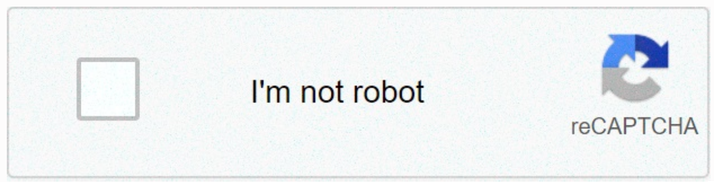

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Photo Illustration by Elena Scotty/Lifehacker/GMG, Images via Shutterstock in our new series Getting It, we give you everything you need to know to start with and excel at a variety of technology, both on and offline. Here, we arm you with everything you need to know to understand and use virtual private networks. In an attempt to understand exactly what, exactly a virtual private network (VPN) is, it can be helpful to just take the first word away. That leaves you with a private network, which seems pretty simple. A private network is a network that is basically walled from anyone who doesn't have permission to access it. Think about your college intranet. Or the CIA servers. Adding the virtual part back basically means you're accessing this private network virtually, from your home computer (as it doesn't really do to have a university or spy agency-sized servers running in your home.) but what is VPN really? VPNs are basically a group of servers that you connect to through your Internet service provider (ISP). After you have established a connection with your VPN, a process known as tunneling, the servers act as your virtual home on the Internet. It's like you moved yourself into a secure office space without moving at all. G/O Media may receive a commission when you browse the web from this secure space, all the data you send and receive is encrypted, offering you a good degree of privacy. After digging a tunnel, your service providers -- or even certain spy agencies -- can't tell what information you're browsing or downloading. Why use VPN? Obviously, security is one of the main reasons to always use VPN to access the Internet. Because all your data is encrypted after a tunnel, if a hacker tried to intercept your browsing activity, of course, while entering your credit card number to make an online purchase, the encryption would have esophated their efforts. That's why it's a particularly good idea to use VPNs in public settings like coffee shops and solicitations. The other main reason to go with VPN is the closely related issue of privacy. If you like surfing for garden gnomes made in the late 19th century in Grafenroda, Germany, it's nobody else's business, is it? By encrypting your data, what you're looking for, what you say in forums and what you watch through streaming is entirely your business. It's important to remember that VPN will protect the data you transmit from your computer to the VPN hub, but it won't necessarily prevent you from being tracked with cookies and other web traces. VPN provides encryption for network traffic, Ximning Ou from the University of South Florida told us. This ensures that communication cannot be easily eavesdoctled/tampered with by opponents. It does not affect application features such as cookies. So yes cookies can still be set up in your browser if you tunnel through VPN. To avoid such tracking efforts, it's a good idea to do all your browsing when your browser is set anonymously or in private mode. You may also want to consider installing tracking blocking software like ghostery. Yesterday, the House approved a measure that killed the FCC ruling that... Call moreA third significant consideration for vpn use is the fact that it can give you virtual location. Because of your unnatural attraction to garden gnomes, they won't be able to link your IP address to your physical address. Want to play in an online poker room but it's not allowed from your country? And then just tunnel into a country where such activity is approved and you'd be good to go (all in). Looking to stream the film banned by your government? It's probably not banned everywhere, so find a country where it's viewable, tunnel in, and break through the popcorn. It can also work in the opposite direction. If you're traveling away from your home country, but want to watch a show available only on a provider such as Netflix back home, you can tunnel there to watch it. The same is true for banking and other sites that may not be accessible anywhere but the country. Of course, while tunneling into a VPN may allow you to break the laws and restrictions of your country, don't forget that you are still bound by them. Using a VPN doesn't make you invisible, just anonymous. So if you do a lot of suspicious surfing and you catch the eye of a government agency, with enough resources and time, they'll probably be able to find you. Choosing a reliable, reliable VPN service provider is difficult, but over on Reddit, the user that one ... Read more How to choose a VPN provider. Now there are simply scores and dozens of VPN providers to choose from. Finding the one that's right for you comes down to some basic considerations: cost versus security. In general, the more security the VPN service provides, the higher the cost. Most users will be just fine using an affordable mainstream VPN provider that offers solid service from $4.99 to $12.99 per month. While the evaluation of different VPN providers is beyond the scope of this article, examining reviews from different providers and going with one that has a longstanding reputation for protecting its users is always a good place to start. One Reddit user even put together a massive list which evaluates different VPN providers. Logs vs. No logs. In the security issue, one factor that separates providers is whether they save user data logs and browsing activity. If they don't, then you get an extra measure of anonymity. If they do, then these records could be a way to track you down if someone wants to put in time. IP sharing. Another quick way to evaluate a potential VPN service provider is to find out if they are giving the same IP address to multiple users. It's harder to pinpoint one user if many are browsing from the same IP address, so IP sharing offers a different level of protection. Location of the servers. With WiFi's almost everywhere, it's easy to forget that the Internet is still a thing connected with cables and wires. So a service that offers a wide range of VPN sites can be advantageous. If you want to stream content regularly from the UK, and you live in Kansas, for example, you'll want to see if your provider has a hub on the east coast of the US, as well as a server in London. Server location can also be important based on your needs. If, for some reason, it is advantageous for you to have an IP address in Japan, then make sure your provider will allow you to tunnel there. Server quantity. A VPN provider with additional servers means you won't compress to a crowded server where your connection times will slow down. Support for multiple devices. Once you sign up for a VPN service, you'll not only want to connect your own PC, but you may also have computers, computers, tablets, and other phones where you want to install the software. Most providers allow you to connect up to five devices, but be sure to check before signing up. IP leak. A relatively easy way to evaluate a VPN provider is to see if they offer a free trial. If so, sign up, appoint a tunnel, and then visit this site. This will help you determine if you have an IP leak, meaning your real location is somehow leaked. If you see your ISP or real physical location on this page, you'll want to move on and find a more secure VPN provider. User interface. Finally, take a look at how the VPN provider's software actually looks and works. Does it seem relatively simple to act? Is it easy to turn on and off? Is it easy to quickly change where you're digging a tunnel? While you probably won't be using your VPN software much, it's good to know that when you need it, you won't mind accessing it and you'll have the control you want at your fingertips. Virtual Private Networking (VPN) is a great way to add security to your browsing as well... Read more Is there any disadvantages to using VPN? If you're considering adding a VPN to your web browsing activities, there are two considerations you'd like to be aware of. The first potential problem is also the thing that makes VPNs appealing to some - the ability to fake your address. It's great when you have to look in another country to access its services and content, but not so great all the time. For example, besides you are based in the US but tunneling into the UK, and you decide to do some shopping online. All of a sudden, all your pricing will be in pounds instead of dollars. Also, if you sign up for certain services, like Bitcoin, the system will take your IP address occupied for your location so that you may end up getting pigeonholed to an area where you don't actually live. Once this happens, making a change is not always as easy as changing the tunnel and reloading the site. Second, working from a remote site can slow down your browsing speed. It's barely noticeable, but sometimes it can be significant - and it goes back to the idea that your information still needs to go through cable to your VPN before you can go online. Still, as crack's latest attack shows, using a VPN actually becomes a necessity and not just a torque. This attack has opened vulnerabilities for almost everyone who uses WiFi without vpn tunnel protection. So, although there are some problems with VPN use, the benefits far outweigh them getting even the minimum protections offered by a free provider is certainly not something you regret. Regret.