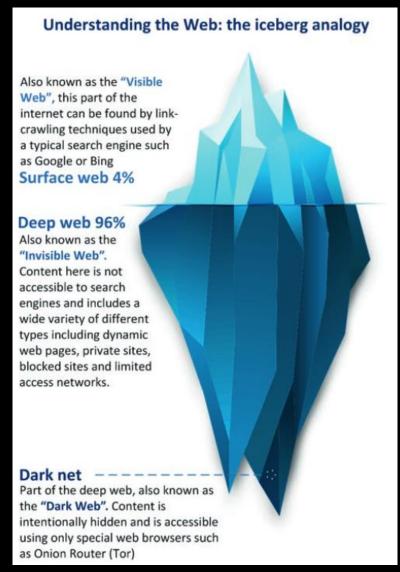
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Demystifying the Dark Web

Introduction



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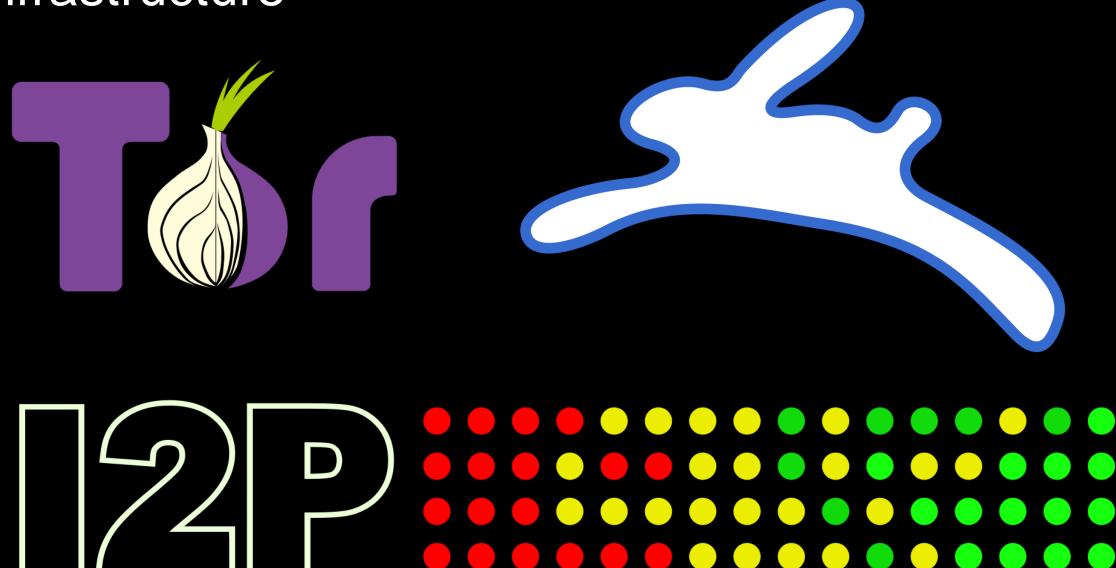
Dark Web Users

- Journalists
- People in countries facing censorship
- Criminals (cybercriminals, drug/arms dealers etc)
- Whistleblowers
- Privacy-minded people

Services on the Dark Web

- Anonymous browsing
- Anonymous messaging
- Anonymous file-sharing
- Forums (very good source of intelligence for threat hunters)
- Marketplaces

Infrastructure



Disclaimer

- Sites on the dark web might contain offensive, disturbing and illegal content.
- Do not trust any downloaded files (this should also apply to the surface web, anyway).
- Always use a VPN service to access the dark web.

Freenet

- Can be regarded as a distributed file sharing network.
- Lets you to anonymously share files and browse freesites.
- Users contribute by allocating some of their storage for the parts of files in the network. You cannot know what you are actually storing!
- Communication is encrypted and traffic is routed through outer nodes. This makes tracking the source of the communication extremely difficult.

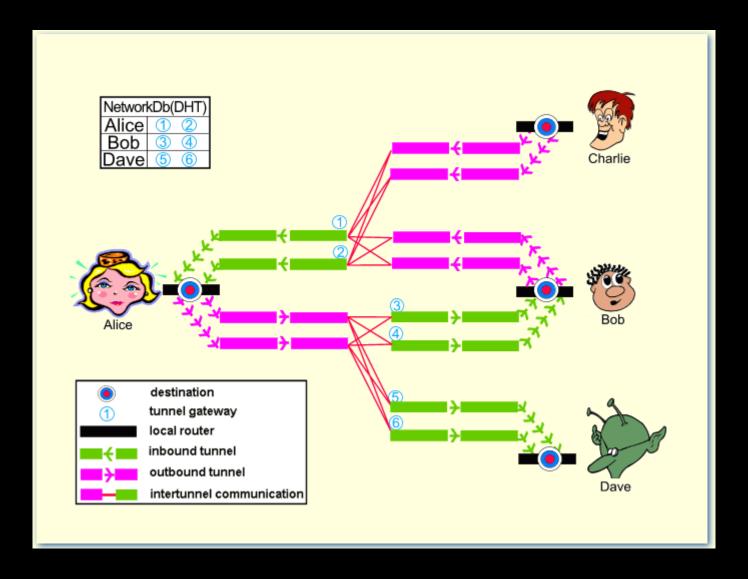
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DEMO: Connecting to Freenet

I₂P

- I2P is an overlay network that uses multiple layers of encryption to anonymise traffic.
- Its main goal is to protect communication from eavesdropping.

I2P



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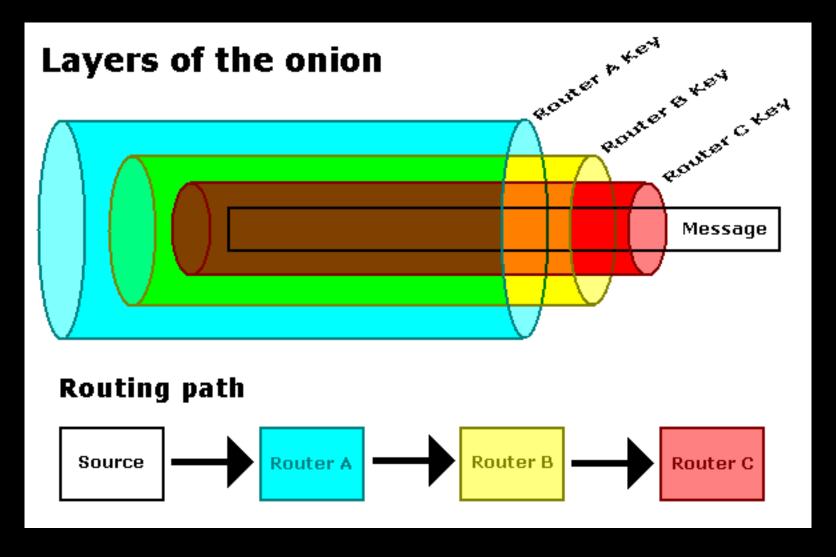
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- TOR is the most popular network to access the dark web.
- Like most things in life, it used and abused.
- TOR hidden services are only accessible within the TOR network.
- TOR users can also browse the internet while hiding their public IP address from the websites they visit.

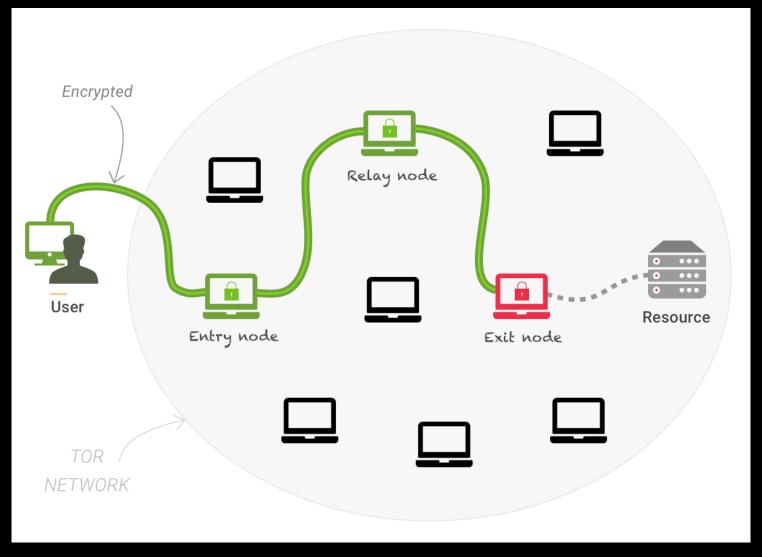


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DEMO: Understanding TOR Operation



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DEMO: Using TOR Browser

Honey TOR Nodes



HOnions: Towards Detection and Identification of Misbehaving Tor HSDirs

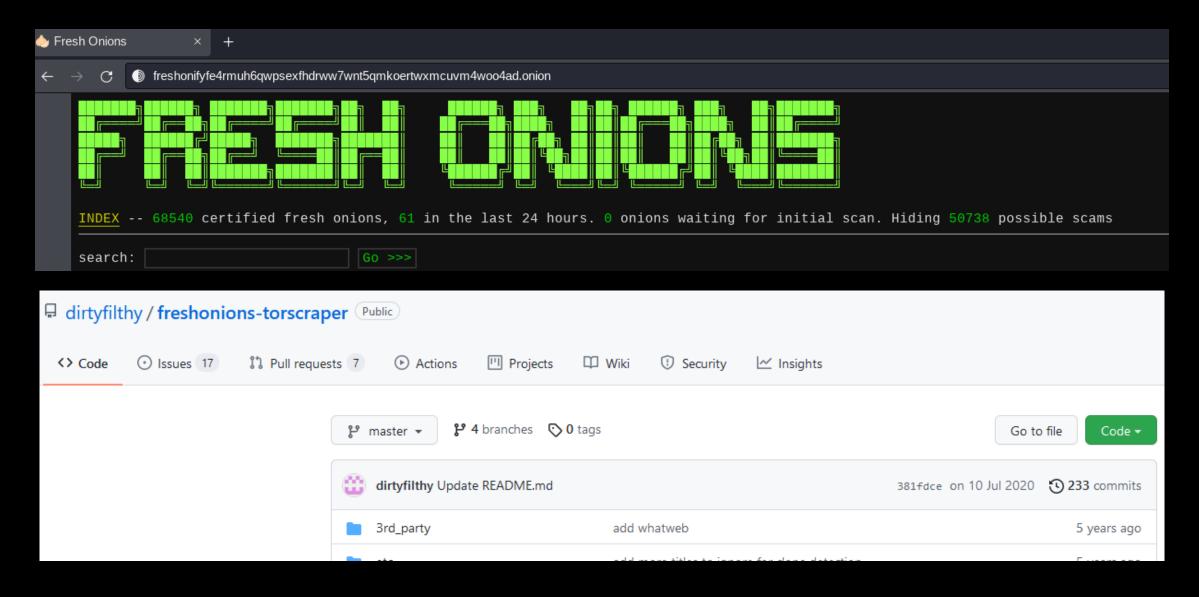
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DEMO: Using Hunchly Reports



DEMO: Using Fresh Onion

Hidden Service URL

- Version 2: 16 bytes ending with .onion
- Version 3: 56 byes ending with .onion
- Generation of addresses involves cryptographic calculations. We might be able to delve into this in a future talk ©.

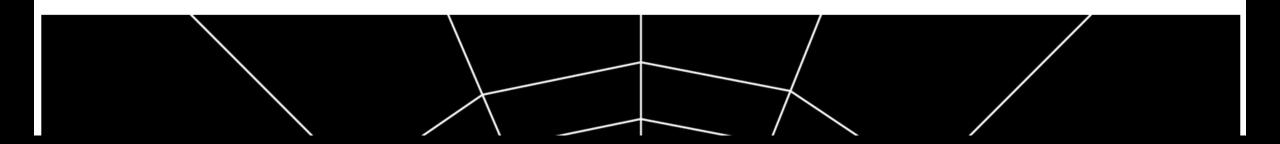
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