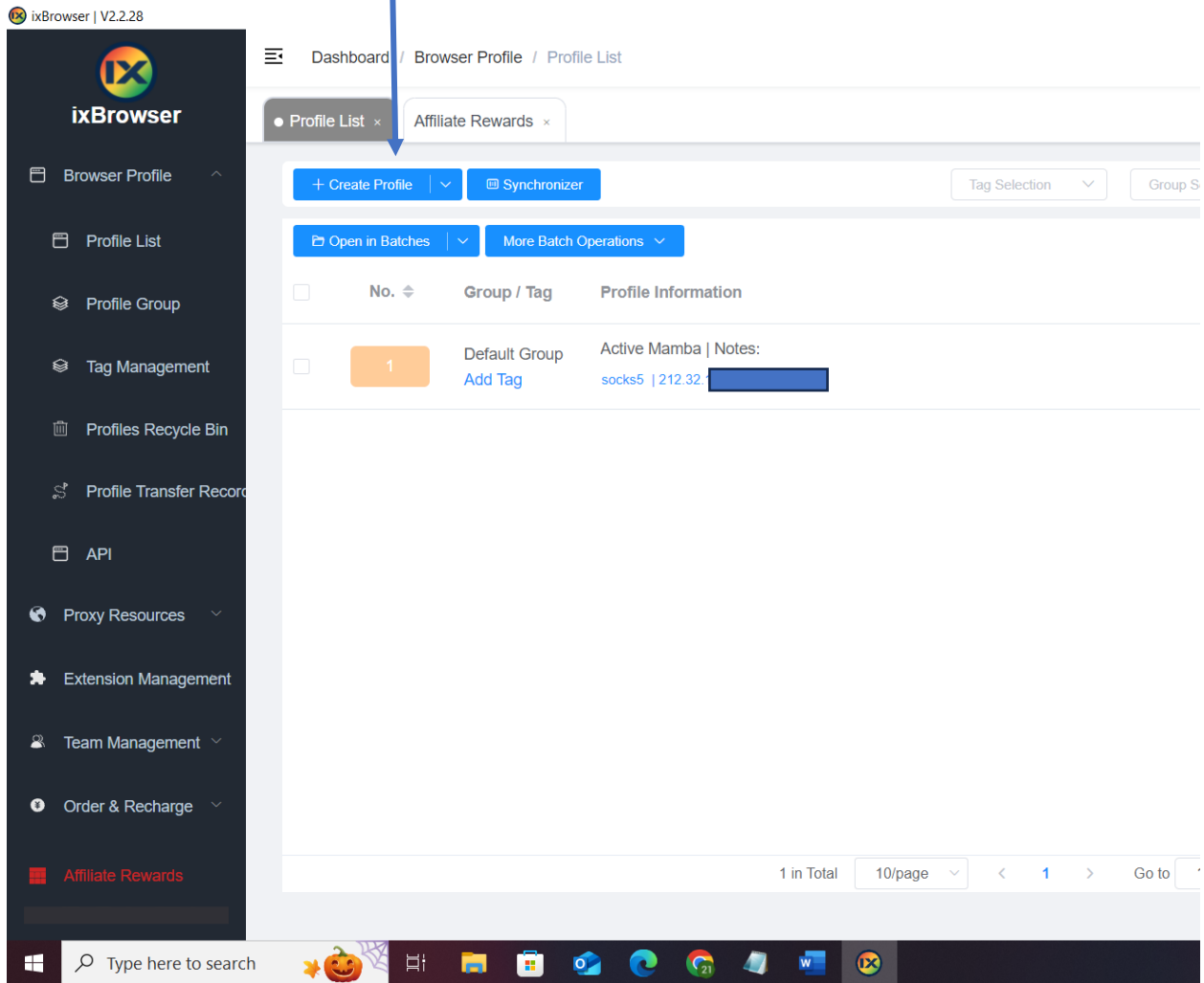
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After successfully downloading and installing IX Browser. Now create an account and Login.



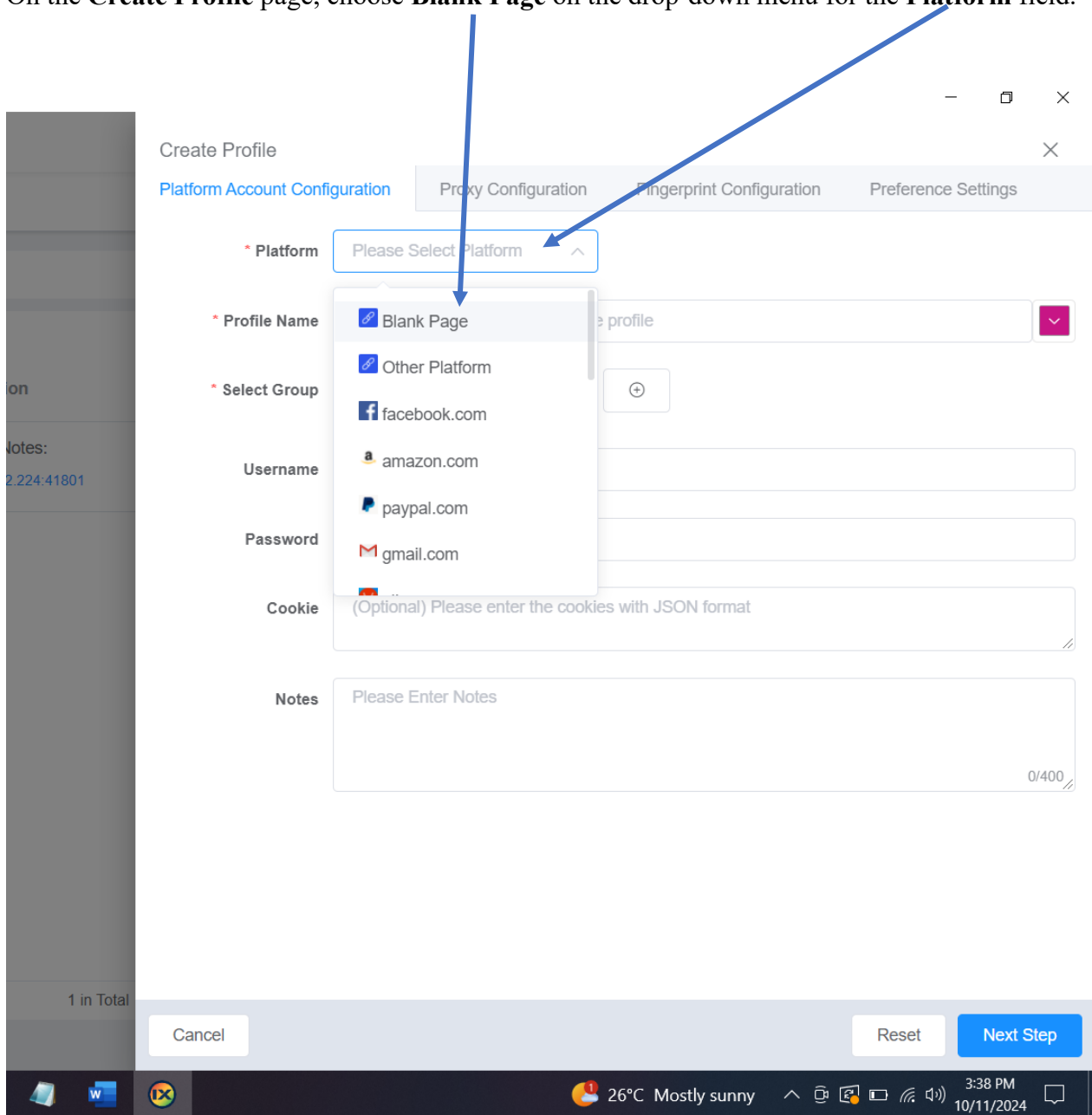
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Next, you will need to **create a new profile** on your IX Browser.



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On the **Create Profile** page, choose **Blank Page** on the drop-down menu for the **Platform** field.



The screenshot shows a web application window titled "Create Profile" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there are four tabs: "Platform Account Configuration" (active), "Proxy Configuration", "Fingerprint Configuration", and "Preference Settings".

The main form contains the following fields:

- * Platform:** A dropdown menu with the text "Please Select Platform" and an upward arrow. A blue arrow points to the "Blank Page" option in the dropdown list.
- * Profile Name:** A text input field with a placeholder "Please enter profile name" and a purple dropdown arrow on the right.
- * Select Group:** A button with a plus sign (+).
- Username:** A text input field with a placeholder "Please enter username".
- Password:** A text input field with a placeholder "Please enter password".
- Cookie:** A text area with a placeholder "(Optional) Please enter the cookies with JSON format".
- Notes:** A text area with a placeholder "Please Enter Notes" and a character count "0/400" in the bottom right corner.

At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: "Cancel", "Reset", and "Next Step".

The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the system tray with weather information (26°C Mostly sunny), time (3:38 PM), and date (10/11/2024).

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Now create a **Profile Name** (user name) for your new profile. This could be any name of your preference.

Create Profile

Platform Account Configuration Proxy Configuration Fingerprint Configuration Preference Settings

* Platform Please Select Platform

* Profile Name Please enter the nickname for the profile

* Select Group Default Group

Username Set platform login username

Password Set platform login password

Cookie (Optional) Please enter the cookies with JSON format

Notes Please Enter Notes

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Important: After creating your Profile Name, leave the other fields as they are (do not fill in the blanks) and click on **Next Step** to proceed to the **Proxy Configuration** page.

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Next, on the **Proxy Configuration Page**, set **Proxy Type** to **HTTP**.

Create Profile

Platform Account Configuration Proxy Configuration Fingerprint Configuration Preference Settings

IP Detection Currently using a static proxy, no need to perform IP detection every time

Notes: Turning on IP detection will affect the startup speed of the profile. If it is not a dynamic proxy, it does not need to be opened

Proxy Method Purchased Residential Proxy Purchased Static Proxy Custom API Extraction

Proxy referencing an existing profile

Proxy Type Noproxy Network Detection

- Noproxy
- HTTP
- HTTPS
- SOCKS5
- SSH

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Now go back to your email inbox and **Copy-Paste** the proxy authentication information into the User Name and password field respectively. I.e.:

The **User Name** from your email goes here.

The **Password** from your email goes here.

Create Profile

Platform Account Configuration Proxy Configuration Fingerprint Configuration Preference Settings

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Proxy Type HTTP Proxy Detection(Global Line)

* Proxy Host Please enter the host address (optional)

* Proxy Port Please enter a port (optional)

Proxy Account Please enter username (optional)

Proxy Password Please enter password (optional)

Bypass List After turning it on, some domains are allowed to not go through the proxy

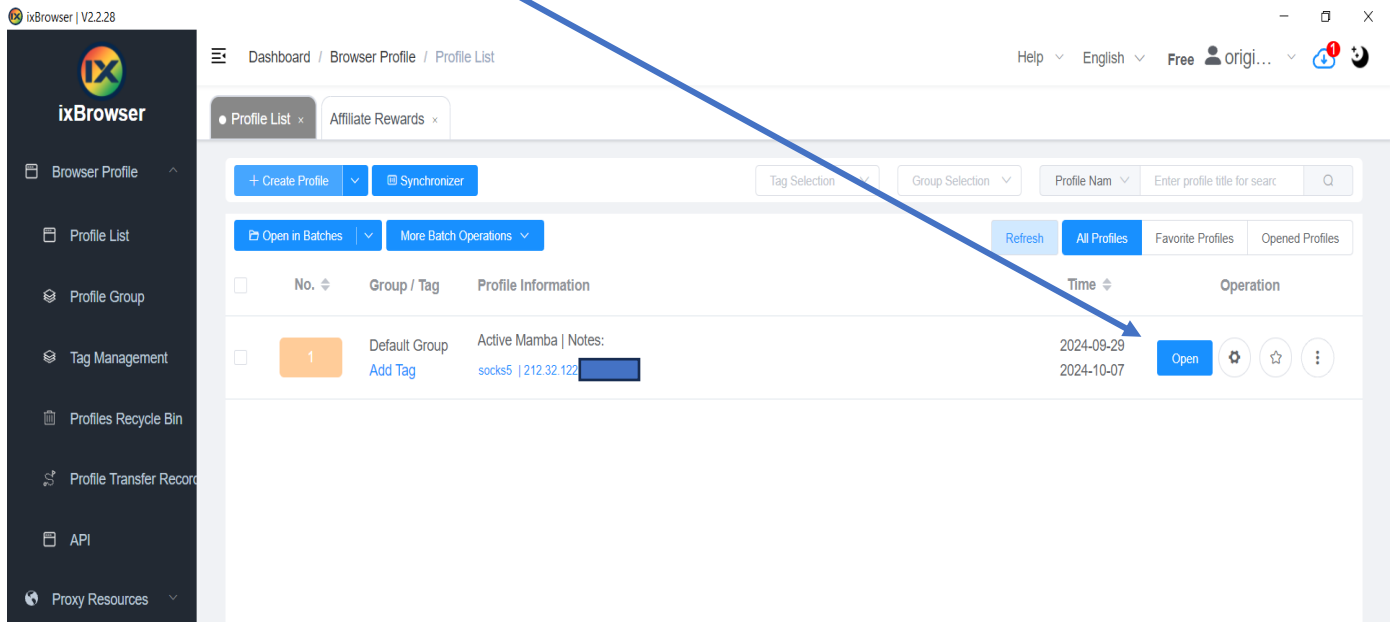
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Click on **Create**, to finish setting up your new profile. After successfully creating a profile, you will be redirected to the **Dashboard** where you will be able to access your newly created profile.

From the Dashboard, click on **Open** to start using the IX Browser configured with your proxy.

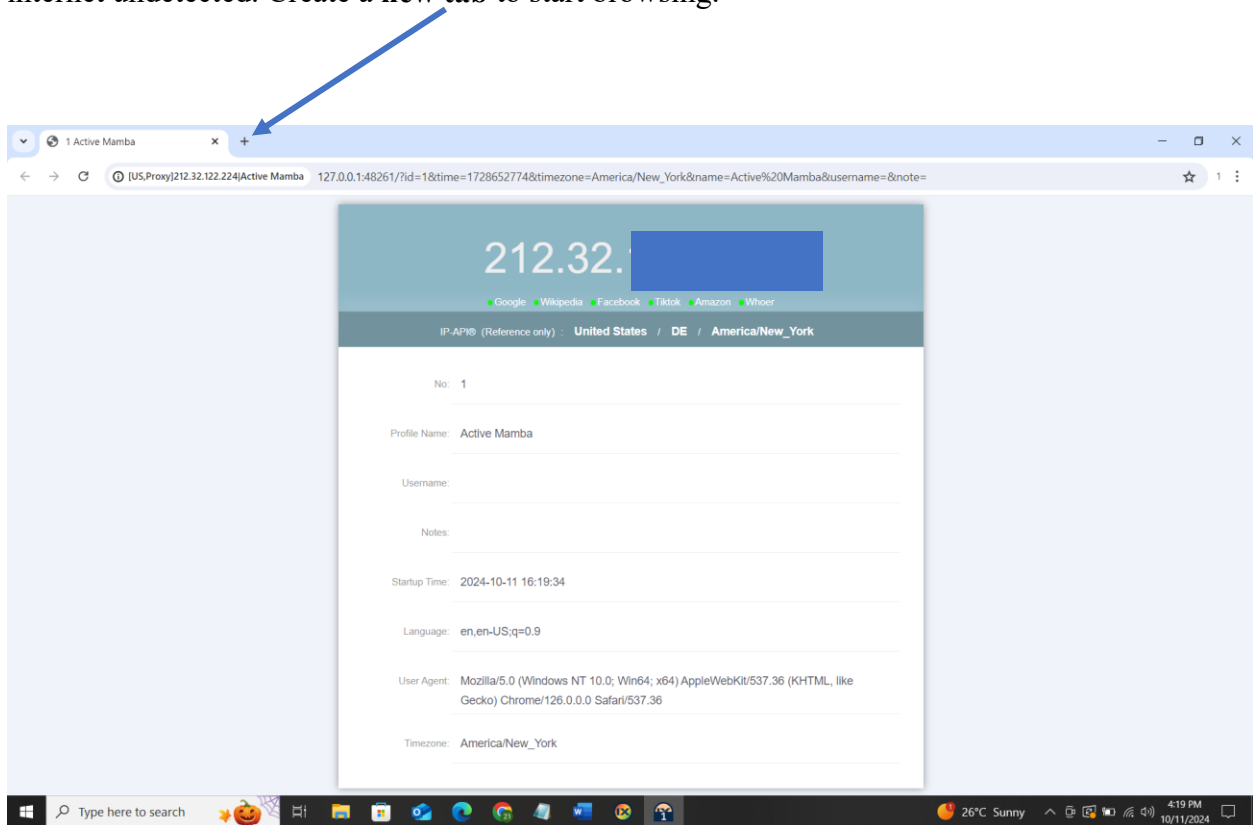


The screenshot displays the ixBrowser dashboard interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the ixBrowser logo and a menu containing items like 'Browser Profile', 'Profile List', 'Profile Group', 'Tag Management', 'Profiles Recycle Bin', 'Profile Transfer Record', 'API', and 'Proxy Resources'. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard / Browser Profile / Profile List'. It features a top navigation bar with 'Profile List' and 'Affiliate Rewards' tabs, and a search bar for profile titles. Below this are buttons for '+ Create Profile', 'Synchronizer', 'Open in Batches', and 'More Batch Operations'. A table lists profiles with columns for 'No.', 'Group / Tag', 'Profile Information', 'Time', and 'Operation'. One profile is listed with 'No.' 1, 'Default Group', and 'Active Mamba | Notes: socks5 | 212.32.122 [redacted]'. The 'Time' column shows dates '2024-09-29' and '2024-10-07'. The 'Operation' column contains an 'Open' button, which is highlighted by a blue arrow pointing from the text above. Other icons in the 'Operation' column include a settings gear, a star, and a vertical ellipsis.

No.	Group / Tag	Profile Information	Time	Operation
1	Default Group Add Tag	Active Mamba Notes: socks5 212.32.122 [redacted]	2024-09-29 2024-10-07	Open

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You will see a similar page when your IX Browser successfully launches. This confirms that your IX browser is well-configured with your proxy and you are all set to begin surfing the internet undetected. Create a **new tab** to start browsing.



Congratulations on successfully setting up your first proxy and an anti-detect browser. Now go get those jobs!

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