

Browsing Anonymously

A walk-through of safe(r) browsing recommendations.

This guide will provide practical advice for multiple threat-levels.

Threat	Description
Level 1	Privacy for Family & Friends, Browsing on Public Computers
Level 2	Personal/Identity Concerns, ISP Logging, Geographic Restrictions
Level 3	Law Enforcement, Journalists, Bloggers, Activists, Lawyers
Level 4	Whistle-Blowers, Intelligence Operators, State-Level Threats

Disclaimer:

- We are not lawyers, and this is not legal advice.
- Technology is constantly evolving, and this information could be outdated at any moment.
- Following this advice does not guarantee anonymity against every threat.
- You accept the responsibility for your actions and the repercussions of following this advice.

That said, **we believe all individuals should have awareness in regards to their personal privacy**, and browsing activity is one of the most exploited areas of the internet.

There are many reasons a person may want or need anonymity. For more information about such cases, [The Tor Project \(https://www.torproject.org/about/torusers.html.en\)](https://www.torproject.org/about/torusers.html.en) has great demonstrations of several legitimate applications.

Level 1 - Basic Private Browsing

This is where most general users will be. These recommendations will only be useful against other non-technical threats. If you have any concerns about privacy that goes beyond the most basic protection, realize this level will do ZERO to protect you from a more sophisticated threat. If you're using a public terminal you'll definitely want to follow these steps.

Use your browser in “private” mode.

This prevents your browser from saving a browsing history and caching any cookies or data. Once you end your session and close the browser window, all local evidence is gone.

PLEASE REMEMBER: *an IT admin at work, a user on your local network, an ISP, and state-level agencies can still capture packets and analyze your traffic. A majority of this traffic is unencrypted. If you care about this, escalate to a higher level.*

Select your browser:
Mozilla Firefox (https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/private-browsing-use-firefox-without-history)
Google Chrome (https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95464?hl=en)
Safari (OSX) (https://support.apple.com/kb/PH19216?locale=en_US)
Safari (iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch) (https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT203036)
Internet Explorer (http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows7/protect-your-privacy-using-internet-explorer-9)
Microsoft Edge (http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-10/browse-inprivate-in-microsoft-edge)

Clear your cache, cookies, and history.

If you forgot to browse in a private mode, or want to make sure everything is clean by your own doing, you'll need to clear the cache and history for your browser manually.

Select your browser:
Mozilla Firefox (https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/how-clear-firefox-cache)
Google Chrome (https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95582?hl=en)
Safari (OSX) (https://help.apple.com/safari/mac/9.0/#/sfri11471)
Safari (iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch) (https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201265)
Internet Explorer (http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows7/how-to-delete-your-browsing-history-in-internet-explorer-9)
Microsoft Edge (http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-10/view-delete-browsing-history-microsoft-edge)

Level 2 - Browsing Via Proxy

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Level 3 - Utilizing Encryption

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Level 4 - Advanced Anonymity

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