How to create a throw away email address

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Introduction

This article is a prerequisite piece for a series of articles on non-KYC Bitcoin. In it, I go over how to use https://cock.li/ to create a throw away email address using random characters. I focus on cock.li because they do not require email or SMS verification, unlike alternative platforms, such as ProtonMail or Google. By using a throw away email, users can avoid giving their real information when utilizing services across platforms. This will come in handy when acquiring non-KYC Bitcoin. Below, I provide a few examples of how a throw away email can be used, discuss the use of Tor browser, randomizing strings, registering and accessing a cock.li email address, and touch on alternative throw away email services.

Use case examples

Example 1: Bob wants to create a Telegram account but does not want his phone number associated with it. He can create an email address at cock.li to register an account with https://textverfied.com/, a platform that will allow him to bypass using his real phone number on Telegram. Once Bob has created his cock.li email and registered on Text Verified, he can proceed to create an account on Telegram as a pseudonymous user. Bob abandons his Text Verified account because he does not need it anymore.

Example 2: Alice created her Twitter account last year for networking. Recently, she has been posting things that some of her colleagues do not agree with and it has caused her to lose some connections. Alice wants to maintain her networking account but also wants to be able to express her thoughts without losing anymore connections. Alice can create an email at cock.li to register a new pseudonymous account on Twitter. Now she can maintain her networking handle as strictly business and possess an alternative handle with which she can express her non-networking thoughts. She can hold on to this email as long as she wants.

Example 3: A live music festival is being streamed only on Twitch, but to watch Jane needs to register on the platform. She has never needed a Twitch account before and never thought she would. Jane does not want to use her real email, so she created an email on cock.li and registered on Twitch with it. She enjoyed the show and was able to participate in the chat room. At the end of the show, she closes her browser, never to use the email or Twitch account again.

Tor

To get started, the best practice is to create a throw away email through Tor browser. By using Tor, it obfuscates your IP address which enhances online privacy. Download Tor on your computer or phone, if you have not done so already, by navigating to a private window on your default browser and searching for https://www.torproject.org/download/ or by searching the app store. Once downloaded, open Tor browser, connect to the internet, and go to https://cock.li/register/. Here you will register an email address. I strongly suggest you randomize the username and password, which I will discuss below. Leave this tab open for

now. If anything in the following process does not work due to some query issue, close the browser, and try again until you get it done.
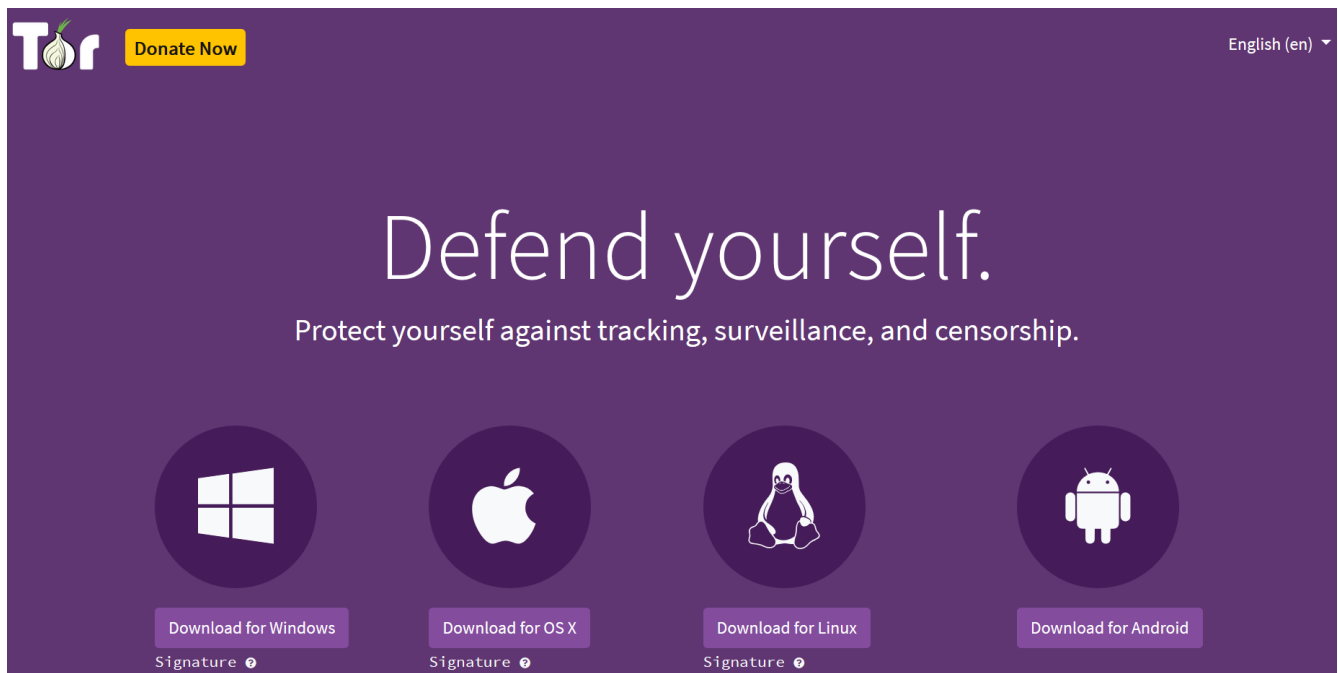

Figure 1: Tor browser download webpage

Randomizing email and password

In a new tab, generate a random set of strings representing username and password by going to https://www.random.org/strings/. By using random characters, you avoid injecting your biases into the username or password. Generate two random strings, each ten characters long. The length is arbitrary, however, some accounts have a minimum username or password length requirement, such as at least seven characters. Ten will do in most cases. Select "Numeric digits", "Uppercase letters", and "Lowercase letters" to add variability. Select the option "Each string should be unique" and "Get Strings". The webpage will produce the two random strings. For example, I got:

    ULieezoOFa
    7S7BrrHiQz

Registering and accessing a cock.li email

Now that you have the two random strings, go back to the cock.li registration tab. Leave the random string tab open. Copy and paste the username and password strings in the respective fields, enter the captcha, agree to terms and service, and register. You are now the proud owner of a cock.li email address! Note, if you prefer to write it down rather than copy and paste, which I encourage you to do, test it to make sure you got the right characters written. For example, a capital "I" looks a lot like a lowercase "l", depending on the text font.
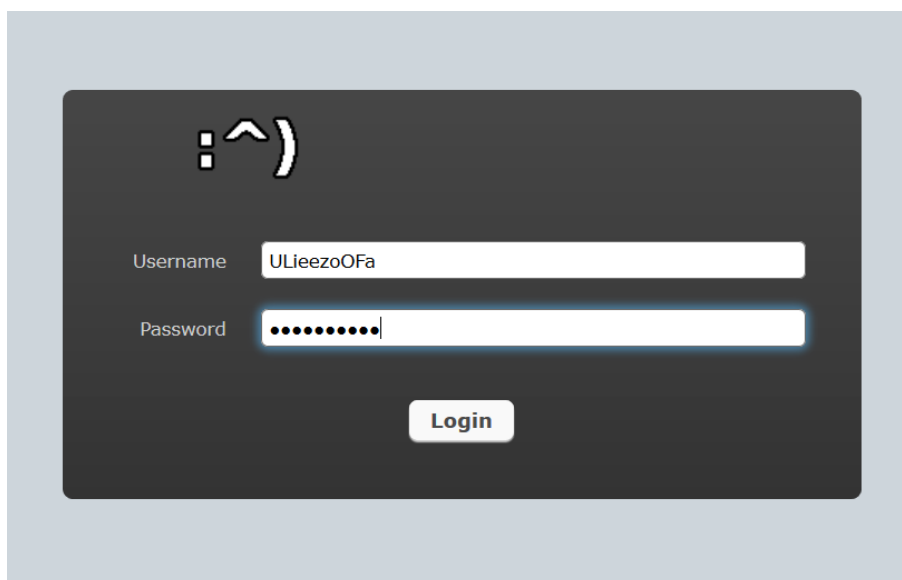

Figure 2: Cock.li login

Go back to the home https://cock.li/ page and scroll down to "Hidden Services". Select the "webmail" .onion link. Using the .onion webpage is better for privacy. At the login screen, copy and paste the username and password you created to login. Remember to include "@cock.li" at the end of your username when logging in (i.e., UlieezoOFa@cock.li). From here you can use the email for whatever you want. For example, you can create an account on a given platform, use it once, and throw it away. Or you can save the login information to continue having access to the given account until you decide to throw it away. Either way, avoid using personal information, such as name, when creating the account on the given platform to maintain anonymity. Also, use the randomly generated password for the given account too. If you will be saving it for later access, I recommend you copy and paste the username and password into a .txt file. Leave yourself notes so you know what it was used for, like so:

Twitch account 2020.09.06
UlieezoOFa@cock.li
7S7BrrHiQz

Once you have accomplished what you set out to do with the throw away email address, you may close Tor browser. Remember, if you do not save your login info you will no longer have access to the e-mailbox or account. If you want to return to your e-mailbox, return to the https://cock.li/ home page and scroll to the hidden services "webmail" link in Tor browser to login.

Alternative throw away email services

There are alternative services that can be used as a throw away email, such as: https://www.guerrillamail.com/ and https://www.throwawaymail.com/en. With these, however, you cannot rely on being able to access the same email at a later time or that it will be accepted by the given platform. From my experience, I have had more success using cock.li than using these alternative services. I will not discourage you from experimenting with these across platforms if you need a quick throw away. However, if it is not accepted, create a cock.li account. Should your experience be anything like mine, your default will become cock.li.

Conclusion

In this article, I discussed how to create a throw away email over Tor using https://cock.li/. By creating a throw away email, users can avoid using their real information when signing up for a service or platform. They can use it once as a throw away or save it for later use until no longer needed. Learning how to create a throw away email is a prerequisite for acquiring non-KYC Bitcoin, which is discussed in other articles. The method described above, can be used to create as many throw away emails as you need, Bitcoin related or not. Lastly, consider donating to cock.li for their services. A donation of at least $5 USD will make you eligible to receive a testimonial that displays on the front page. These testimonials are displayed randomly and do not expire.

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