Find Broken Links with One Command

Free, open-source linkinator · tested on our own machine (Oct 2026)

What you need

- **Node.js** installed (nodejs.org, LTS version). That's it, no install of linkinator needed, `npx` runs it.

The one command

```
npx linkinator https://yoursite.com --recurse
```

`--recurse` follows links on your own domain so it crawls the whole site, then checks every link it finds (internal and external). Broken ones are marked **[404]**, **[500]** or similar.

Useful extras

```
npx linkinator https://yoursite.com --recurse --format CSV > links.csv
```

Saves results to a spreadsheet you can sort and share.

```
npx linkinator https://yoursite.com --recurse --skip "linkedin.com|facebook.com"
```

Skips sites that often block automated checks (they can show false "broken" results).

```
npx linkinator https://yoursite.com --recurse --timeout 10000
```

Gives slow pages 10 seconds before counting them as failed.

Fixing what it finds

- ☐ Re-check each flagged link in a browser first: some sites block bots.
- ☐ Internal 404s: update the link, or add a 301 redirect to the right page.
- ☐ External dead links: replace with a current source or remove.
- ☐ Images/files returning errors: re-upload or fix the path.
- ☐ Run it again after fixing and keep the CSV as your record.
- ☐ Make it a monthly habit, or run it after every big content change.

Tip: run it on a staging copy before launching a redesign. That's when links break most.