**Circumventing Internet censorship with Tor** 

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#### **What Tor Browser does**







Obscures your Real IP Address



Prevents Network Observation



Prevents Location Determination



**Blocks Fingerprinting** 



Prevents Cross-Site Correlation



Isolates Cookies & Scripts



Writes Nothing to Disk



**No Browser History** 



#### "Standard" Tor is easy to block





#### GetTor helps you get Tor Browser

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#### **GetTor helps you get Tor Browser**



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This is an automated email response from GetTor.

You requested Tor Browser for windows.

Step 1: Download Tor Browser

First, try downloading Tor Browser from either GitLab or GitHub:

gitlab: https://gitlab.com/thetorproject/torbrowser-9-5-windows/raw/master/torbrowser-install-9.5\_id.exe Signature file: https://gitlab.com/thetorproject/torbrowser-9-5-windows/raw/master/torbrowser-install-9.5\_id.exe.asc

github: https://github.com/torproject/torbrowser-releases/releases/download/torbrowser-release/torbrowser-install-9.5\_id.exe Signature file: https://github.com/torproject/torbrowser-releases/releases/download/torbrowser-release/torbrowser-install-9.5\_id.exe.asc

If you cannot download Tor Browser from GitLab or GitHub, try downloading the file torbrowser-install-9.5\_id.exe from the following archives:

Internet Archive: https://archive.org/details/@gettor

Google Drive folder: https://drive.google.com/open?id=13CADQTsCwrGsIID09YQbNz2DfRMUoxUU



# Tor Browser ships with "default bridges"

- Bridges are effectively public but work for many people
  - Fifteen obfs4 bridges
  - One meek bridge
  - $\circ$  One Snowflake bridge



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Step <u>1</u>	Download Tor Browser		
Step <u>2</u>	Get bridges		
Step 3	Now add the bridges to Tor Browser		

What are bridges?

Bridges are Tor relays that help you circumvent censorship.

I need an alternative way of getting bridges!

Another way to get bridges is to send an email to bridges@torproject.org. Please note that you must send the email using an address from one of the following email providers: Riseup or Gmail.



BridgeDB

Language - The Tor Project



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Here are your bridge lines:









# **Different types of "bridges"**

#### • obfs4

- The protocol itself should work everywhere
- Private obfs4 bridges work in China!
- meek
  - Works everywhere but is slow :-(
- Snowflake
  - Currently only in Tor Browser alpha



# What's new in anti-censorship?



# **Anti-censorship team**

- We move forward all things anti-censorship
  - Improve circumvention systems and document censorship systems
  - Coordinate with other projects, our community, and academia
- Come join our weekly meetings!
  - More info: <u>https://pad.riseup.net/p/tor-anti-censorship-keep</u>



#### Snowflake

- Incorporated TurboTunnel
- Added Snowflake to Tor Browser alpha
- Numerous reliability and usability fixes
- We now have thousands of volunteer proxies







# BridgeDB

- Fixed many usability issues
  - Better email autoresponder
  - Relay Search shows distribution mechanism
  - Better CAPTCHAs
- Added usage metrics
- Many changes under the hood







- Wrote bridge setup guides for eleven operating systems
  - https://community.torproject.org/relay/setup/bridge/
- Obfs4 bridge docker image
  - https://hub.docker.com/u/thetorproject/
- Test your bridge's pluggable transport port
  - https://bridges.torproject.org/scan/



# Scaling & monitoring infrastructure

- Outage monitoring
- Default bridge maintenance
- Increased number of bridges





# What's next?



#### What's next

Make Snowflake stable





### What's next

- Implement Salmon bridge distributor
- Build feedback loop between BridgeDB and OONI
- Test bridges before handing them out





#### What's next

#### Make Tor Browser smarter





# We need your help!

- Help us set up relays, bridges, and snowflakes
- Help us write code
  - Most of our code is in Golang and Python
- Help us document and analyse censorship
- Best way to get started: our weekly IRC meetings!







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