Title: Locking Down Privacy Online - VPN, Web Browsers, Linux. Here are my recommendations!
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I am very much still learning, but if anyone wants to lock down privacy online, here are my recommendations. Let me know if you have anything to add (or criticize)!

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If you text or call and want to stay private, use **Signal**. It is encryption for calls and texts so that only you and the recipient can see the contents of the message or call. It is open source and community vetted.

Use a **VPN** – one that is not based in the US and one that uses RAM-Only servers. Pay for it. This hides what websites you are visiting from your ISP, it hides your location from websites (your ip address), and it protects anything you send over the network from being snooped on by anyone else on the network (think public wifi). I do not go online without a VPN.

Use **Firefox** and enable https, do not track, etc. Basically go through all the settings and disable 95% of everything. Or..

Tor browser – anonymous browsing of the internet. You don't really have to enable anything like firefox (there are three settings normal, strict, strickest? or something) and it is designed for security

Facebook & Google – I have read that they have been censoring people regarding certain stocks

Linux (ubuntu, fedora, kali) (Apple is a branch of linux)– open source operating system, vetted, the community just removed whole University's contributions due to them intentionally testing malicious code. They take security seriously.

LibreOffice! - just like your favorite text editor, sheet calculator?, and slide presenting program, but open source and free!

Proton Mail – anonymous encrypted email!

For more info, check out **DuckDuckGo**'s tips! They are the real privacy
OGhttps://spreadprivacy.com/tag/device-privacy-tips/

Stay safe out there! :)

Links to my other posts:

[How One Can Change The World](https://www.reddit.com/user/TheLunarnautics/comments/nxm7yo/how_one_can_change_the_world/)

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