

What is Tor?

Online anonymity 1) open source software, 2) network, 3) protocol

Community of researchers, developers, users, and relay operators

Funding from US DoD, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Voice of America, Google, NLnet, Human Rights Watch, NSF, US State Dept, SIDA, Knight Foundation, ...

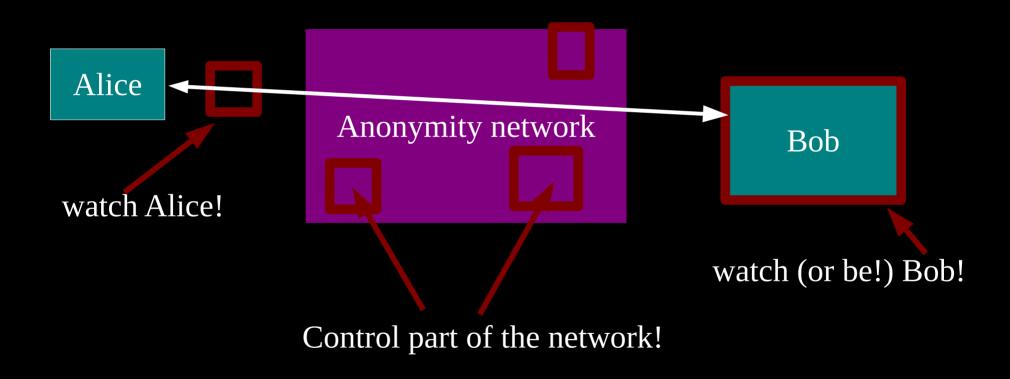
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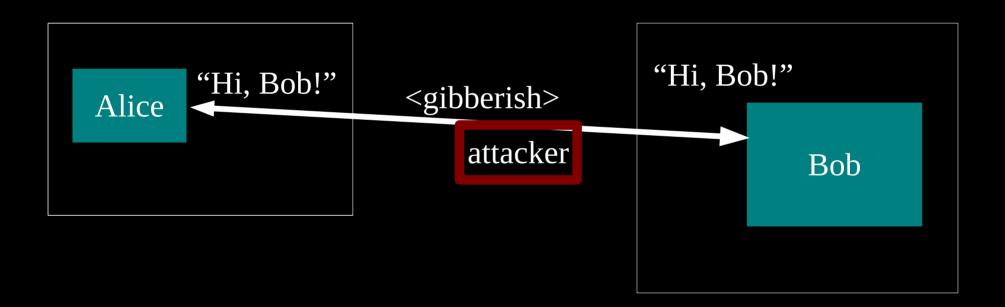
501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the research and development of tools for online anonymity and privacy



Threat model: what can the attacker do?



Anonymity isn't encryption: Encryption just protects contents.



Anonymity isn't just wishful thinking...

"You can't prove it was me!"

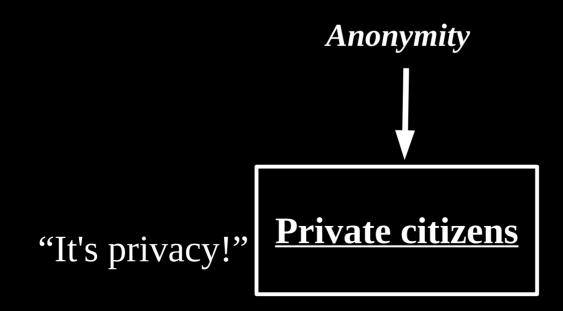
"Promise you won't look!"

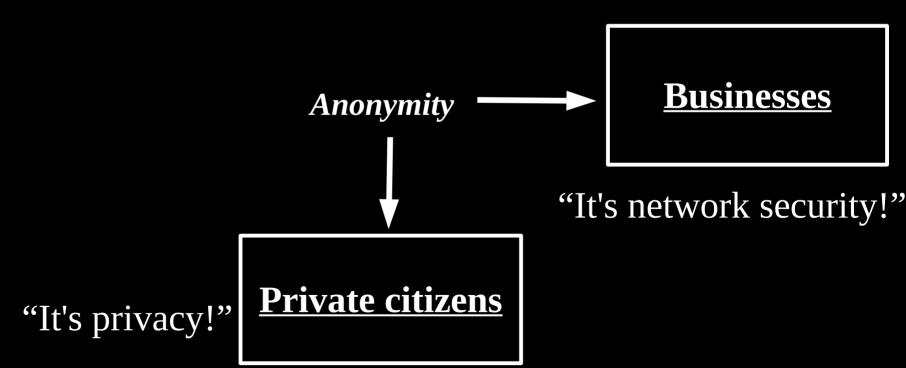
"Promise you won't remember!"

"Promise you won't tell!"

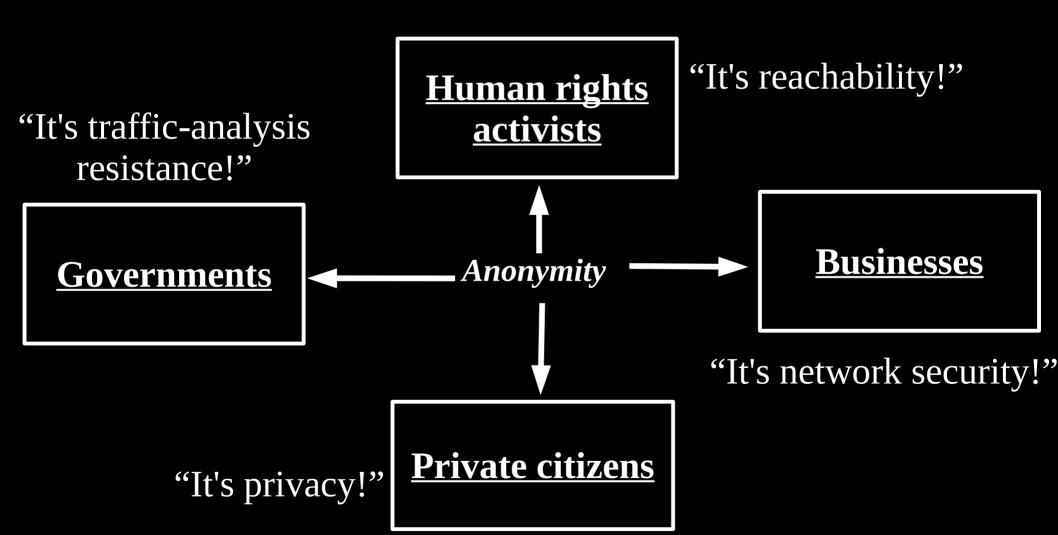
"I didn't write my name on it!"

"Isn't the Internet already anonymous?"

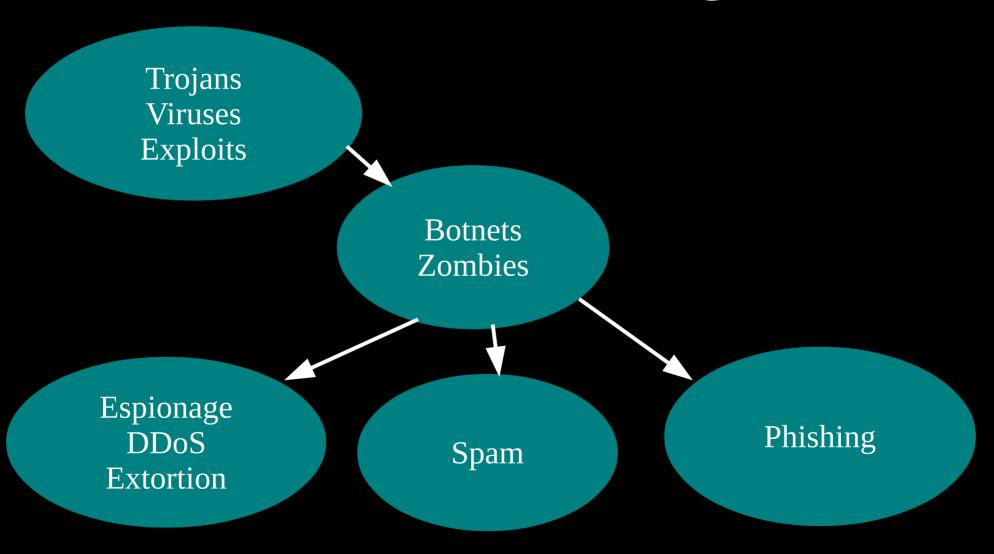




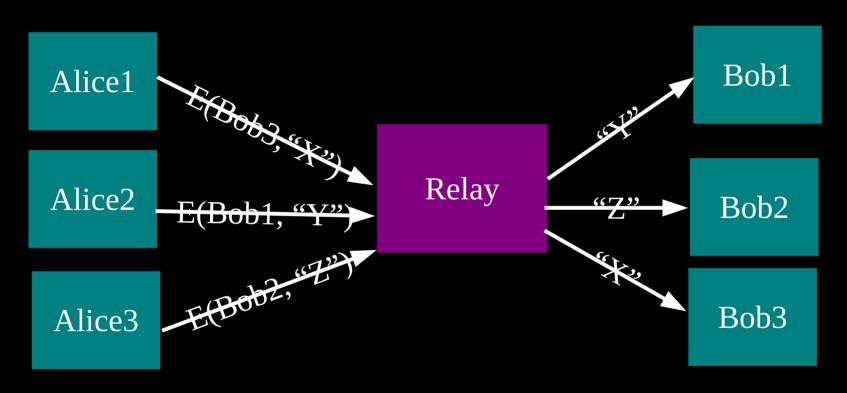
"It's traffic-analysis resistance!" **Businesses Anonymity** Governments "It's network security!" **Private citizens** "It's privacy!"



Current situation: Bad people on the Internet are doing fine

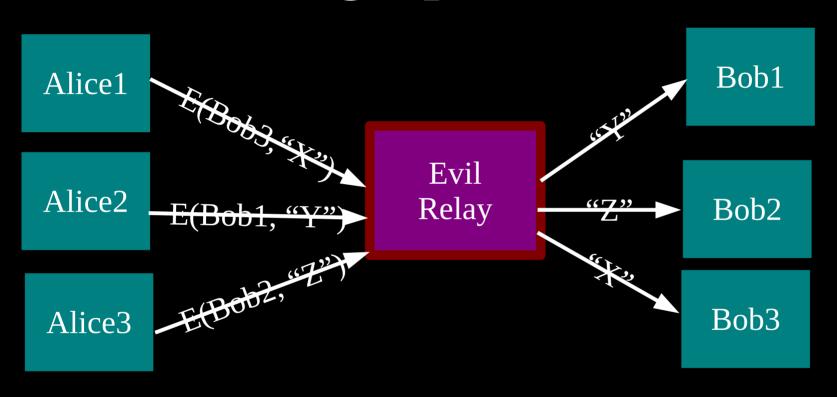


The simplest designs use a single relay to hide connections.

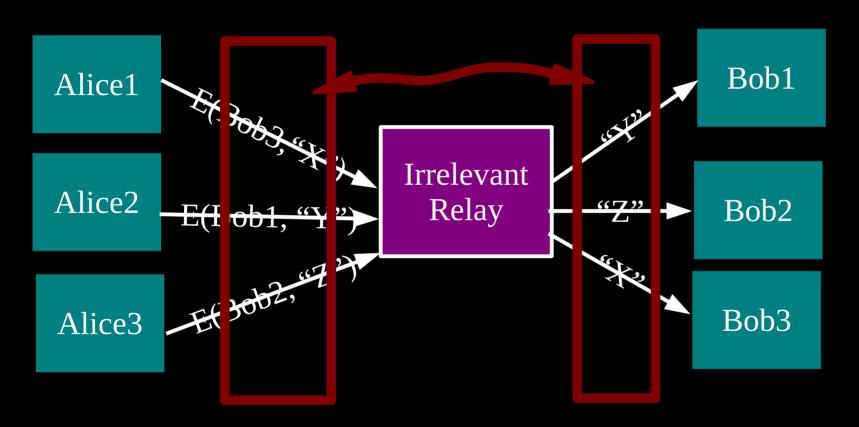


(example: some commercial proxy providers)

But a single relay (or eavesdropper!) is a single point of failure.

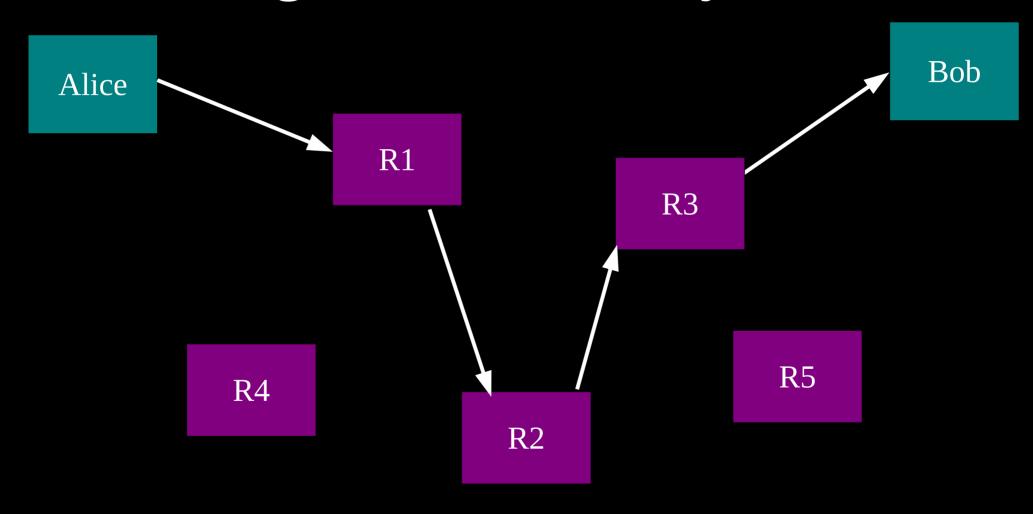


... or a single point of bypass.

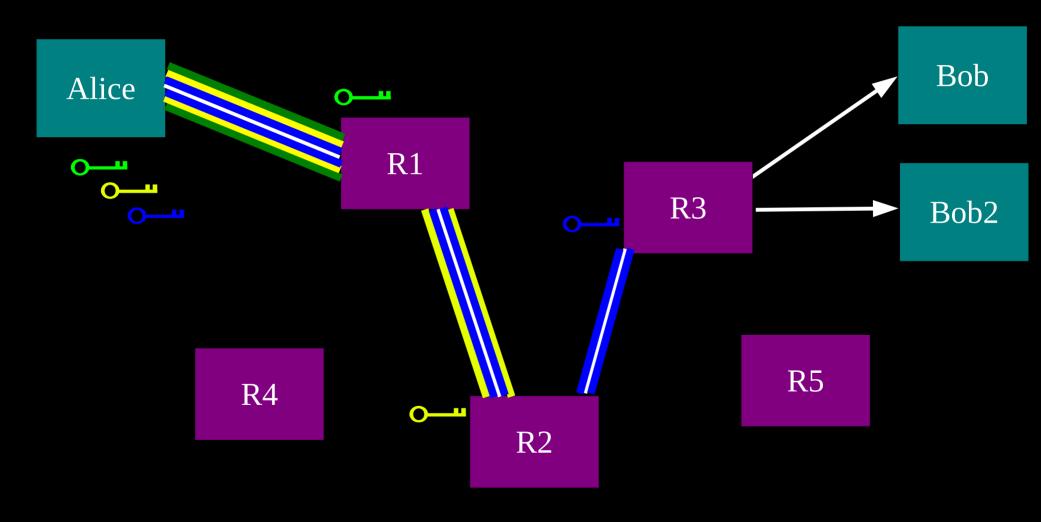


Timing analysis bridges all connections through relay ⇒ An attractive fat target

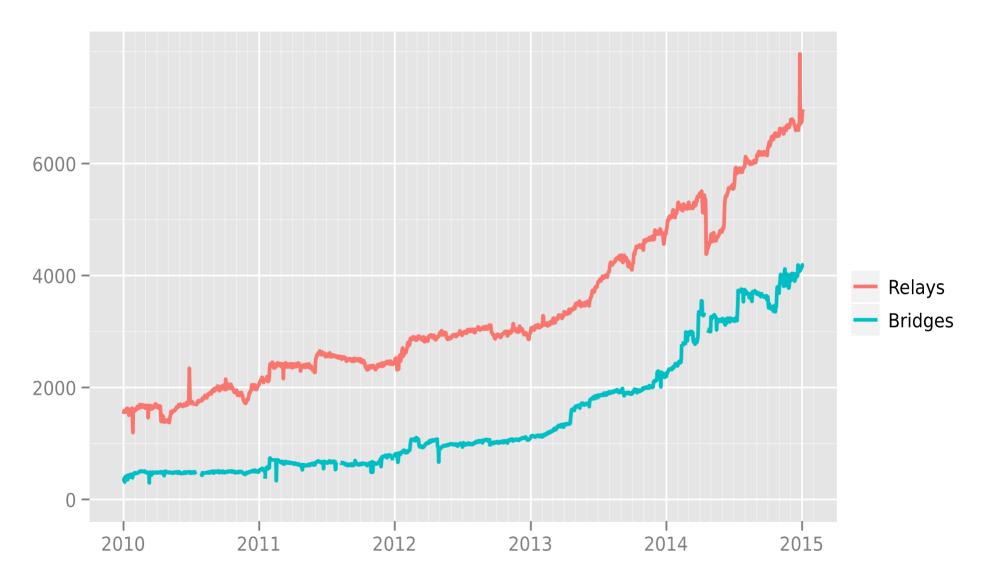
So, add multiple relays so that no single one can betray Alice.



Alice makes a session key with R1 ...And then tunnels to R2...and to R3

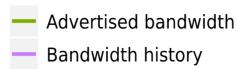


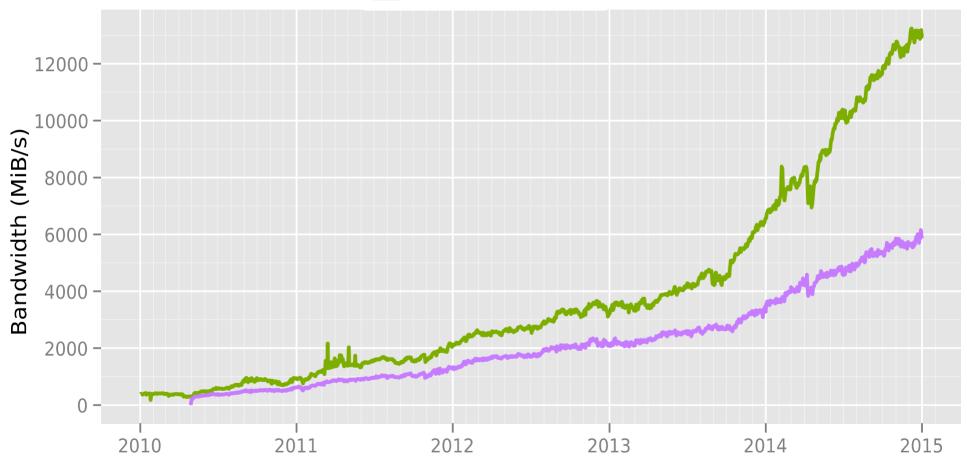
Number of relays



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Total relay bandwidth

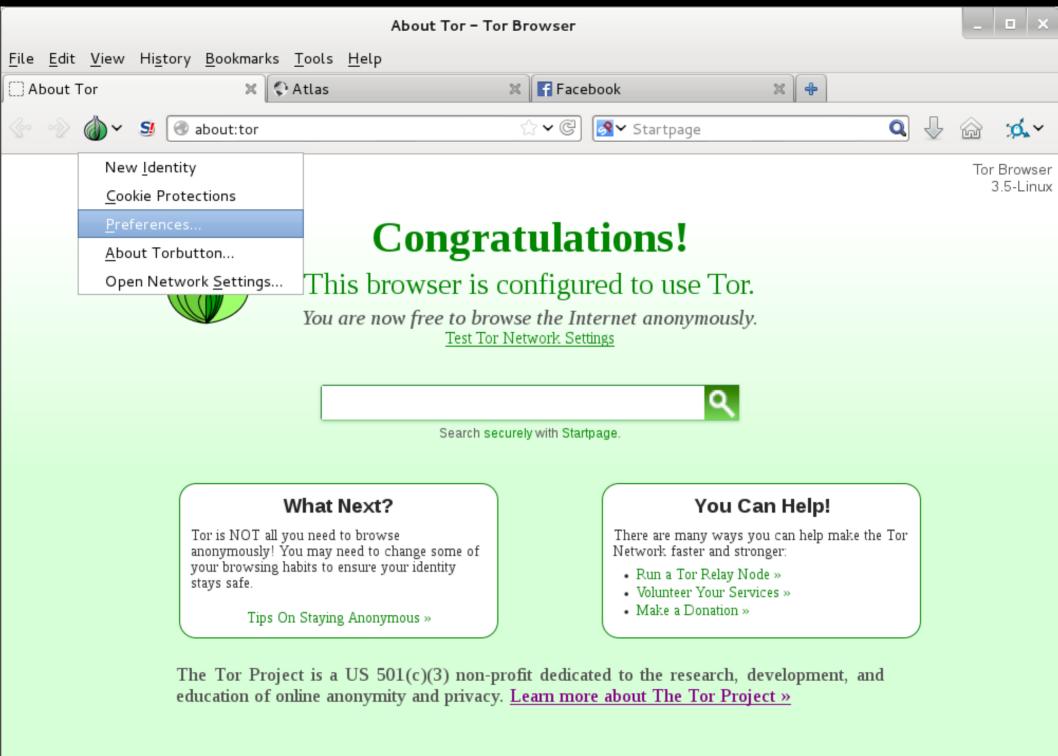




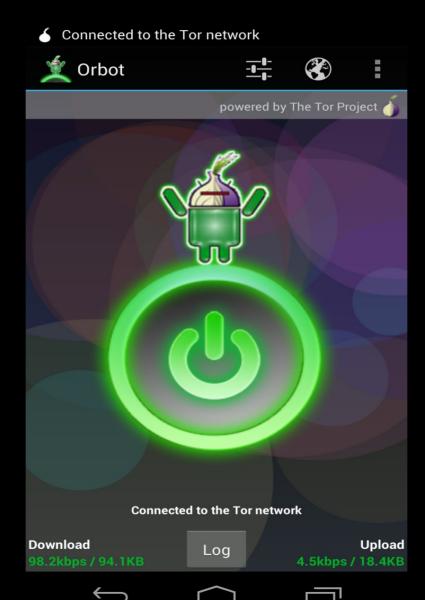
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Tor's safety comes from diversity

- #1: Diversity of relays. The more relays we have and the more diverse they are, the fewer attackers are in a position to do traffic confirmation. (Research problem: measuring diversity over time)
- #2: Diversity of users and reasons to use it. 50000 users in Iran means almost all of them are normal citizens.



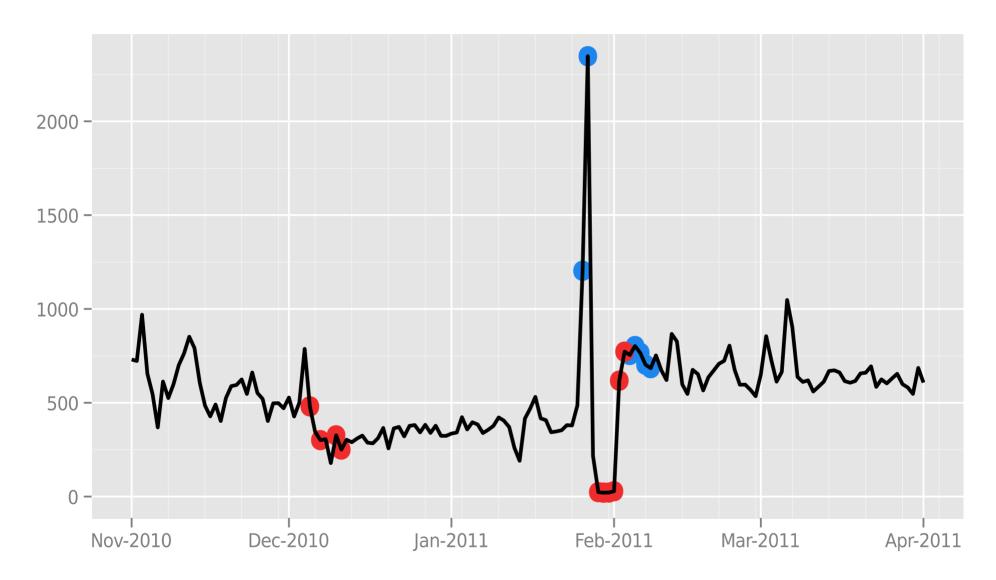
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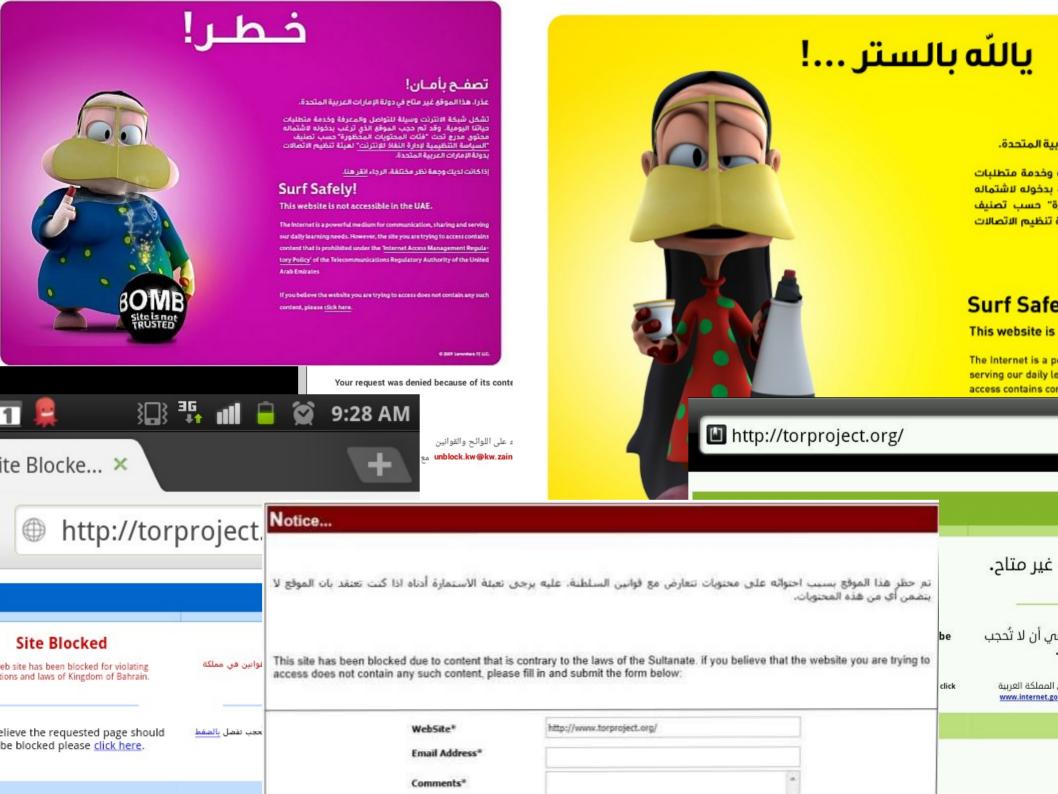
Directly connecting users from Egypt

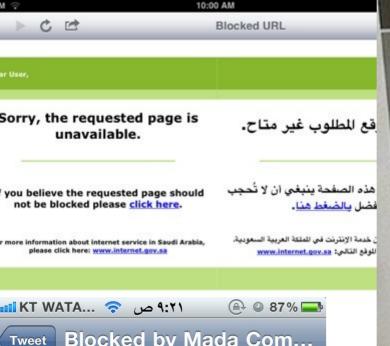


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Attackers can block users from connecting to the Tor network

- 1) By blocking the directory authorities
- 2) By blocking all the relay IP addresses in the directory, or the addresses of other Tor services
- 3) By filtering based on Tor's network fingerprint
- 4) By preventing users from finding the Tor software (usually by blocking website)











Access to this site is currently blocked. The site falls

under the Prohibited Content Categories of the UAE's

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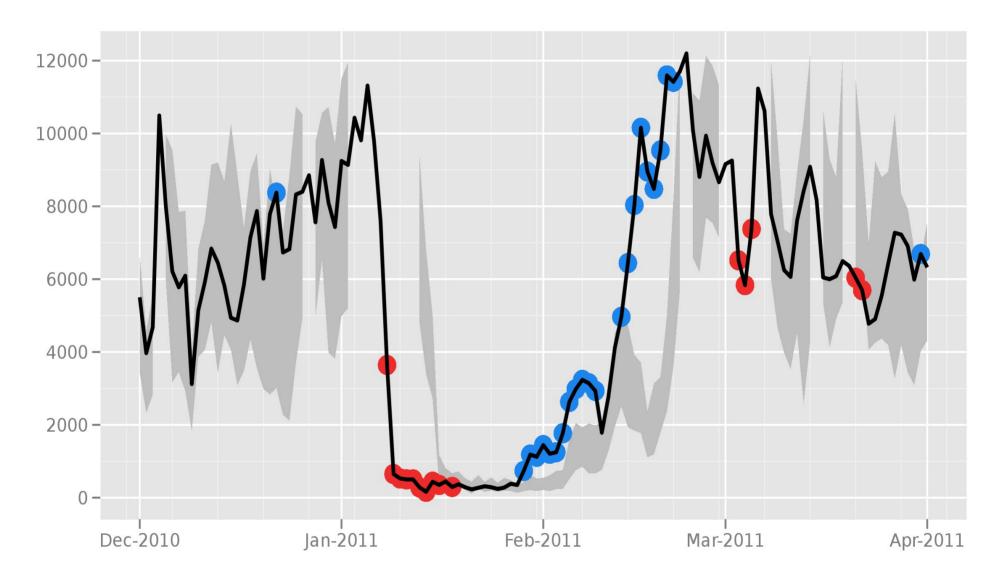
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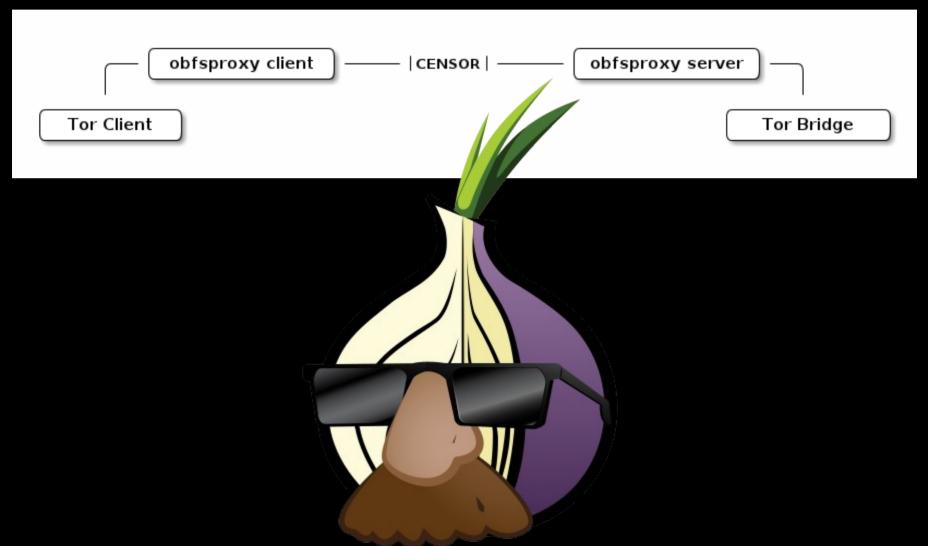
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Directly connecting users from the Islamic Republic of Iran



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Pluggable transports



Pluggable transports

- Flashproxy (Stanford), websocket
- FTEProxy (Portland St), http via regex
- Stegotorus (SRI/CMU), http
- Skypemorph (Waterloo), Skype video
- uProxy (Google), webrtc
- Lantern (BNS), social network based
- ScrambleSuit (Karlstad), obfs-based
- Telex (Michigan/Waterloo), traffic divergo





"Still the King of high secure, low latency Internet Anonymity"

Contenders for the throne:

None

NSA targets the privacy-conscious

von J. Appelbaum, A. Gibson, J. Goetz, V. Kabisch, L. Kampf, L. Ryge

One of NSA's German targets is 212.212.245.170. The string of numbers is an IP address assigned to Sebastian Hahn, a computer science student at the University of Erlangen. Hahn operates the server out of a grey high-security building a few kilometers from where he lives. Hahn, 28 years old and sporting a red beard, volunteers for the Tor Project in his free time. He is especially trusted by the Tor community, as his server is not just a node, it is a so-called Directory Authority. There are nine of these worldwide, and they are central to the Tor Network, as they contain an index of all Tor nodes. A user's traffic is automatically directed to one of the directory authorities to download the newest list of Tor relays generated each hour.

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Hahn's predecessor named the server Gabelmoo, or Fork Man, the nickname of a local statue of Poseidon. After a look at the NSA source code, Hahn quickly Nächster Sendetermin Do, 08. 01. 2015 | 21:45

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Only a piece of the puzzle

We hope the users aren't attacked by their hardware and software

No spyware installed, no cameras watching their screens, etc

Users can fetch a genuine copy of Tor?

Some open questions: how do we...

- Measure Tor's safety?
- Prevent censors from blocking Tor?
- Safely (and usefully) measure Tor?
- Learn the state of surveillance adversaries
 - -(and defeat them)
- Teach everybody about all these issues?