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Thread: [== SECRECY == >>> AN INTRODUCTION TO VPN'S <<<](#)

Pronouncer - July 19, 2017, 2:02 pm

Introduction

In this thread, we will be covering the basics of using a VPN, which VPN's to avoid and my opinions on numerous VPNs. (I may be harsh to some VPN providers including HF VPNs but this is all based on previous discoveries and user feedback).

Why should I use a VPN?

The real question is what is your reason not to use one? There is no harm in using a VPN even if you do nothing of questionable manner. A VPN assists in the process of making it harder to be backtracked and help you avoid unwanted monitoring. A VPN is in no way at all an "All in one solution".

Why buy a VPN?

The question that gets asked again and again, is why purchase a VPN? The simple answer is enhancing your Anonymity. We have to understand that being entirely Anonymous is impossible. There will always be a piece of information that is left behind when you use the internet. So in this instance, we will take the meaning less literally. There is nothing that will keep you Anonymous. A VPN helps you increase your Anonymity and privacy. A real life example of what a VPN could be classed as is a case for your phone. It will protect your phone in ways but your phone can still break, so can your online persona.

Do I buy a 0 Logs VPN?

The first thing we need to understand that No Logs rarely exists, there is something which we call "Minimal Logging" that the term HF VPN's should use, but obviously, that would affect their sales which are what they care about not your security. The reason I say this is because there will always be a log somewhere, either a purchase log, a connection log, client side log, and the un-avoidable logs such as ISP logs. Minimal Logging is done on every HF VPN provider. There are some VPN providers that can provide you with 0 Logs, but you have to understand some countries in which the VPN provider is required logs. United Kingdom had a data law passed stating that there has to be logged from an ISP stored for a number of years. When you see HF VPN's terminating users for sharing accounts, or breaking terms of service yet claiming they have 0 Logs that should already be enough for you to question their methodology. There is no way if a system had 0 Logs for a VPN provider to terminate your account for doing certain actions. I hope you also have already got to the point of knowing never to purchase a VPN with PayPal or BTC that is non-tumbled (Avoid directly sending BTC from services such as coinbase)

So whats a good VPN provider?

In this section I will cover a bunch of Public VPN's and go over my thoughts, I in no way intend to sales trash, just will be pointing things out. I am also no way affiliated with any of these VPN

providers, I will provide my personal VPN provider at the end.

ExpressVPN

On the Express VPN website, they have a statement saying “Surf Anonymously”, this is in fact, a misuse of the word anonymously. They do not in anyway keep you anonymous. I urge you all to read the terms of service of all VPN's. With ExpressVPN they have this statement in their TOS. “In addition to the information you provide through our order-form, we may store the following pieces of data: IP address, times when connected to our service, and the total amount of data transferred per day. We store this to be able to deliver the best possible network experience to you. We keep this information secure and private. If we receive complaints regarding copyrighted materials such as music and movies being shared over our network, we may filter traffic to see which account is sending it, and then cancel that account”

PureVPN

Yet another Anonymous VPN service that stores a few logs. On their website they have this statement, “we will never release any information about you or your account to anyone except law enforcement personnel with the proper documentation and paperwork” Meaning they do store your account information which means IP address too.

[censored]

Cyberhost used to be a reputable VPN provider that used to take Anonymity seriously, they previously had this as a statement “[censored] keeps no logs which enable interference with your IP address, the moment or content of your data traffic” They have since their release modified that and replaced it with this statement “may process and use personal data collected in the setup and delivery of service (connection data). This includes Customer identification and data regarding time and volume of use” Leaving us with the obvious knowledge to avoid them.

PIA

I don't have too much to say about this VPN provider, they are a pretty solid VPN service. They do not log any information that links to the user (Obviously if you pay to buy any VPN with PayPal then a payment record will be available). They do not keep a record of your connections etc. Still, I suggest be cautious and pay with tumbled btc. Statement from their website: we will never release any information about you or your account to anyone except law enforcement personnel with the proper documentation and paperwork

IPVanish

A 0 log VPN provider yet running under United States law. See how this can go wrong? (If you don't search up Telecommunications data retention law)

SlickVPN

They claim 0 logs, unfortunately, we have no way or proof of them logging or against. They are one of the only providers that actually own the physical servers in a data center. This is already a huge positive over the majority of other providers. They have physical access to a few of their servers but the others are purchased of a third party, however, they won't disclose which ones those are. The servers they own they guarantee 0 logs even on ISP end, but the third party locations they have 0 guarantees.

PRQ

A Swedish VPN provider, Sweden originally had a Data Retention Directive in 2012, In April of 2014 they had scrapped this entirely, they now have gone back to this, and are in the process of entirely going back to the logging minimal of 6 months. Some ISP and data centers have yet to revert back to this law, and others agree to pay the 5,000,000KR fine on a monthly basis. We are unsure what data center PRQ uses but its safe to say its no longer one of the safest options. PRQ says that they don't log, yet say they won't do anything "As long as the usage doesn't violate the ToS". This comes to question how true is the statement in VPN providers TOS. It is common knowledge that even if you have a TOS if you do not enforce it you will face prosecution as a seller. So a heads up to people selling shady products on HF do not say "For educational use" or "Not for illegal purposes" then allow people to perform illegal actions, you will still be charged for not stopping them.

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Mullvad

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R4AW VPN

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143 VPN

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Cryptic VPN, PhyberVpn, BioVPN

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Pronouncer - July 19, 2017, 2:07 pm

Reserved for future updates.

goondu - July 19, 2017, 11:04 pm

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Armada - July 19, 2017, 11:11 pm

Well done man.

Thorough and informative.

Something def worth linking to through numerous areas of the forums too. VPN connectivity is a constant question

Pronouncer - July 20, 2017, 3:58 am

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I agree but the big VPN providers do also have special contracts with providers unlike HF VPN'e who buy from digital ocean and OVH which if you have a look the majority do use their servers. There is a major difference. Big companies can afford lawyers to sketch up use contracts HF VPN providers if sued by VPN

SysAdmin - July 20, 2017, 7:10 am

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Dr. Gonzo - July 20, 2017, 7:34 am

Great thread! Secrecy is going to contribute a lot to this forum ;)

Pronouncer - July 22, 2017, 3:45 am

This is the first secrecy thread and is a great read feel free to check out the rest

SysAdmin - July 22, 2017, 3:47 am

(Jul 20, 2017 07:10 AM)Pronouncer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah, that was my thread.

Ah, my bad then. Great HQ Thread though!

DumpCake - July 23, 2017, 9:13 pm

This is a wonderful thread! I'm posting to keep this for future reference

mutybyte - July 23, 2017, 10:20 pm

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Pronouncer - July 24, 2017, 4:36 am

(Jul 23, 2017 10:20 PM)mutybyte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am using Hide my Ass VPN. Is it good? I have one year subscription

It's okay but not recommended in the slightest

The Doge of Wall Street - July 24, 2017, 4:40 am

happy to see this group ACTUALLY HELPS the community
keep up the good work OP

Pronouncer - July 24, 2017, 9:41 am

(Jul 24, 2017 09:29 AM)Devil Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Privatoria is the worst VPN I have ever used. Slow, disconnects and literally unusable servers. This is going back a few months now.

[censored] and Cryptostorm should be on the list. I feel Cryptostorm doesn't get enough attention it is definitely my number one choice

I've personally never had privstoria issues. I have not used or looked into those when I do I'll add them. Appreciate your contribution

xX_l337_h4x0r_Xx - July 24, 2017, 12:47 pm

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corcuff - July 24, 2017, 2:07 pm

Good. I like to read thread like this. I would like to make my own research about Privatoria.

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(Jul 24, 2017 01:29 PM)SysAdmin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Use a Proxy Chain of 15 Proxies and tell me how it feels.

Okay fine, no LQP. Using multiple proxies results in an increased chance of being caught through timing attacks. The longer the route, the worse timing attacks get.

Pronouncer - July 25, 2017, 11:01 am

Next thing I'm adding is crypto storm

Bitcoin Market - July 25, 2017, 2:14 pm

thanks for sharing high-quality threads bro.

Pronouncer - July 31, 2017, 7:30 am

Still a great read guys enjoy it

Pronouncer - September 17, 2017, 2:37 pm

Bumping this as it is still a great read, look out for our student scheme

Parab0und - September 17, 2017, 2:41 pm

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Mostly true, but about Mullvad, they did not specify if they block a server from outputting traffic, or if they block a specific connected user from inputting/outputting traffic.

So its possible they block just the traffic without knowing who sent it. or they block the protocol ^.

So yea Mullvad -could- still be safe.

glsf

Pronouncer - September 21, 2017, 12:12 pm

Still a good read for beginners to be honest

AU Subi - September 21, 2017, 3:57 pm

Nice read, always wondered what the law for keeping logs was. What's your opinion on true bulletproof hosting (not the HF shit)

Pronouncer - September 21, 2017, 5:40 pm

(Sep 21, 2017 03:57 PM)The Playmaker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice read, always wondered what the law for keeping logs was. What's your opinion on true bulletproof hosting (not the HF shit)

Go for it but don't rely on it to be your only security.

Pronouncer - December 22, 2017, 3:15 pm

Bumperino its still a great read :))))))

Dezinator - December 23, 2017, 9:22 am

Any Information about Perfect Privacy or SecureVPN ?

Pronouncer - November 26, 2019, 4:18 pm

Daym two years already since i posted this

andreaholm - November 26, 2019, 6:02 pm

Mullvad cant ceep logs. They can see stuff in real time only. If you do some stupid shit, like threaten some important person, they can find you if police is extremely fast, contact mullvad, and you are

still connected.

Why not use TOR?

marypopins - *March 10, 2020, 5:05 am*

Thanks for the sharing. I really need it.