

## Firefox Throttle - Control Your Uploads

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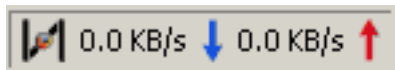
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**The Firefox Throttle Plugin is no longer available - this review has been left online for reference only**

[Firefox Throttle](#) [2] is a great little plugin for the firefox browser that controls the amount of bandwidth the browser uses for uploading and downloading. It's a great solution for anyone who finds that they have no way to control the amount of bandwidth taken up while they upload images to [microstock](#) [3] sites using a web based (http) upload.

Even if like me you use [FTP](#) [4] to upload most of your images there are still a few sites that demand a web upload. If you find that **microstock batch image uploading is making your internet connection feel slow or hogging data that other users on the same shared connection need** then you can reduce the amount of upload bandwidth being used. This can be done by either adding the address of each microstock site to the throttle list or as an alternative you can throttle all sites and exclude specific sites from throttling so that you can continue accessing your online email etc, or download mail using a pop connection.

Once you have [downloaded firefox throttle](#) [2] (currently a development plugin, only available for windows) and installed it you will see a couple of indicators on the status bar (bottom right of the screen, select view > status bar if you don't see it).



You can use these controls to monitor the current data use, turn on or off throttling and right click them to access the options.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' tab of the Firefox Throttle application. The 'Bandwidth limits' section is active, showing options to throttle download and upload speeds. The download speed is set to 32 KBytes/s and is disabled. The upload speed is set to 15 KBytes/s and is enabled. There is also a checkbox for 'Allow short rate "bursting" after periods of inactivity' which is checked. Below this is the 'Interface' section with a checkbox for 'Display throttling panel in the status bar' which is also checked.

Settings | IPs addresses | Web Sites/Domains | Stats

**Bandwidth limits**

Specify maximum bandwidth browser can use to download and upload.

NOTE: Selecting extremely low values may result in timeouts and connection termination!

☐ Throttle download 32 KBytes/s

☒ Throttle upload 15 KBytes/s

☒ Allow short rate "bursting" after periods of inactivity

**Interface**

☒ Display throttling panel in the status bar

The screenshot shows the 'Web Sites/Domains' tab of the Firefox Throttle application. It features a text input field for specifying websites to throttle, a list of currently throttled sites, and buttons to add or remove sites. The list includes \*.flickr.com, \*.fotolia.com, \*.istockphoto.com, \*.moodboard.com, and \*.zymmetrical.com. At the bottom are buttons for 'Save as Defaults', 'OK', and 'Cancel'.

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Specify web sites that should be throttled.

Type exact address or a wildcard (i.e. \*.mozilla.com) and then click Add.

Note: Changes may not take effect immediately.

- \*.flickr.com
- \*.fotolia.com
- \*.istockphoto.com
- \*.moodboard.com
- \*.zymmetrical.com

Add

Remove

Save as Defaults OK Cancel

(Data rate tuned for my connection - 256K upload / 1500 download) which flat out affords me about 25k bytes upload)

The configuration shown above will only limit the amount of data that can be uploaded to a present number of sites (as shown) it won't affect any other connections, and it won't affect normal access to the listed sites as downloads are not affected and web page access is mostly download. If needed of course you can disable the limits by clicking on the 'choke' symbol on the status bar when it is not required.

Firefox throttle does the same thing as adjusting the upload and download bitrate in an FTP client, but it brings that functionality to browser based uploads.

**Source URL:** <https://microstockinsider.com/guides/firefox-throttle-control-your-uploads>

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- [1] <https://microstockinsider.com/guides/firefox-throttle-control-your-uploads>
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