

Tailscale Account Setup Recommendations

Tailscale does not support sign-up with email addresses since it relies on third-party MFA (Google, GitHub, etc.) rather than its own authentication system. GitHub is the recommended method for enhanced security.

If you have a main GitHub account for work, it's generally recommended to use separate GitHub accounts or a dedicated machine user for Tailscale. For most users with a technical background, GitHub is a highly recommended and secure choice.

Installing Tailscale:

For Linux:

1. Install Tailscale:

```
curl -fsSL https://tailscale.com/install.sh | sh
```

2. Enable connection:

```
sudo tailscale up
```

This will provide a link to set up Tailscale using your Gmail/GitHub account.

For Windows:

Download Tailscale: <https://tailscale.com/download/windows>

Troubleshoot in tailscale

If you happen to change your mind to use different account to set up tailscale, but you already set up with your first account

- a. Go to setting and delete tailscale
- b. Clear browser cache, to avoid it asks you to authorize tailscale with your old account set up

Tailscale Troubleshooting

If you changed your mind and want to use a different account after already setting up with your first account:

1. Go to Settings and delete Tailscale
2. Clear browser cache to avoid being asked to authorize with your old account

To Reinstall with Different Account:

1. Stop the Tailscale service:

```
sudo systemctl stop tailscaled
```

2. Remove the Tailscale package:

```
sudo apt remove tailscale
```

3. To also remove configuration files:

```
sudo apt purge tailscale
```

4. Remove residual configuration/state files and repository information:

```
sudo rm -rf /var/lib/tailscale
```

```
sudo rm -rf /etc/apt/sources.list.d/tailscale.list
```

5. Reinstall following the installation steps above