More Virtual Private Network Options for China-Based Internet Users

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In an [archived post](#), I recommended two virtual private network (VPN) solutions for internet users based in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Since the PRC government implements a very strict internet regulation, users need VPNs to access blocked websites and applications in that country.

Today, I am offering two more VPN options for PRC-based internet users. As I mentioned in that post, censorship is good only if it is designed for the good of the people instead of a small subset of the population such as members of a political party. I believe people have the right to gain access to information and use their free will to judge whether the information is credible.

Yesterday, I tried two more VPNs – Hotspot Shield and RusVPN. Both are free of charge and work perfectly in the PRC. The only difference is that Hotspot Shield is an independent desktop application while RusVPN is a browser extension. I have discussed the difference between these two types of VPN in that archived post. If you have not read it yet, you can go to the May 2021 archives to find that article.

I have tried both VPNs and prefer RusVPN, the browser extension, more. Hotspot Shield has a daily data limit of 500MB. You can run out of data very fast unless you pay for the service. Sometimes, Hotspot Shield requires multiple attempts to connect to the servers outside the PRC. RusVPN has never failed me so far. It does not limit the speed or data of free users. You do not even need to set up an account to use it. It is very convenient and offers a stable connection. I highly recommend RusVPN for all of you. The browser extension is available for Chrome and Firefox. It is also offered as an independent application like Hotspot Shield.

Moving forward, I will test more VPN services and recommend them to you all. I believe it is imperative and a basic right to have equal access to information. No one should gain advantage through asymmetric information access. As data becomes increasingly important, information is not only an asset but also an infrastructure. Nobody should take it away from others without proper reasons – not even rules and laws imposed by governments.

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