Alex, the fearless journalist

Alex has recently read reports of leaked Government watchlists of journalists and activists reporting on topics like state surveillance and immigration. Alex has a duty to protect their sources, and takes the risk of their identification very seriously.

Alex already uses Signal to communicate with their sources and Onion Share to securely receive files and other information. On top of this they’ve learned about Tor Browser at a recent security workshop, and plan on using it for all work-related activities. However Alex continues to use a less secure browser for leisurely browsing, and as a consequence need to adapt their behaviour as they move between each.

Motivation

Alex wants to be able to browse, chat and receive leaks securely without compromising their sources.

Risk level

LOW

Trust level

HIGH

Technical proficiency

ADVANCED

Income

HIGH

Bandwidth

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Tor censorship

Tor unrestricted

Pain points

Alex is nervous about recent reports of Government “lists” of journalists and activists.

Alex splits their browsing activity across two browsers, each requiring different practices.

Captcha validation makes their browsing painful and annoying.