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Thread: [Beginner questions Whonix & Tor](#)

donpinpon - March 30, 2025, 5:04 am

I use Qubes-Whonix, and I have a few questions regarding anonymity and security.

1 - Is there any difference in anonymity, privacy, or security when accessing an onion site compared to a clearnet site? As far as I know, when accessing an onion site, TOR uses six hops, and 5/6ths of the path don't know the user or destination. On the other hand, when accessing a clearnet site, the connection uses three relays, where two of them don't know the user or destination. Therefore, accessing the clearnet through TOR is more traceable. Am I right? If so, is it something to worry about, especially given that I use Qubes-Whonix?

2 - Are there any real advantages to using obfs4, FTE, Snowflake, Meek, or any type of pluggable transport, bridges, tunnels, etc? Or is using a VPN the safest option? My country doesn't block TOR.

3 - I have read that to avoid standing out, I shouldn't install any add-ons, just configure TOR in the safest way possible. How true is this? I have read wonderful things about uMatrix, for example. Is it okay if I use it? Is it even useful?

5 - I would like to access some clearnet services such as news sites, Twitch, YouTube, Twitter, etc., while maintaining my privacy and anonymity. Any suggestions on how I should do it, do's and don'ts?

Thank you in advance

DramaKing - March 30, 2025, 5:17 am

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donpinpon - March 30, 2025, 6:24 am

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[Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8blt4K_Kfo&pp=ygUHdG9yIHZwbG%3D%3D]

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[quote="DramaKing" pid='62714139' dateline='1743341717']

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Yeah i agree with the video, but maybe if you just using tor + vpn, but you only access clearnet websites, you should go unnoticed.

One more question, what about connecting a vpn on the windows or making a proxychain, before accessing the virtual machine from Whonix, would that still count on what the video says? and which one will be safer? Just VPN or a proxychain, could be possible to combine VPN + Proxychain at the same time?

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And your recommendation is to use TOR rather then Mullvad VPN.

And your second recommendation is to use VPN with integrated TOR.

Both recommendations is very very LQ and looks like a trap for new criminals to be caught.