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With the recent leak of Ashley Madison records on the "darknet" in media, it's prompted Internet trolls to search on darknet. But what is the darknet?

Darknet is part of the Internet. It's a part of the Internet that's kept hidden from a common Internet user. Much of what's found on Darknet can't be found on Yahoo, Google, Bing, etc. Much of darknet is formed between peers, hosts, that browse each other anonymously. Don't think of it as a website everyone goes to for information. It's more of each person sharing something and it being searchable by other darknet users using an application, typically.

There is a very small subest of technologies that are available to access the darknet. The most popular technology is called The Onion Router – TOR. The name refers to the amount of layers needing to be peeled back to find out the identity of a user. TOR bounces much of the communication between users rather than servers. Any other party trying to track a user will be much more difficult.

TOR allows users to host hidden services or applications. Other TOR users can only access these services and applications. You can recognize other TOR users by a TOR address, usually ending in .onion followed by random characters. When you install TOR, you potentially have access to bad makrets of leaked credit card information, hacked files, bitcoin, and more. After installing TOR you will see it operates like a normal web browser. You can also install the TOR operating system to help secure your activities.

Once your on and browsing darknet, you will see wikipedias that are created to hide the different services. The http://thehiddenwiki.org lists several directories. A search engine exists if you want to search TOR sites through the Internet, but it won't be anonymous unless you use a proxy. Check out https://dnstats.net to get information on different darknets.

Some Other Darknet Alternatives

I2P – https://geti2p.net/en/
FreeNet – https://freenetproject.org/
ZeroNet – https://zeronet.readthedocs.org/en/latest/

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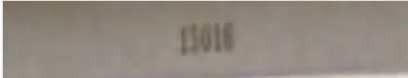
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