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1 Introduction

Proton Technologies is a mainstay in the field of privacy technology, offering a suite of innovative solutions designed to protect users' online information.

This research report is designed to take an in-depth look at Proton Technologies' core products, with a focus on ProtonMail, ProtonVPN, ProtonCalendar, ProtonDrive, ProtonContacts, SimpleLogin, and Proton Pass. By studying these services, We have a comprehensive understanding of Proton's background and its services in terms of user privacy, its market positioning, and potential competitors, as well as the advice it provides to us.

2 Company History

Proton was founded in 2014 by a group of scientists who met at CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research).[4] Initially, the company focused on creating ProtonMail which is an end-to-end encrypted service. The public beta was released on 16 May 2014.[1] Proton Mail 2.0 was released on August 14, 2015, with an open-source front-end client and a completely new codebase.[2] The company was initially funded through a community crowdfunding campaign and was initially registered as Proton Technologies AG in July 2014, subsequently as Proton AG for short.[5] In June 2017, the second product ProtonVPN was launched. On April 8, 2022, Proton acquired SimpleLogin, a French email alias startup.[3]

3 Services Offered by Proton

Proton is a well-known privacy technology company that offers a range of services designed to protect users' privacy and security. Their core services include:

ProtonMail: An encrypted email service providing end-to-end encryption for secure communication.

ProtonVPN: A virtual private network (VPN) service ensuring anonymous and secure internet browsing.

ProtonCalendar: A privacy-focused calendar service enabling users to organize schedules securely.

ProtonDrive: A secure cloud storage service for storing and sharing files while maintaining privacy.

ProtonContacts: A privacy-oriented contact management service for securely managing contacts.

In addition, Proton has integrated features from SimpleLogin, an open-source service that allows users to create email aliases for enhanced privacy, and ProtonPass, a cloud-based password manager solution with end-to-end encryption that is integrated into their ecosystem.

4 Success Rate

Proton Technologies has been a huge success, with millions of users around the world relying on their services to protect their online privacy and security. ProtonMail and ProtonVPN have established themselves as leading providers in their respective fields. By March 2023, ProtonMail has over 70 million users around the world. [7] Today, ProtonVPN has 4,166 servers in 88 countries around the world, with 4,874 Gbps capacity.[6]

5 Main Competitors

Proton's main competitors include other email service providers like Gmail and Outlook, as well as VPN providers like NordVPN and ExpressVPN. In addition, in the fields of calendar management, cloud storage, and contact management, Proton competes with services such as Google Calendar, Dropbox, and Google Contacts.

6 Feasibility of Replicating Their Solution

Replicating Proton's solution is quite difficult for us. It requires a lot of manpower and material resources such as server construction and maintenance, privacy technology research and development, etc. But there still are something we can learn from. For its sales strategy, we can supply fundamental services for free to individuals but we will charge for companies or groups because they usually need to use more resources such as more storage space and higher transport rates. For its services, we can also supply a series of services for our customers to protect their privacy. Some of the services could help other services to get higher protection strength such as SimpleLogin and ProtonPass in Proton services.

7 Conclusion

In conclusion, Proton Technologies has established itself as a trusted privacy service provider, providing users with a comprehensive set of solutions designed to protect their online privacy and security. With a commitment to user privacy, transparency, and innovation, Proton continues to lead the way in empowering individuals to protect their digital identities.

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