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Thread: [Is there any way to change mac address for free?](#)

btcluva - December 1, 2024, 2:11 pm

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DramaKing - December 1, 2024, 7:50 pm

(Dec 1, 2024 03:11 PM)btcluva Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Beginner in hacking and trying to be as safe as possible. Any recommendations?

Just assign a temporary MAC or enable MAC randomization. Are you expecting generic directions or expecting us to read your mind? And are you connecting to remote networks?

ZeroXploit - December 13, 2024, 2:35 am

Yes, you can change your MAC address (also known as "MAC spoofing") for free using built-in tools or third-party utilities, depending on your operating system. Here's how you can do it:

What is MAC Address Spoofing?

A MAC (Media Access Control) address is a unique identifier for network interfaces. Changing (spoofing) it is commonly done for:

Privacy reasons.

Testing and troubleshooting network setups.

Bypassing certain network restrictions.

Methods by Operating System

1. Windows

Change MAC Address via Device Manager:

Open the Device Manager: Press Win + R, type devmgmt.msc, and hit Enter.

Expand Network Adapters and right-click your network device, then select Properties.

Go to the Advanced tab, select Network Address or Locally Administered Address from the list.

Enable the option and enter the new 12-character MAC address (without colons or hyphens).

Click OK and restart your network connection.

Using PowerShell (Admin Access Required):

Identify your network adapter:

powershell

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Get-NetAdapter

Set a new MAC address:

powershell

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Set-NetAdapterAdvancedProperty -Name "YourAdapterName" -RegistryKeyword

"NetworkAddress" -RegistryValue "YourNewMACAddress"

Replace "YourAdapterName" with the adapter name and "YourNewMACAddress" with a valid MAC address.

Third-Party Tools:

Free tools like Technitium MAC Address Changer can simplify the process.

2. Linux

Using ifconfig or ip Commands:

Bring the network interface down:

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sudo ifconfig eth0 down
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Change the MAC address:

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sudo ifconfig eth0 hw ether XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX
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Bring the interface back up:

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sudo ifconfig eth0 up
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Using macchanger:

Install macchanger:

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sudo apt install macchanger
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Change the MAC address:

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sudo macchanger -r eth0
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Replace -r with specific options (-m, -a, etc.) for more control.

3. macOS

Change MAC Address Temporarily:

Disable the network interface:

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sudo ifconfig en0 down
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Set the new MAC address:

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sudo ifconfig en0 ether XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX
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Re-enable the interface:

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sudo ifconfig en0 up
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Make It Persistent:

macOS does not natively support persistent MAC address changes, but you can automate it using a script in launchd.

Important Notes

Temporary Changes: MAC address changes are typically temporary. Reboots or disabling/re-enabling the network adapter often reset it to the default.

Valid Format: Ensure the new MAC address follows the format XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX where X is a hexadecimal digit (0-9, A-F).

Legality: Changing your MAC address is generally legal but could violate network policies in some environments (e.g., work or school networks).

Physical Hardware: Some hardware might not allow changing the MAC address due to firmware restrictions.

Let me know if you'd like detailed guidance for a specific operating system!

DarkRoot - *December 13, 2024, 5:25 am*

What's the point of changing the mac address anyway?