

How To Remain Anonymous

Becoming anonymous online is nearly impossible with how much we are tracked for information on the internet. However, there are many easy ways we can keep our data safer from both greedy corporations and criminal hackers.

Password Managers

A secure password manager will allow you to use longer, more secure and complex passwords without fear of forgetting them. We recommend Keeper Password Manager for their security and cross-platform syncing. Make sure to use a very secure password for the manager itself, or else the manager will be more harmful than good.

Two-Factor Authentication

By using two-factor authentication, you lessen the possibility of being breached by hackers who steal your password. To log onto an account with two-factor authentication, you will need the password for the account plus some additional information, such as a text code sent to your cell phone or email address. Use this when possible.

Use Trusted Web Extensions

Some web extensions will collect data from your computer that they do not need. Only use trusted web extensions, preferably ones with many reviews. While many of these will still collect your data, it will be done consensually, or with the option to select what is collected and what isn't.

VPNs

A Virtual Private Network hides your location and hides your IP address with the click of a button. Your online data is encrypted while using a VPN, which can also protect you while using public Wi-Fi. VPNs are a simple way to block out hackers from snatching data. Even a reputable free one is better than no VPN.

Limited Social Media Presence

By having much of your real life information public on social media, you are giving hackers a lot to work with. Any information can be useful to hackers in trying to intercept your data or trying to brute force their way into your accounts (by guessing thousands of passwords at a time). Other times some of that same information can be used to guess your security questions and allow a malicious user access to your accounts. Don't feel discouraged as to stay off social media all together, but be sure to take precautions as to who sees what data.

