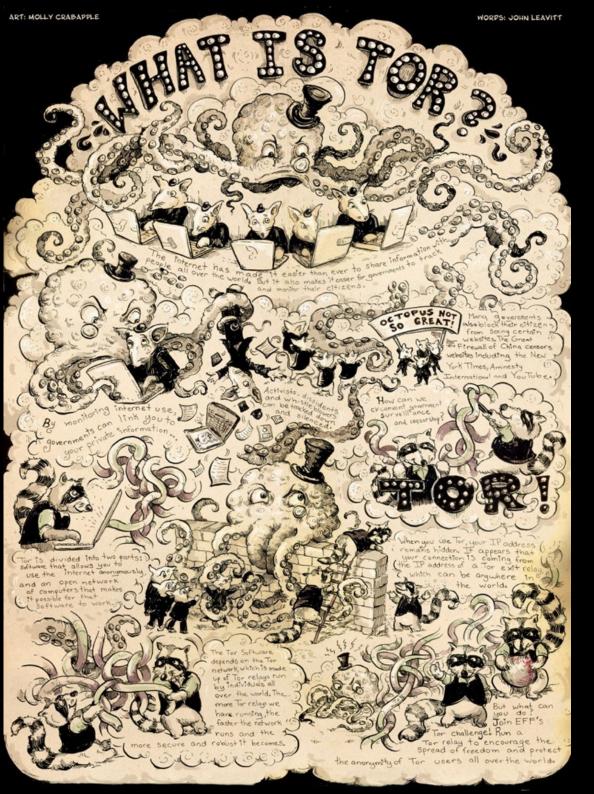
# YΣ13 Computer Security Anonymous Communication



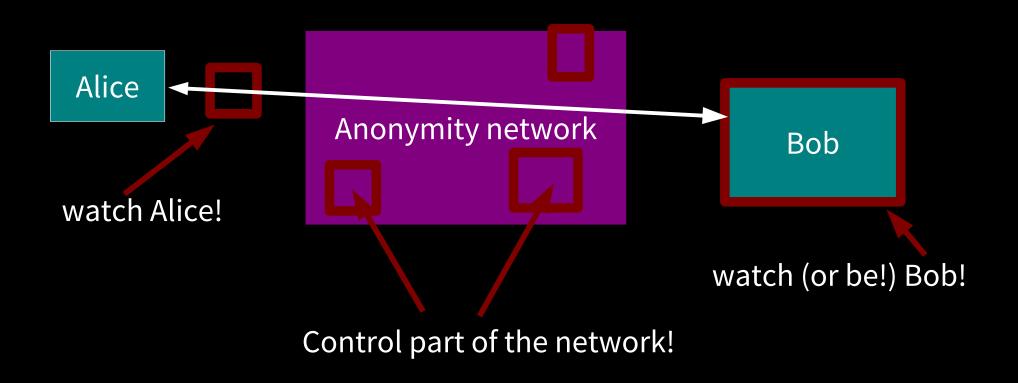
- Online Anonymity &
   Censorship
   Circumvention
  - Open Source
  - Open Network
- Community of researchers, developers, users and relay operators.
- U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

### Tor's History

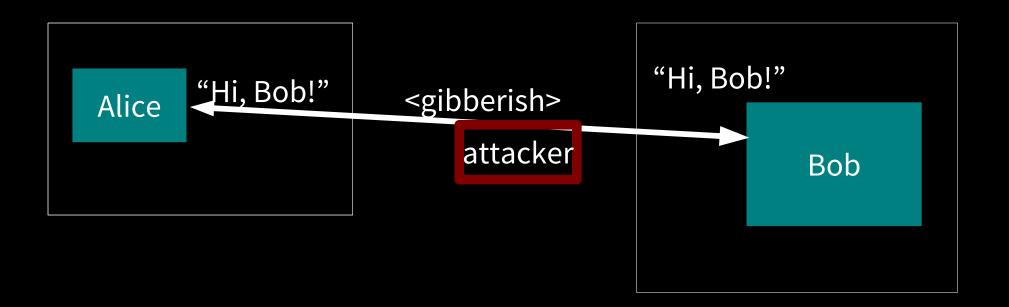
- 1990s: Onion routing for privacy online
- Early 2000s: Working with NRL
- 2004: Sponsorship by EFF
- 2006: The Tor Project, Inc became a nonprofit
- 2007: Expansion to anti-censorship
- 2008: Tor Browser development
- 2010: Arab spring
- 2013: Snowden revelations



## Threat model: what can the attacker do?



## Anonymity isn't encryption: Encryption just protects contents.



Metadata

Data about data

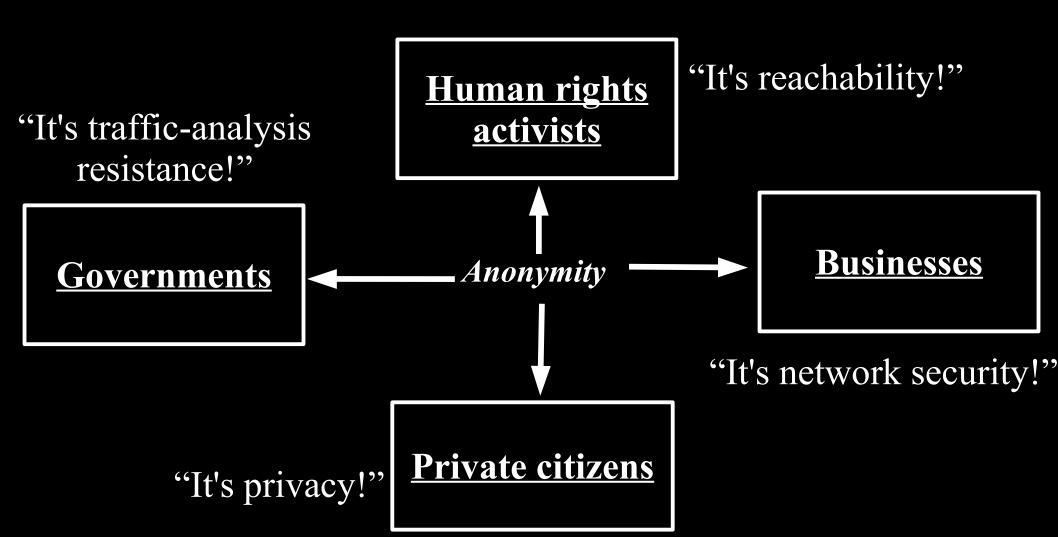
"Metadata was traditionally in the card catalogs of libraries"

-- Wikipedia

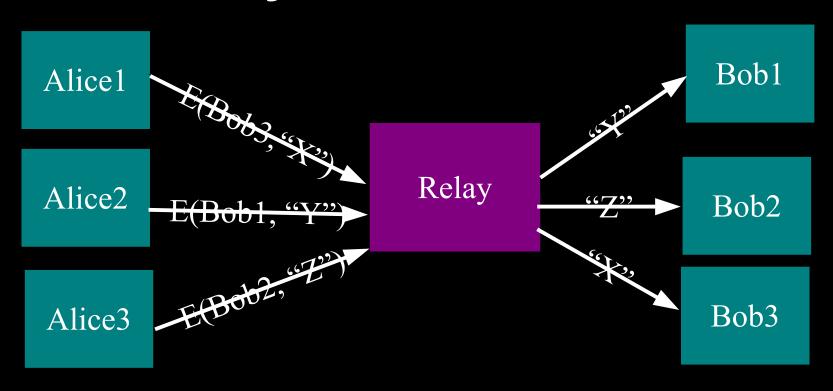


"We kill people based on metadata"

## Anonymity serves different interests for different user groups.

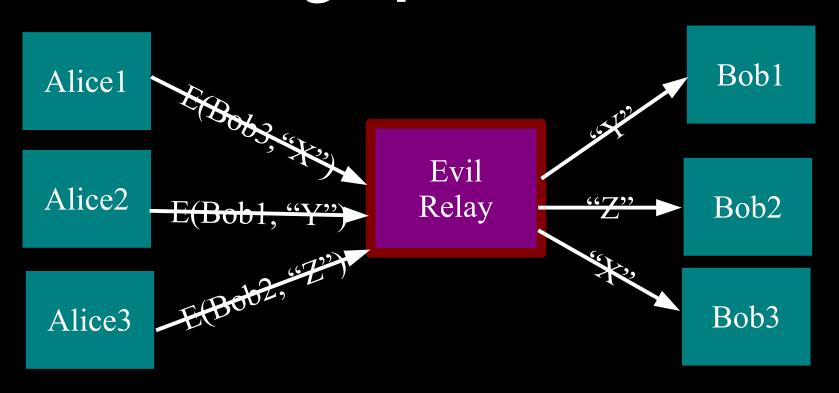


## The simplest designs use a single relay to hide connections.

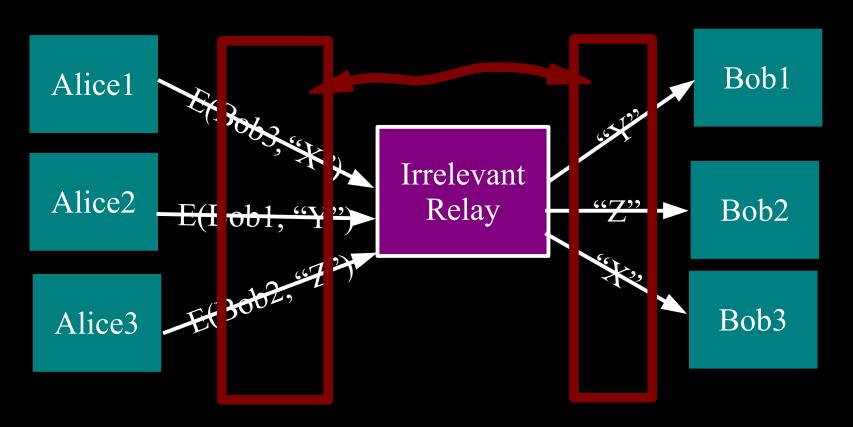


(example: some commercial proxy providers)

# But a central relay is a single point of failure.

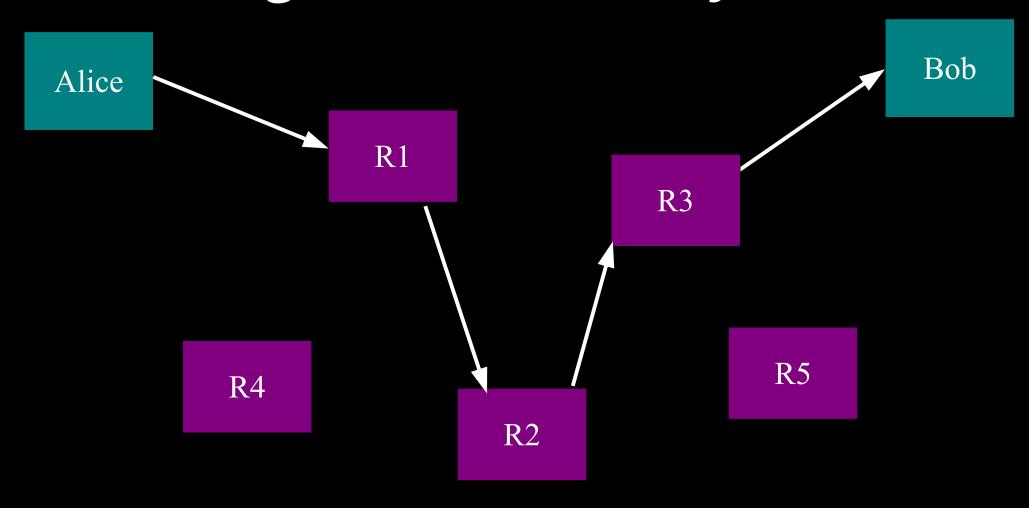


## ... or a single point of bypass.

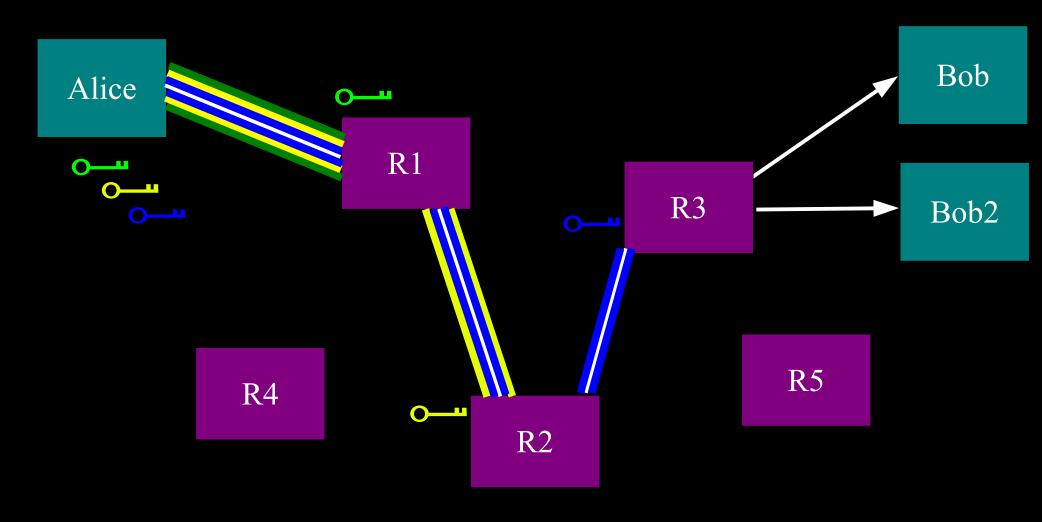


Timing analysis bridges all connections through relay ⇒ An attractive fat target

# So, add multiple relays so that no single one can betray Alice.



## Alice makes a session key with R1 ... And then tunnels to R2... and to R3





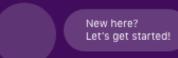






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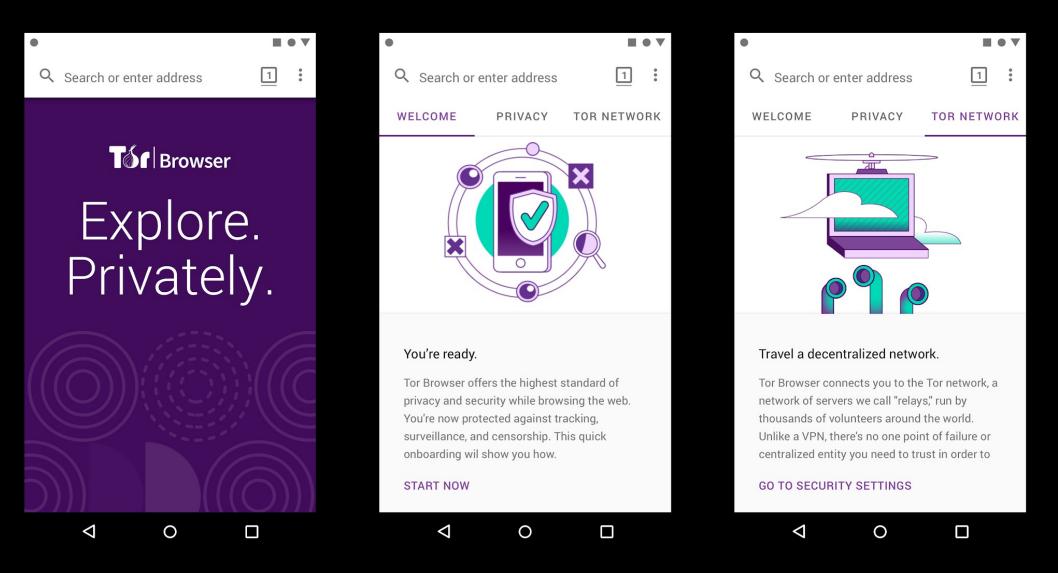




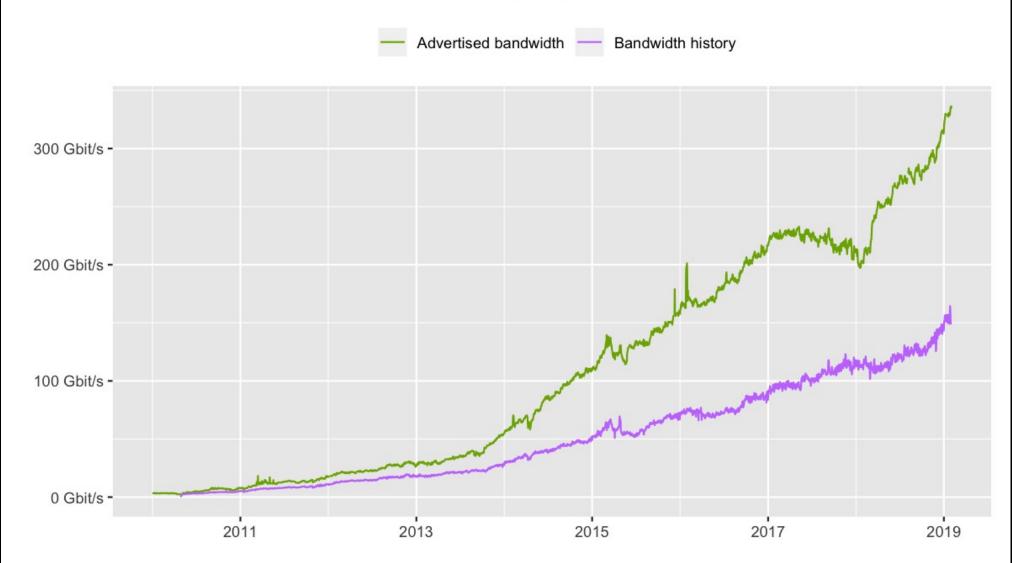
### Explore. Privately.

You're ready for the world's most private browsing experience.





#### Total relay bandwidth



The Tor Project - https://metrics.torproject.org/

## Tor's safety comes from diversity

- #1: Diversity of relays. The more relays we have and the more diverse they are, the fewer attackers are in a position to do traffic confirmation. (Research problem: measuring diversity over time)
- #2: Diversity of users and reasons to use it. 50000 users in Iran means almost all of them are normal citizens.

I'm a political activist, part of a semi-criminalized minority. In my younger years I entered the public debate openly, and as a result got harassed by government agencies. I later tried to obfuscate my identity, but I found that my government has surprisingly broad powers to track down dissidents.

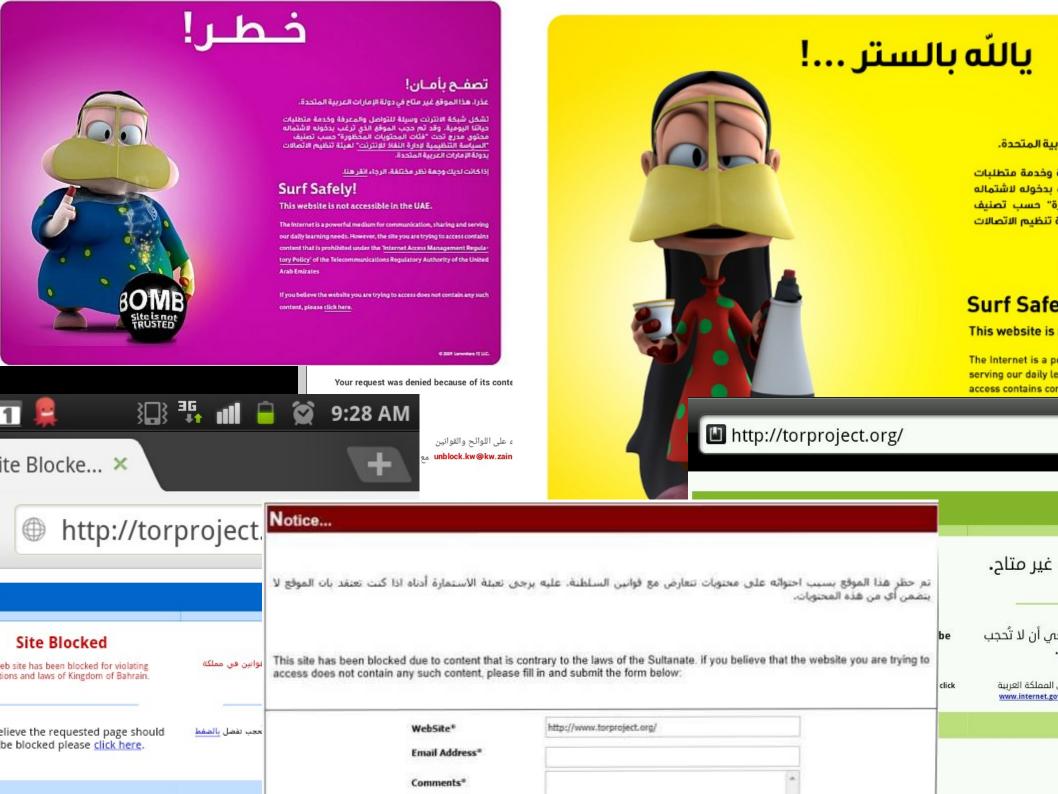
Only by using anonymizing means, among which Tor is key, can I get my message out without having police come to "check my papers" in the middle of the night. Tor allows me freedom to publish my message to the world without being personally persecuted for it.

Being a dissident is hard enough, privacy is already heavily curtailed, so anonymized communication is a godsend.

I'm a doctor in a very political town. I have patients who work on legislation that can mean billions of dollars to major telecom, social media, and search concerns.

When I have to do research on diseases and treatment or look into aspects of my patients' histories, I am well aware that my search histories might be correlated to patient visits and leak information about their health, families, and personal lives. I use Tor to do much of my research when I think there is a risk of correlating it to patient visits.

- Anonymous Tor User





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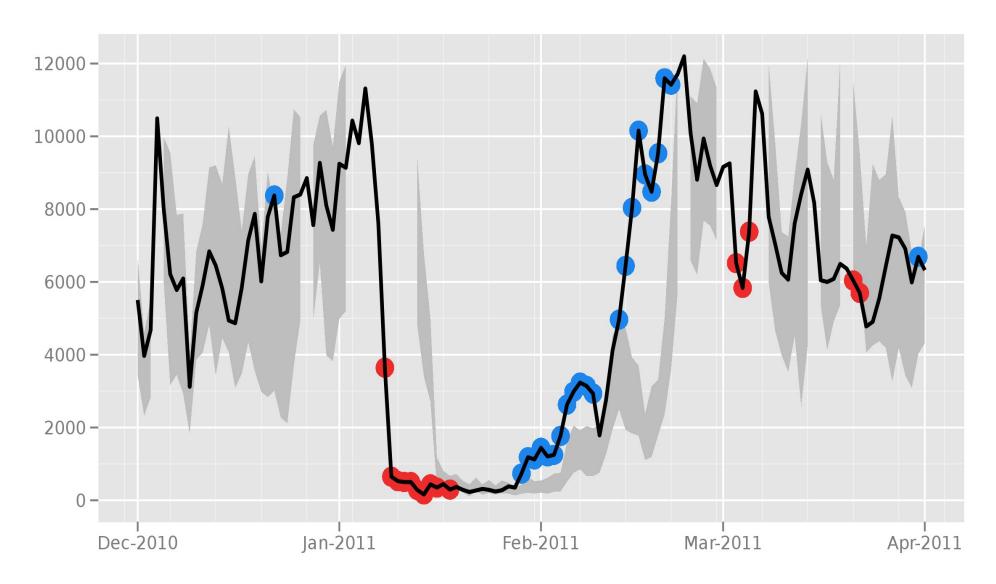
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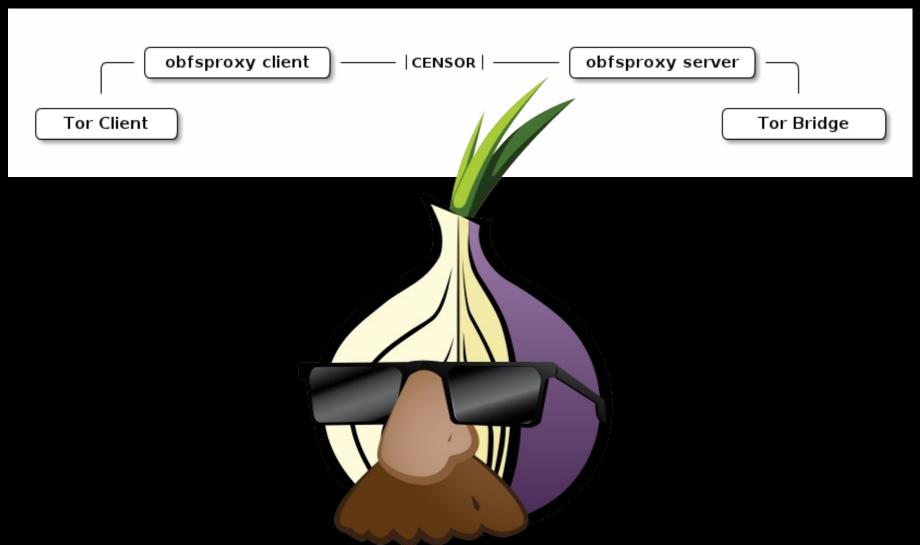
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#### Directly connecting users from the Islamic Republic of Iran



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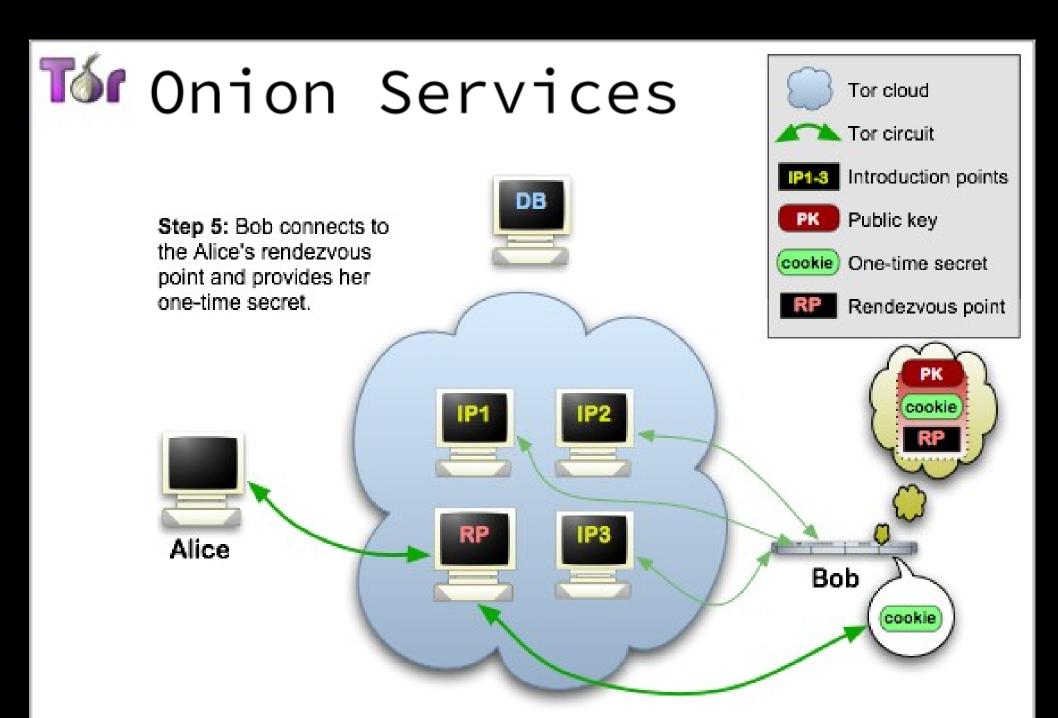
## Pluggable transports

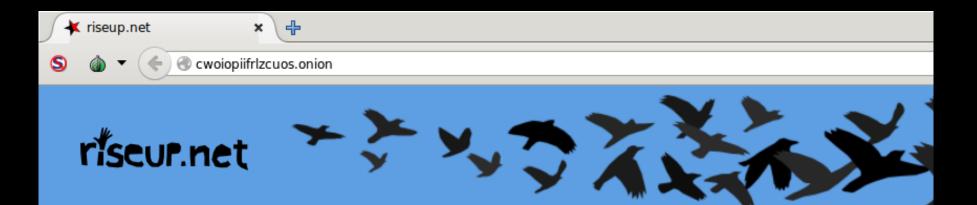


"I live in Iran and I have been using Tor for censorship circumvention. During political unrest while the government tightens grip on other censorship circumvention alternatives, Tor with obfuscation plugins remain the only solution.

Tor changed my personal life in many ways. It made it possible to access information on Youtube, Twitter, Blogger and countless other sites.

I am grateful of Tor Project, people working on it as well as people running Tor nodes."





#### **Welcome to Riseup Black**

This is the home of the Riseup "Black" services, our new enhanced security VPN and (soon) En application.

**Important:** To avoid possible issues, you will need to create a new account (this means a n services. But don't fear, you will be later able to use your current username if you want.



Log In

Log in to change your account settings or create support tickets for Riseup Black services.

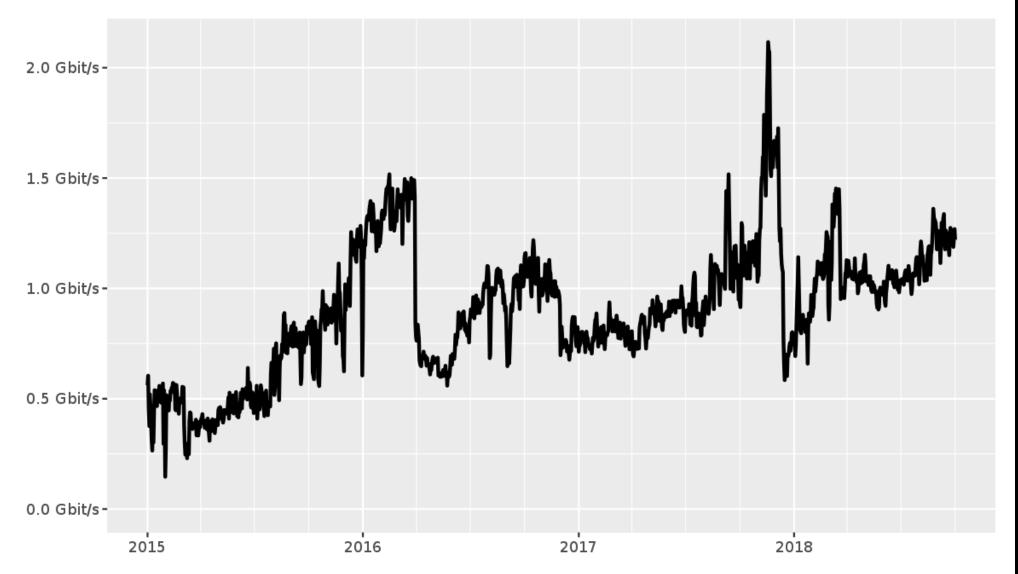
Sign Up

Create a new user account for Riseup
Black. For greater security, we strongly
recommend you create your account via
the Bitmask application instead.
Remember: to avoid possible issues, you
cannot use your current riseup.net
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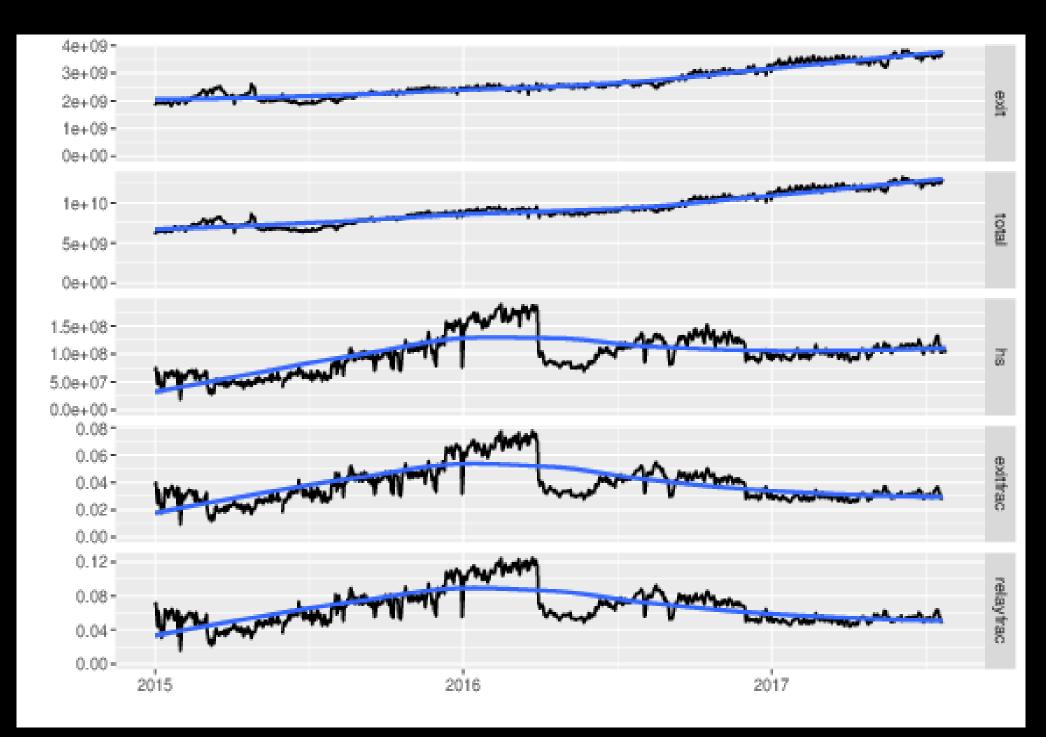
## Onion service properties

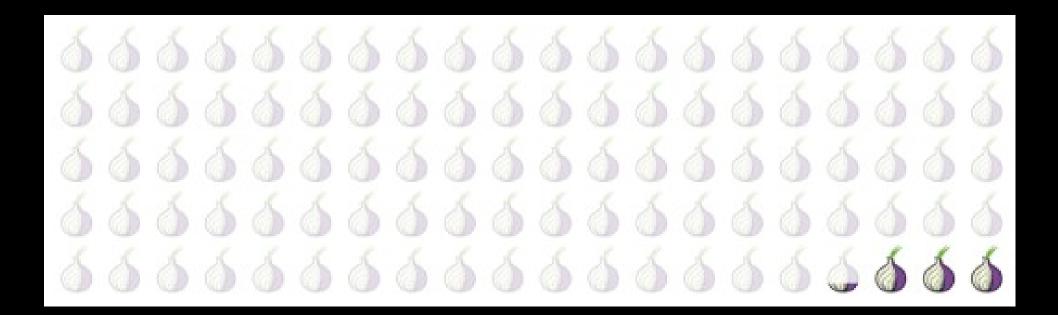
- Self authenticated
- End-to-end encrypted
- Built-in NAT punching
- Limit surface area
- No need to "exit" from Tor

#### Onion-service traffic



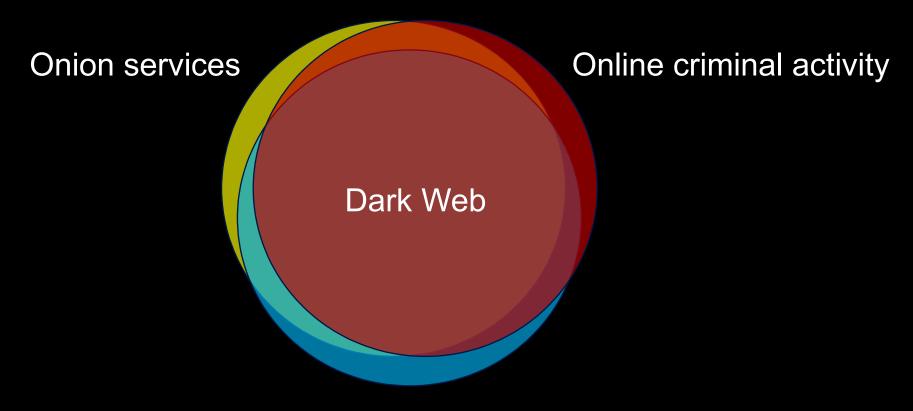
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#### The "Dark Web" as popularly depicted



Unindexed Websites not generally reachable

Onion services Online criminal activity

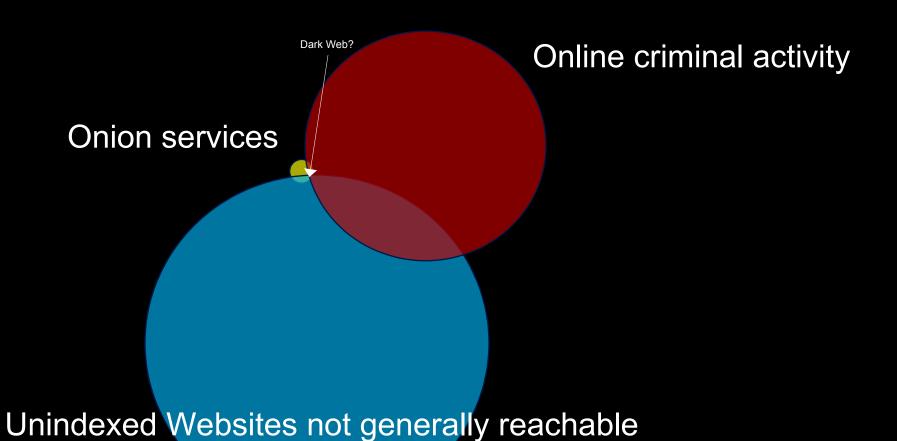
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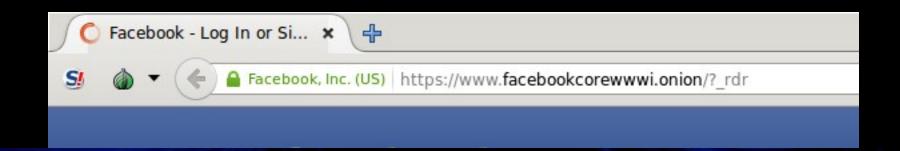
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#### **Scale also matters**





### 1 Million People use Facebook over Tor



People who choose to communicate over Tor do so for a variety of reasons related to privacy, security and safety. As we've written previously it's important to us to provide methods for people to use our services securely – particularly if they lack reliable methods to do so.

This is why in the last two years we built the Facebook onion site and onionmobile site, helped standardise the ".onion" domain name, and implemented Tor connectivity for our Android mobile app by enabling connections through Orbot.

### SecureDrop



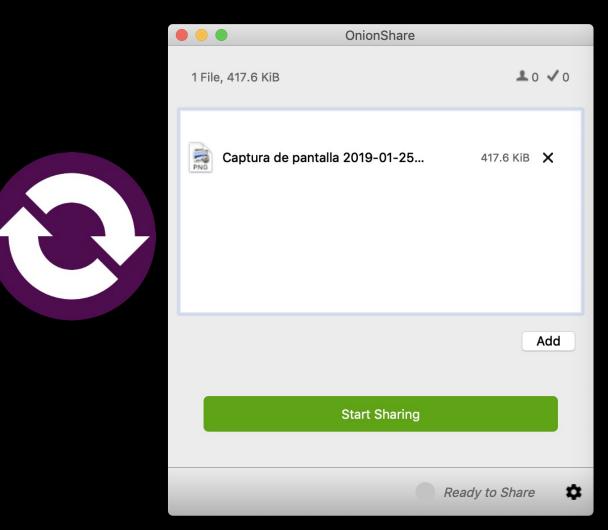


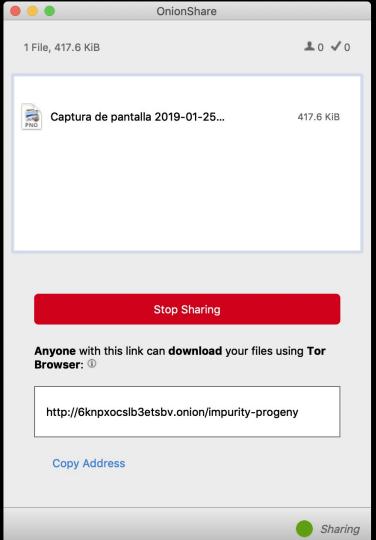




Today, 75+ organizations use SecureDrop https://securedrop.org/directory

## OnionShare





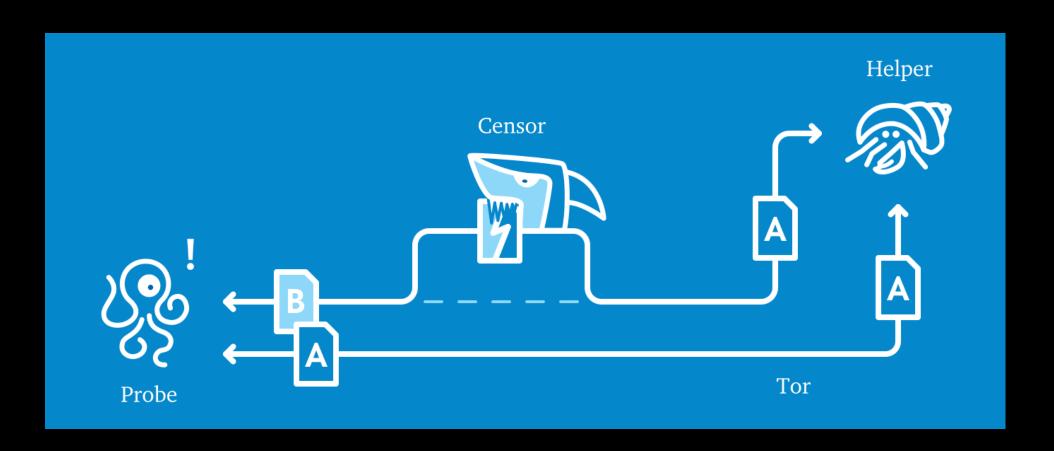
## Tor isn't foolproof

- Opsec mistakes
- Browser metadata fingerprints
- Browser exploits
- Traffic analysis

## How can you help?

- Run a relay (or a bridge)
- Teach your friends about Tor, and privacy in general
- Help find -- and fix bugs
- Work on open research problems (petsymposium.org)

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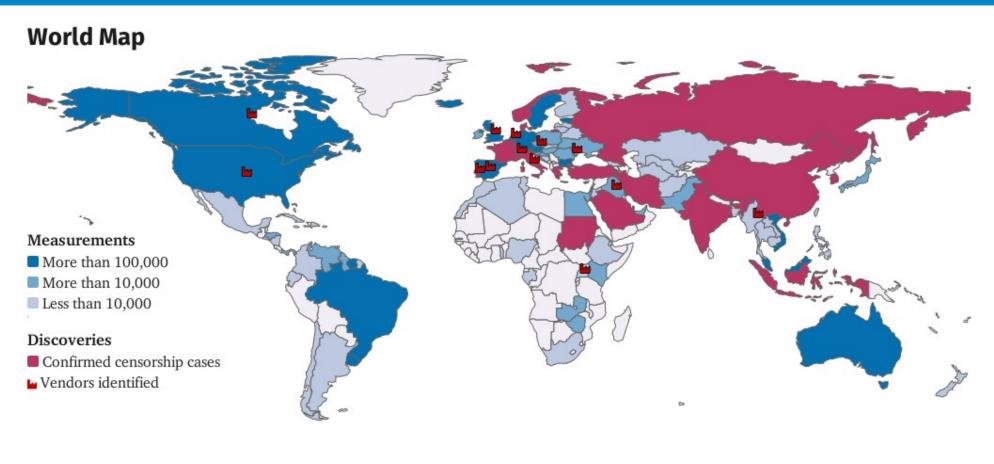
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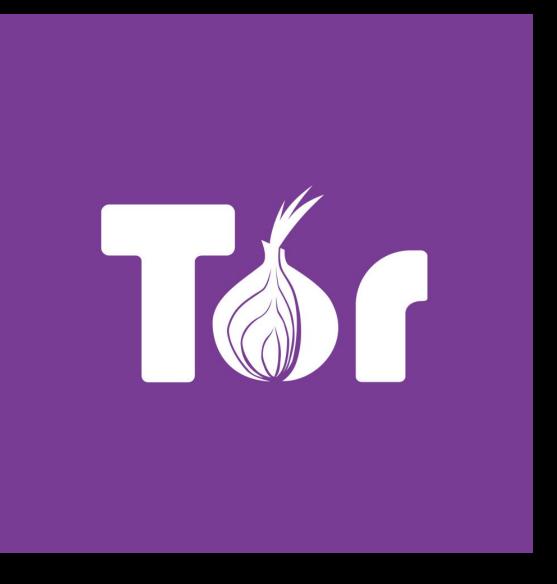
**Explorer** 

**Highlights** 

About



## **Questions?**



### YS13 Ασκηση #2:

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- Ζητούμενα (με προτεινόμενη σειρά):
  - 1) Πού είναι ο Γιώργος αυτή τη στιγμή;
  - 2) Ποιό είναι το hobby της Υβόνης, και ποιό το τελευταίο συστατικό που της λείπει;
- Προθεσμία παράδοσης: 9 Ιουνίου 2019, 12 τα μεσάνυχτα
- Βαθμολόγηση:

Ομαδική – Ιδιες ομάδες με την πρώτη.

Η βαθμολογία θα γίνει ανάλογα με την ταχύτητα λύσης και την ποιότητα της τελικής έκθεσης.

Η τελική έκθεση θα πρέπει να έχει πλήρη περιγραφή του attack, μαζί με το source code που γράφτηκε, και ο,τιδήποτε άλλο χρειάστηκε.

Στείλτε τις απαντήσεις και τα reports στο: ys13@chatzi.org

Θα δοθούν hints στο piazza αν χρειαστεί.