



TOR

The Onion Router

Click on the onion or go to www.torproject.org

What is it?

Something you can do that is easy! **TOR..... The Onion Router...** It is a system that sends your browsing requests through a series of computers scattered all over the world that disguise the origin of your request. It hides who and where you are. It is very easy to acquire and put into use. It is not geek stuff. You can download it and install on your computer or just load it on a memory stick and carry it with you to use on any computer you like.

The **TOR Browser Bundle** uses a customised version of Firefox running search engines that do not save any data.

Even if your searches seem benign at the time, you may not want the government or Google or anyone to develop your profile. Don't take the chance, protect your future.

How Do I Get It?

Easy. Go to the web site www.torproject.org. Take a look around the web page. A lot of good information, especially where they outline the limitations, the do's and don't's.

Look for the obvious "Download Browser Bundle" and select the package for Windows or Apple or Linux, whichever you have. Assuming Windows, click away and expect anywhere from 20 seconds to a few minutes depending on your internet speed. Depending on which windows version you have, the program will be saved in your "downloads" folder on your computer. A popup window will appear in the process to let you know where it's going and get your "OK". When completed find the location and click on the install program and it will ask where you want it to install. Accept default to install on your computer or specify desktop or anywhere really, including a thumb drive if you have one plugged in. A minute later you have a folder appear on that thumb drive, open the folder and double click on the onion to start. Provided the computer is connected, a window will open

asking if you want the browser to connect and advise of progress then the browser window will open and will give you search results for English speaking pages (assuming that is the language you specified) from whatever location you have landed in. Maybe Russia, Romania, Germany... who knows.

There are limits and no no's for best result so take a few minutes to study the webpage. One thing the website misses is that there is a little letter "S" in a circle just to the left of the browser bar. This is a setting for "Java Script" and inexplicably, this is defaulted to accepting "globally" which could be dangerous because it allows a site to see where you have been, so I recommend to bring your cursor over the icon and select from the drop down menu "forbid" icon (red circle with slash across the letter S) unless you go to a site that requires it for your security, like a login page, then allow "temporary".

The more people that use it the better, more secure it is for everyone.

From the United Nations Universal Declaration of human Rights

Article 12... No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.