



# HOW TO USE THE TOR BROWSER ON MICROSOFT WINDOWS

The Tor Browser is a customised version of the Mozilla Firefox web browser that makes it easy to protect your browsing activity by passing it through the Tor network.

## INSTALLATION

To install the Tor Browser on Windows, navigate to the link below. Do not use any other source and do not proceed if you receive a certificate error.

<https://www.torproject.org/download/>

Expand the 'Microsoft Windows' section and click the 'Download Tor Browser' button:



Save the downloaded file somewhere sensible, and then open it to install the Tor Browser. You will be asked to choose a location for the browser to be installed into. Your user folder is probably a good choice.

## FIRST LAUNCH

When you first launch the Tor Browser, you will see a prompt (below) asking you whether you wish to connect directly to the Tor network.

Which of the following best describes your situation?

I would like to connect directly to the Tor network.  
This will work in most situations.

This computer's Internet connection is censored or proxied.  
I need to configure bridge or local proxy settings.

If you wish to connect to Tor from a country with heavily censored internet access, please seek additional information and advice before choosing to directly connect to Tor at the above prompt.

In most cases, UK users will want to select the option to connect directly to the Tor network.

## SETTINGS

The Tor Browser features a security panel (referred to as the 'Onion Menu') which has a slider to adjust the browser's security level:

Security Level

High **At this security level, all browser features are enabled.**  
This provides the most usable experience.

Medium-High

Medium-Low

☒ Low (default)

☐ Custom Values

Some features of a normal web browser may reveal your identity to a site, or make you vulnerable to attacks. Turning the security slider to a high setting disables these features, making you safer from well-funded attackers who can interfere with your Internet connection or use new unknown bugs in these features.

Unfortunately, turning off these features can make some websites unusable. The default low setting is fine for everyday privacy protection, but you can set it to high if you are worried about sophisticated attackers, or if you don't mind that some websites may display incorrectly.

For security purposes, the Tor Project team recommend you do not install additional Add-ons into the Tor Browser, as they may interfere with how Tor works and cause the browser to leak your identity to the sites you visit.

## USAGE

That's it! You may now use the Tor Browser to browse the internet while maintaining privacy and anonymity.

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