

Using a Virtual Private Network (VPN)



Do you use public Wi-Fi networks? Consider using a VPN. This guide will explain what a VPN is, why you should use one, and how to get started with ProtonVPN, a free service.

What is a VPN?

A VPN, or virtual private network, is a suite of technologies that protects your privacy when you use the internet. Your device is connected to another computer, a VPN server, via an encrypted "tunnel" that protects your data. You download an app. The app connects you to a VPN server. It's that simple.

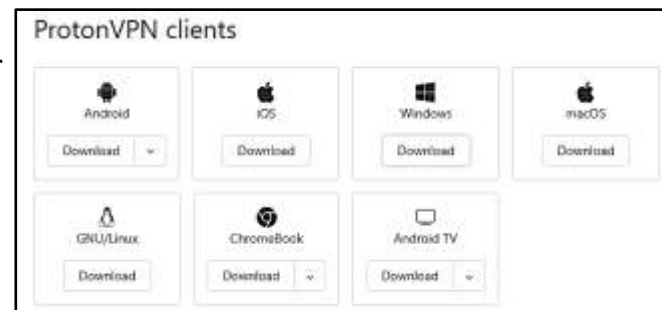
Why Use a VPN?

A VPN increases your online privacy and security. Among the benefits of VPNs are protection from malicious actors when using insecure public Wi-Fi, prevention of public Wi-Fi hosts selling your browsing habits to advertisers and prevention of websites you visit knowing your real IP address.

SETTING UP ProtonVPN (v. 1.18.5)

DOWNLOAD

1. Visit <https://protonvpn.com/pricing> and sign up for a free ProtonVPN account.
2. Log in and go to the **Dashboard**, select **Downloads**.
3. Find your operating system. Select **Download**.
4. Run the installation file (Windows), or open the application (MacOS, iOS, Android or Linux).



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1. Log in with your username and password.
2. Select **Quick Connect** (Windows or Mac) or use the **Connect** icon.
3. Wait for ProtonVPN to establish your connection.



Proton Technologies AG is headquartered in Switzerland, with some of the world's strongest privacy laws. The company has a no-logs policy, which means it does not track or record your internet activity. It's free, with paid plans available.