


Hush Line UX Comments


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To: Science & Design <hello@scidsg.org>
Key ID: C8A148E9 Exp: 2027-05-08

Please leave a contact method if you'd like a response...

 Your message will be encrypted and only readable by the owner of the address above

Submit

Original

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Science and Design Tip Line

To: Science & Design <hello@scidsg.org>

Type your anonymous message here for XYZ. If you want to be contacted, leave some way to get ahold of you.

Is this safe?
Hush Line is an open source project that allows anyone to send a message anonymously and safely. Everything is encrypted. [Click here](#) if you'd like to learn more.

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One potential direction

Goal 1: Focus

Make the text field the primary visual focus and a custom text prompt (or header to introduce the project) Make it clear what they are here to do: type a message to someone

Goal 2: User comfort

The tipster really needs to feel SAFE and in the RIGHT PLACE. I increased the TO fields size and darkened the color to make it stand out a bit more.

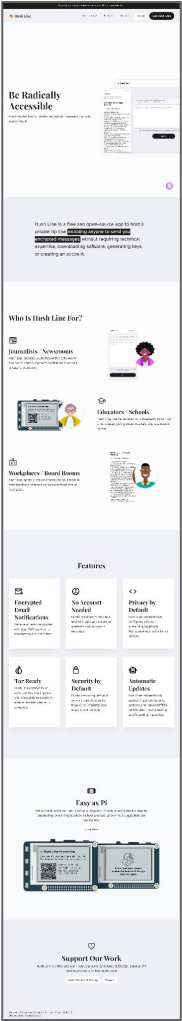
Is the KeyID necessary? Not showing it makes the ID stand out. If you keep it, make it smaller and grey text (with link to help verify)

Goal 3: Make them reflect

Before the SUBMIT button, inject a question they likely have with a link if they want to know more. (text clearly TBD)

Note: "Learn more" is gone, too vague. Also need a "Tipster page" written specifically for them.

This is the desktop webpage



This is the mobile webpage



Suggestion 1: Tighter layout style

Pick a style that is a bit more compact. It doesn't need to be cramped but the user has to work too hard to get the info.

Suggestion 2: Clean up visuals

Lots of visuals without a clear value add. Don't get rid of them but rethink them a bit, reduce their size so the key points stand out. (see next page)

Your Private Tip Line

Hush Line is a free and open-source app to host a private tip line **enabling anyone to send you encrypted messages** without requiring technical expertise, downloading software, generating keys, or creating an account.

Get the whole elevator pitch at once
Tagline, intro, and hero shot (w/o public key) all above the fold. Make it easy for them to see the whole thing at a glance.



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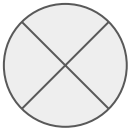
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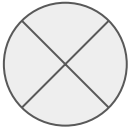
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Who's Hush Line for?



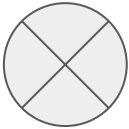
Journalists

Hush Line provides journalists a safe way for sources to send in tips with confidence that their privacy is protected.



Educators

Hush Line can be very easily installed on a Raspberry Pi with an e-ink display, giving students a safe line to a trusted person.



Workplaces

Hush Line opens a secure channel for your team to send feedback or report concerns without fear of retaliation.

Keep it tight

Focus on glance-ability so it's clear a) there are three total b) who they are and c) more detail if needed..

The images add a nice feel to the emotion of the page but can be tucked in.

Easy to Set Up



Use a Raspberry Pi

A simple image and even simpler setup. No monthly fees and all of the data is on your own device.



Your own server

A few simple commands and you're up and running in minutes.

Easy to use



No Account needed

Hush Line doesn't require a user to create an account or generate keys to leave a message.



Automatic Updates

Hush Line automatically applies important security updates and renews HTTPS certificates, making setting and forgetting it possible.

Easy Security



Privacy by Default

Hush Line automatically configures privacy-preserving logging for Nginx, making it safer for all.



Security by Default

Hush Line configures your server's content security headers to minimize your app's attack surface.

Easy Encryption



Encrypted Email Notifications

Receive an email encrypted with your PGP key when a new message is submitted.



Tor Ready

Hush Line deploys to an onion service making your site accessible to everyone, even where the internet is censored.