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All about the Darknet

SURFACE WEB

Bing

Google

Wikipedia

4%

DEEP WEB

(not accessible to Surface Web crawlers)

Medical
Records

Legal
Documents

Scientific
Reports

Subscription
Information

Competitor
Websites

Academic
Information

Multilingual
Databases

Financial
Records

Government
Resources

Organisation-specific
Repositories

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DARK WEB

(only accessible through certain browsers
such as TOR. Deep web technologies has
zero involvement with the Dark Web)

TOR Encrypted sites

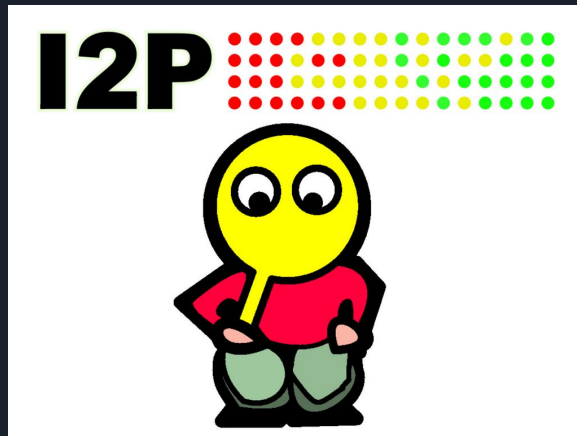
Drug Trafficking

Private Communications

Political Protests

Illegal Information

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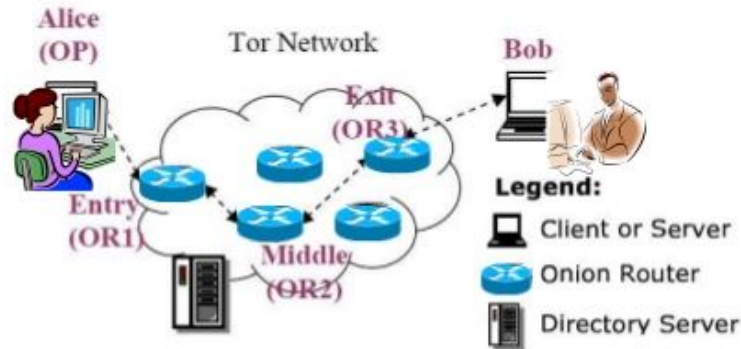


Darknet

- a collection of different custom protocols built on top of standard protocols
- purposefully hidden

TOR

Components of TOR



- **Client:** the user of the TOR network
- **Server:** the target TCP applications such as web servers
- **TOR (onion) router:** the special proxy relays the application data
- **Directory server:** servers holding TOR router information



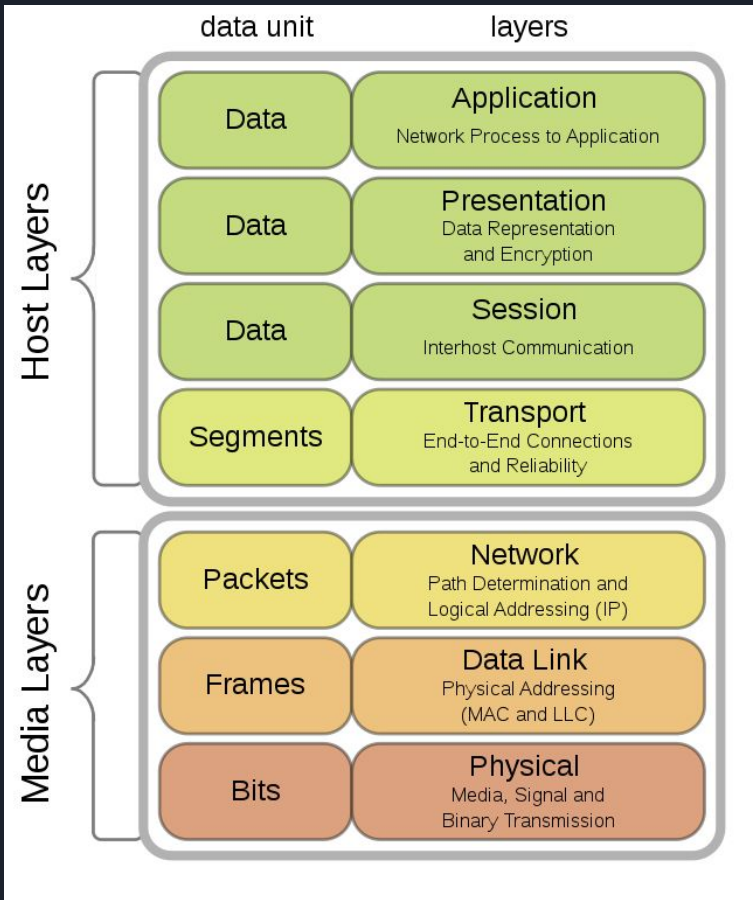
Types of Nodes

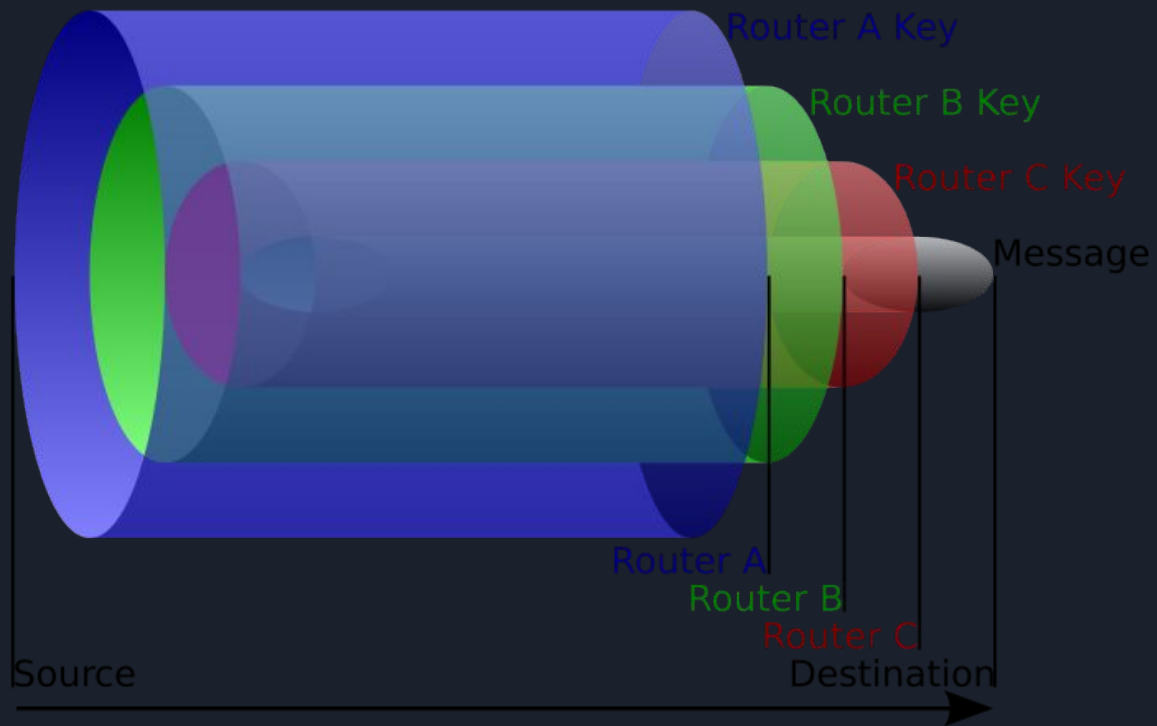
- Entry/Guard nodes
- Exit nodes
- Middle Relays
- Bridges



TOR

- You can route all TCP traffic through TOR
- TLS over TCP
- Recommended to use the TOR browser for connecting to .onion sites







Hidden Services

- Allows host to provide a service w/o exposing their IP address
- Can only connect via TOR
- Clients can connect via a chosen rendezvous point



Onion Services: Step 1

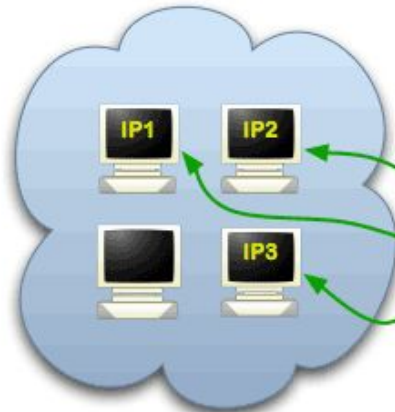
Step 1: Bob picks some introduction points and builds circuits to them.



Alice



DB



Bob

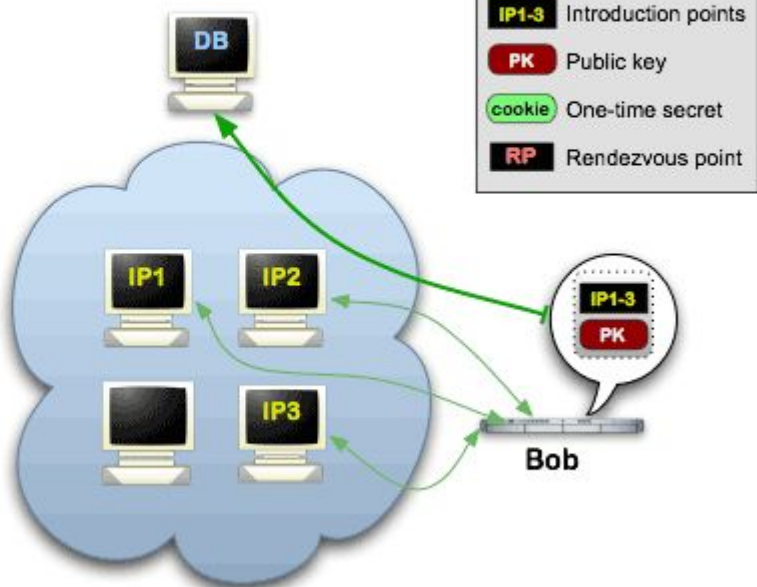


Onion Services: Step 2

Step 2: Bob advertises his service -- XYZ.onion -- at the database.



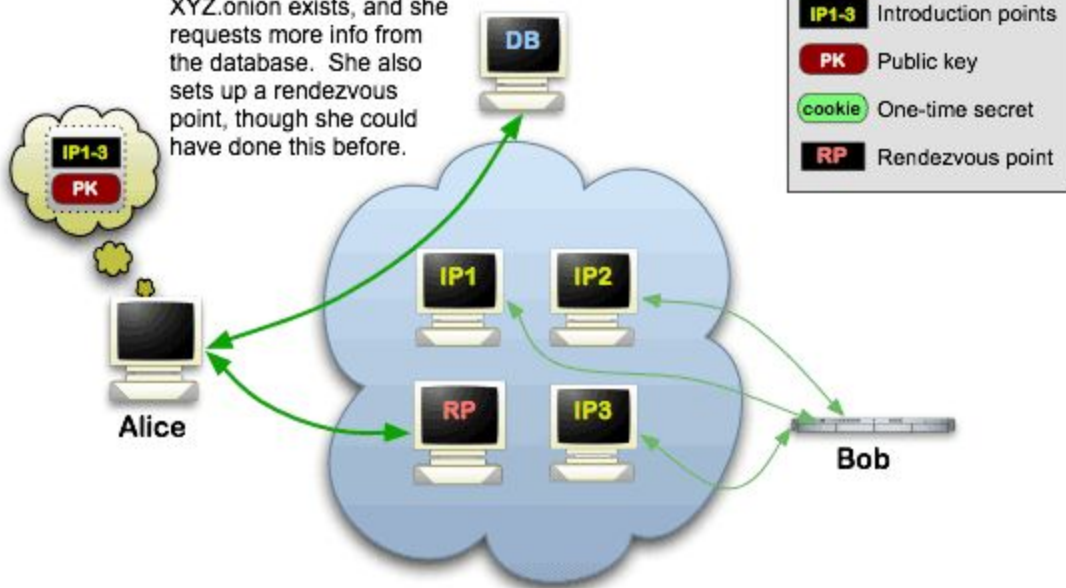
Alice





Onion Services: Step 3

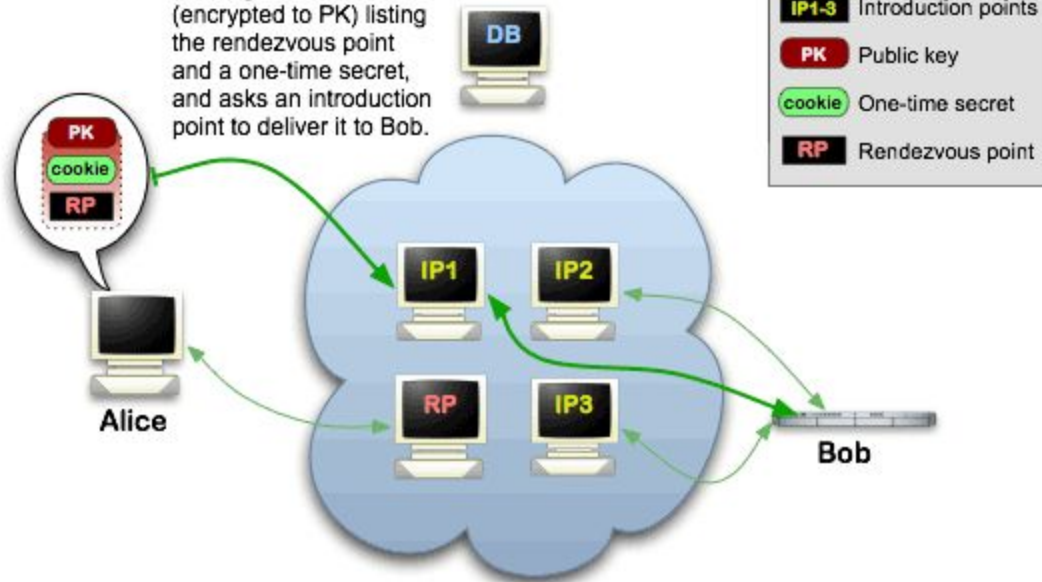
Step 3: Alice hears that XYZ.onion exists, and she requests more info from the database. She also sets up a rendezvous point, though she could have done this before.





Onion Services: Step 4

Step 4: Alice writes a message to Bob (encrypted to PK) listing the rendezvous point and a one-time secret, and asks an introduction point to deliver it to Bob.





NOTE:

You can still easily get caught while using TOR if you're being a brainlet.



Exhibit A: Harvard Bomb Hoax

- TLDR: A Harvard student got caught sending a fake bomb threat to the school to get out of finals
- Mistake 1: Using TOR on school wifi
- Could have used a bridge or walked to the nearest McDonalds w/ wifi



Exhibit B: Lulzsec

- TLDR: Hacker group that got busted by the FBI because one galaxy brain connected to IRC via clearnet



Main TOR weaknesses

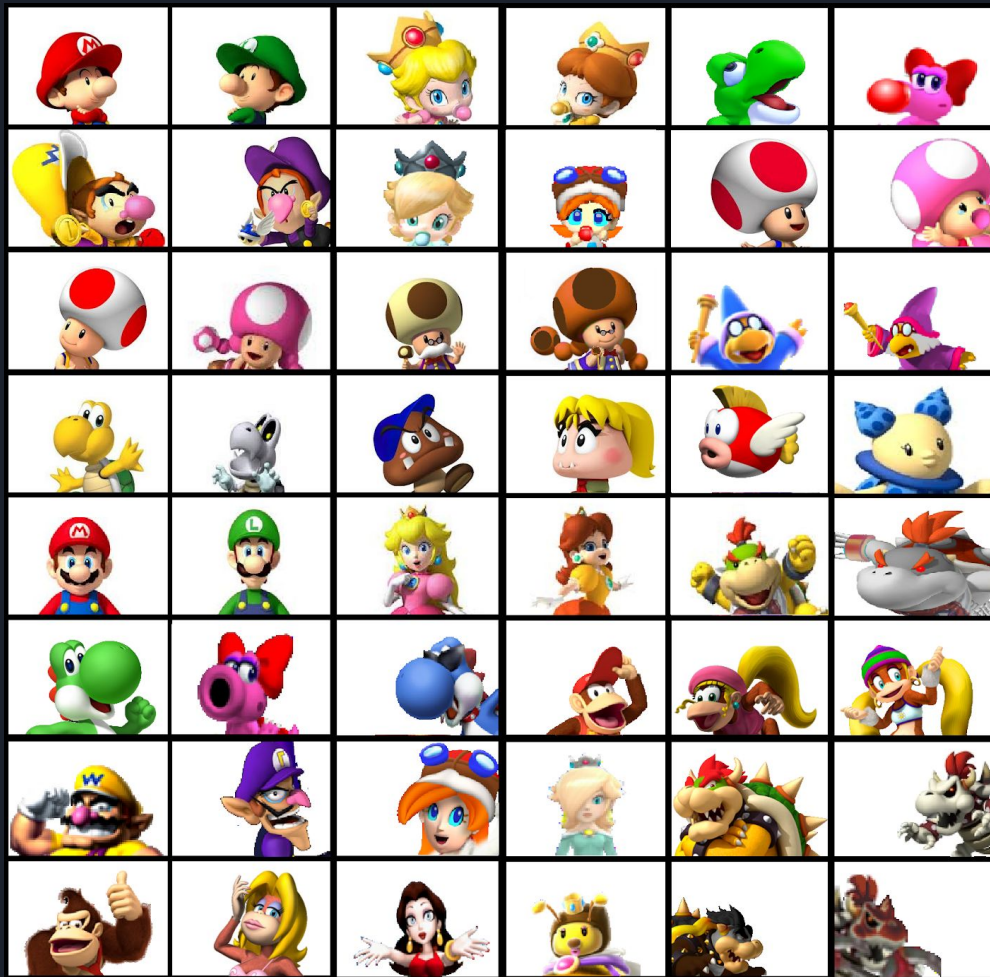
- can get pawned by exit node if the onion service doesn't encrypt their traffic
- pretty easy to tell if you're using TOR
- can be vulnerable to correlation attacks

Roleplaying Time









Baby Weight

Light Weight

Medium Weight

Heavy Weight



Step 1:

- Use Tails or Whonix
- Mario should make sure to encrypt his Tails Persistent Boot



Step 2

- Acquire some crypto
- Mario would use Monero if possible, but Toad is a normie and only accepts Bitcoin
- Mario should transfer his crypto to a second wallet for plausible deniability (this second wallet should be located on his Tails distro)



Step 3

- Always buy w/in the mushroom kingdom
- Speed = Safety!
- Mario should use his own name to avoid suspicion
- Mario should encrypt his address w/ Toad's PGP key