

TASK - 8

Windscribe VPN Task Report

1. How I Set Up the VPN

I signed up for a free account on Windscribe's website. Then, I downloaded and installed their VPN app on my computer. After logging in, I connected to the "Best Location" server, which was Victoria for me. The app showed that I was connected using the WireGuard protocol, which is supposed to be fast and secure.

2. Connection Status

I've attached a screenshot showing that the VPN is on, including the new IP address I got from the VPN—103.211.17.230—and that the firewall (kill switch) is enabled to keep me safe if the VPN connection drops. It also shows I have 2GB of free data left for the month.



3. What I Checked and Found

Before connecting to the VPN, I checked my real IP address online. After turning on Windscribe, my IP changed to the VPN's server IP, which means my real location is hidden. I browsed a few secure sites and saw the HTTPS padlock, confirming my traffic is encrypted. The firewall feature was on, which adds another layer of protection. So far, my browsing speed was pretty normal, though it might slow a bit with heavy use.

4. What Windscribe Offers for Privacy

- They use strong AES-256 encryption, which keeps my data safe.
 - They don't keep logs of what I do online.
 - The firewall blocks any internet traffic if the VPN connection drops, so my real IP doesn't get exposed.
 - They have a built-in ad and tracker blocker called ROBERT.
 - The free plan gives me 10GB data per month (I have 2GB left now).
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5. Benefits and Things to Keep in Mind

Benefits:

- My real IP and location are hidden, so my privacy is better protected.
- All my internet traffic is encrypted, which stops anyone from spying on me.
- I can access websites that might be blocked or restricted in my country.

Limitations:

- There's only 10GB of free data each month, so I have to watch how much I use.
 - The free servers are fewer than premium ones, which might affect speeds sometimes.
 - I have to trust Windscribe not to log my activities or share data.
 - Using a VPN doesn't make me completely invisible online—it's just one part of staying private.
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Final Thoughts

Setting up Windscribe was easy and quick. The VPN worked well to protect my privacy and secure my browsing. This practical experience helped me understand how VPNs work and why they're useful tools for online security.