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Thread: [Some basic steps to surf online without revealing identity. Must Read !!](#)

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How to Leave Google Behind: Quick Guide to

Take Back Your Privacy Online

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Stop using privacy-intrusive services. Now is the time to leave Google, Facebook & Co.

For many the Internet is Google: Search, email, videos - Google is the major player in all these fields. But Google uses all data it gathers across its services to post targeted ads, and to massively profit from the data many share so freely with the Internet giant. The time has come to stop this unlimited data mining and to take back our right to privacy! Here's a quick guide as to how you can use the Internet without sharing all your data with Google.

An increasing number of people understand that everybody wants their data, and that there's only one way to stop mass surveillance: by using privacy-friendly tools, best with built-in encryption. With privacy-friendly tools growing in number and in quality, more and more people are starting to protect their personal data.

Even Google now understands that more people want to protect their private data. Google now promises not to scan your emails, however, this might very well be just a marketing initiative. Everybody knows that they are still able to scan your entire Gmail inbox. The no-scan policy might end like Gmail's end-to-end encryption project has ended: in limbo.

Switch from Gmail to Tutanota/Protonmail

For the most private alternative to Gmail, try encrypted, secure email service. The entire Tutanota mailbox is end-to-end encrypted so that it is fully protected from snooping eyes. Even the developers cannot read your emails.

You can automatically send end-to-end encrypted mails, too, so that you can be sure that only you and the intended recipient can read your emails. Because of the encryption, Tutanota cannot harvest your data for advertisements, in fact, there are no advertisements at all in Tutanota. On top of the end-to-end encryption, Tutanota

lets you register an anonymous email account without asking for a phone number. uses state-of-the-art SSL protection, supporting DNSSEC, DANE, DMARC, DKIM, PFS & STARTTLS. receives an A+ rating on Securityheaders.io. Gmail on the other hand does not get an A rating.

Protonmail/Tutanota are the best open source email alternative with its Android app published on F-Droid.

[Read this to find out why everyone should use Tutanota instead of Gmail.](#)

Stop using Google Search, try DuckDuckGo and Qwant

Google search is widely used because in the past it was the only one giving reliable results quickly. However, privacy-friendly search engines have caught up over the past few years, and there is no reason at all not to favor those. We recommend trying Qwant, based in France, and DuckDuckGo, based in the US.

Switch from Chrome to Brave, Firefox, or Tor Browser

Today there are several browsers that give you much more privacy protection than Google Chrome. Brave is an open source browser that automatically blocks ads and trackers. Firefox is a well-established browser known for respecting user's privacy. If you need extra anonymity when browsing online, I recommend the Tor browser.

Stop using Google Drive, try Tresorit

When using Google Drive, one must know that all files are stored unencrypted on Google servers. Everyone gaining access to these servers can easily copy and read those files. An encrypted alternative is Tresorit. The paid service offers end-to-end encrypted file sharing and sync. You can store your files securely encrypted in the cloud without the threat of anyone else accessing or reading your files without your permission.

Watch Videos on Vimeo, not YouTube

A great alternative to YouTube is Vimeo. If the video you are looking for is not on Vimeo, you can search and watch YouTube videos on DuckDuckGo via YouTube's "youtube-nocookie" domain. While not entirely leaving Google here, this gives you better privacy protection.

If you absolutely want to watch a video on YouTube, we recommend watching it via Hooktube in a browser or via NewPipe on Android.

Hooktube is a YouTube proxy, which allows you to unblock YouTube videos, download videos, and get around YouTube censorship restrictions. Watching videos via HookTube keeps your data from Google.

Use OpenStreetMap instead of Google Maps

OpenStreetMap is a great alternative to Google Maps when looking up places online. It's an open source project with the aim to create a free editable map of the world.

Stop using Google Play, get your apps from F-Droid

In case you are using an Android phone, it is a bit harder to fully get rid of Google. In a first step, you should get all your apps from F-Droid instead of Google Play. F-Droid is a great alternative, especially for open source enthusiasts. By getting your apps from F-Droid you can be sure that they come without any ties to Google.

Change your Android system to LineageOS

In case you are using an Android phone and fully want to get rid of any tie to Google, we recommend that you install LineageOS as the operating system on your phone. LineageOS is a version of Android which you can use without a Google account. LineageOS is the most popular fork of the discontinued CyanogenMod project.

When you want to get a new smartphone, take a look at the upcoming Purism 5. It is Google-free phone that focuses on privacy and security.

Use Mastodon instead of Facebook

2018-04-04: Due to the recent Facebook scandal, I felt the need to update this post and add privacy-friendly social media alternatives.

The business model of most social media sites is like Google's based on tracking and posting targeted advertisements. Therefore, we recommend that you stop using Facebook for sharing your private information with your friends. A great alternative is Mastodon or Diaspora.

Use Tor or a VPN like Private Internet Access

When using the Internet your Internet Service Provider can see, monitor and log every website you visit. If you want to make sure that your browsing history remains private, we recommend that you protect it by using Tor or a VPN like Private Internet Access.

Make the switch today, change the Internet of the future!

We all know that mass surveillance is always present when you are online. Yet, each one of us can make a change by making online surveillance harder. One major step to achieve this is to start using privacy-friendly services - if possible with built-in encryption!

And you'll find that taking back your privacy is much easier than expected.

Free your data from mass spying!

and get your encrypted mailboxes for free.

Source : tutanota.com

Search Engines

s1nister - September 29, 2018, 4:26 am

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Though I will request you to change the formatting a bit to highlight the important lines.

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EDIT : I will update this thread more when I get some time to make it more specific.

Juffar - September 30, 2018, 6:57 am

Why don't you write something yourself instead of just copy & pasting from other articles?

?--? ??? ?x? ?? ?? - September 30, 2018, 7:02 am

(Sep 30, 2018 06:57 AM)Juffar Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why don't you write something yourself instead of just copy & pasting from other articles?Why are you so much worried about what I post and what I do. I think you should mind your own business man. This place for information exchanging from all sources except onions. When tutanota don't have an issue why are you jumping in between like small kids do fighting against them? I have already mentioned source. and Thanks for the rep mate, highly appreciate. and Please keep your head out of my things if you don't like them. This place is big scroll and check other things. ;-P

CocaColax - October 4, 2018, 9:29 pm

Thank you for such a great advice.

?--? ??? ?x? ?? ?? - October 10, 2018, 6:44 am

(Oct 4, 2018 09:29 PM)Skyl1ne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for such a great advice.
Welcome man.

Bailee - October 10, 2018, 10:35 pm

Thanks for the basic stuff dude

?--? ??? ?x? ?? ?? - October 11, 2018, 12:50 am

(Oct 10, 2018 10:35 PM)Bailee Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the basic stuff dude
Most welcome mate.

seafko - October 11, 2018, 6:42 am

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?--? ??? ?x? ?? ?? - October 11, 2018, 6:45 am

(Oct 11, 2018 06:42 AM)seafko Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thank you for such a great advice.
Most welcome bro.

Yin Yang - October 11, 2018, 6:46 am

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?--? ??? ?x? ?? ?? - October 11, 2018, 6:48 am

(Oct 11, 2018 06:46 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think opera browser has Tor integrated as well.
Opera logs the things in your local PC which further windows save it.

ZionAsia - October 11, 2018, 9:54 am

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?--? ??? ?x? ?? ?? - October 14, 2018, 2:59 am

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amateur - October 15, 2018, 5:36 pm

thanks for this man very informative

Divided_Device - October 16, 2018, 9:37 am

Thank you for the information! It really helped me out.

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(Oct 15, 2018 05:36 PM)amateur Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thanks for this man very informative

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Most Welcome guys.

ZionAsia - October 17, 2018, 2:09 pm

Feel free to Add the Libreboot info to the OP

Shave - October 19, 2018, 9:01 pm

very helpful, thank you! it say i have to make a post long there 25 char, so.....,

240499 - October 21, 2018, 6:26 am

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(Oct 21, 2018 06:26 AM)240499 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A good starting guide i would like to see more detailed guides like this from you mate
I'll make changes to it later.

Big-Poppa - October 21, 2018, 11:59 am

That's a great advice mate thnx for it.