

TOR ONION SERVICES

Or how I learned to stop worrying about my IP address and learned to love the tor

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ON TO OUR FEATURED PRESENTATION

- ▶ Mid 90's US Naval Research Lab idea of "onion routing" to protect intelligence communications online
- ▶ 1997 DARPA built on it
- ▶ Alpha release 20 September 2002
- ▶ Second generation released 13 Aug 2004
- ▶ 2006 Founding of the TOR project a 501(c)(3) foundation. Funding from the EFF and others
- ▶ US Government is the primary sponsor now

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOR



WHY?

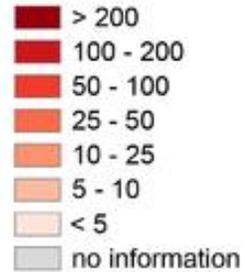
- ▶ <https://www.whoishostingthis.com/blog/2014/11/17/who-funded-tor/>
- ▶ “The Tor network is used by all kinds of people around the world; anyone with a need or desire to protect their online privacy. Regular Internet users who want to keep their emails private or protect their children from online predators use Tor to retain their anonymity. Citizens of countries who censor the Internet use Tor to access blocked news or social media sites, or research sensitive information on topics like AIDs or birth control that may not be available elsewhere. Journalists, bloggers, and human rights activists use Tor to protect themselves from retaliation from governments or employers. And whistleblowers use Tor to keep safe when reporting corruption.”

A person's hands are shown typing on a laptop keyboard in a dimly lit environment. The image is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent filter. The text "WHO IS USING TOR?" is centered in white, sans-serif font. On the right side, there are several parallel white lines that appear to be part of a graphic design element. The Apple logo is visible on the back of the laptop.

WHO IS USING TOR?

The anonymous Internet

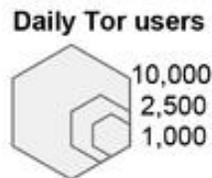
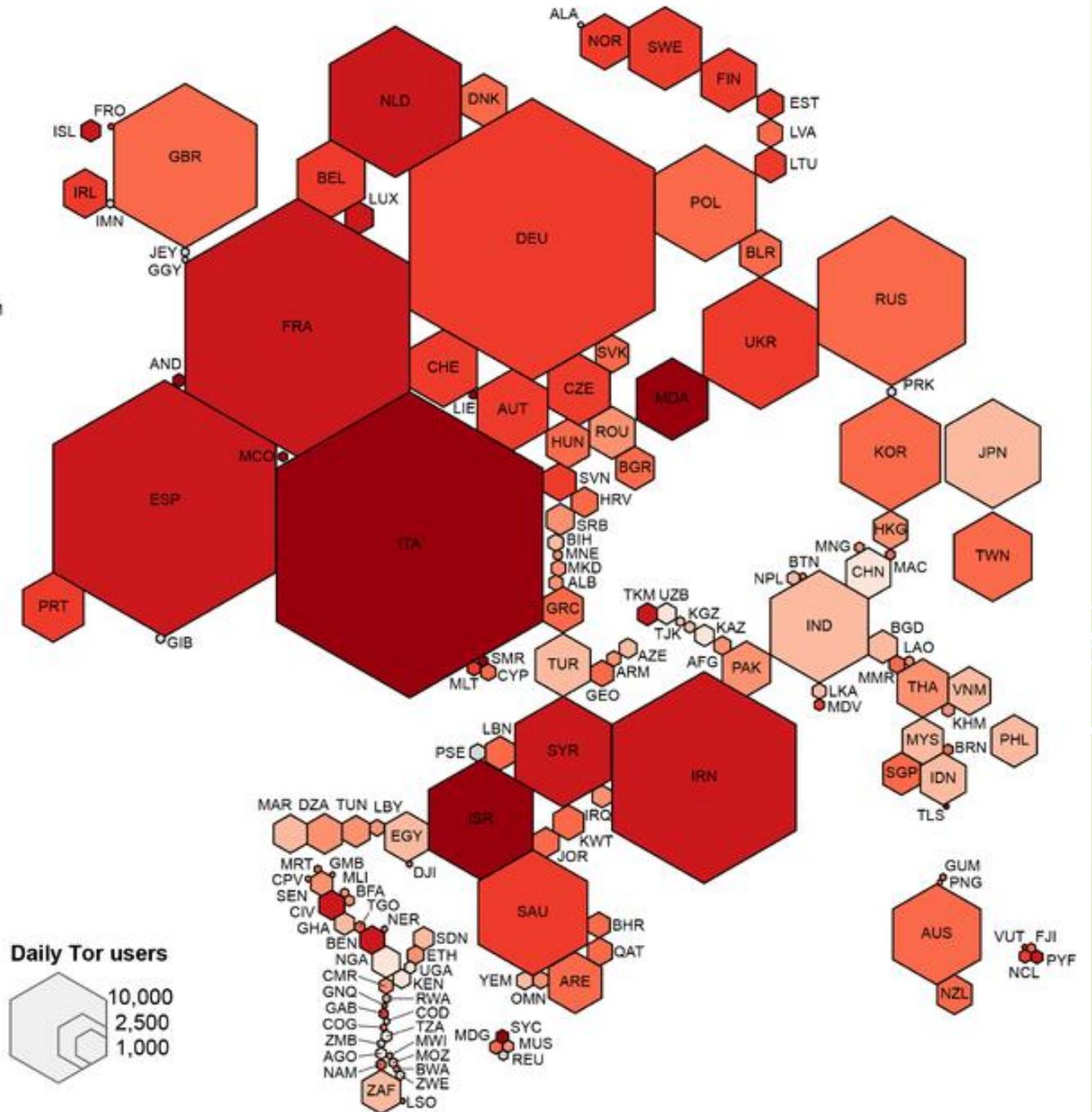
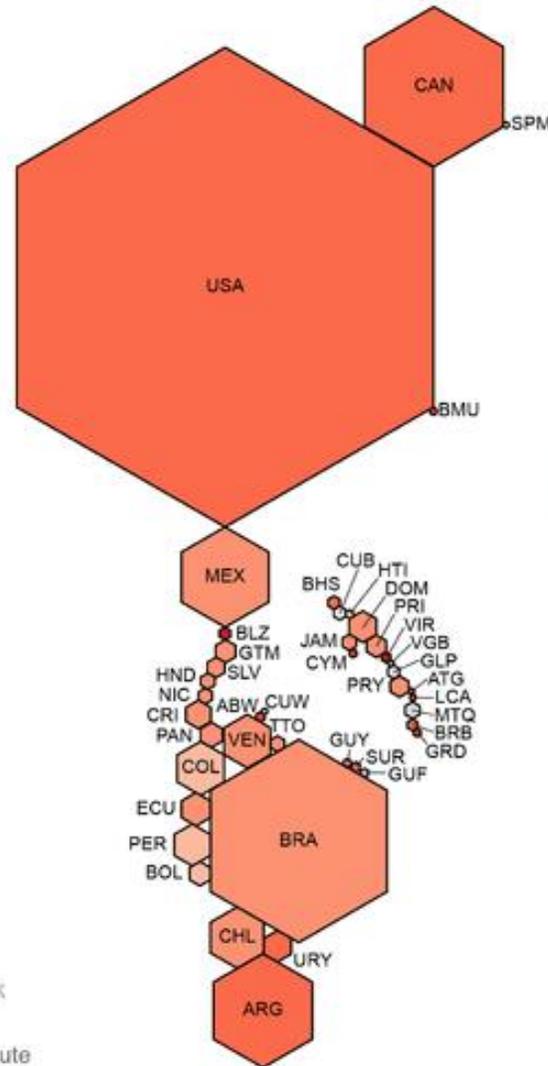
Daily Tor users
per 100,000
Internet users



Average number of
Tor users per day
calculated between
August 2012 and
July 2013

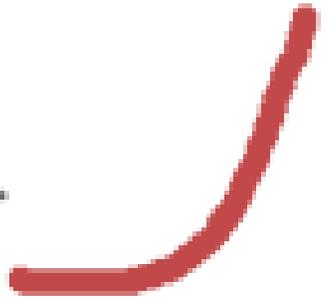
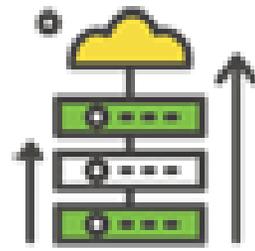
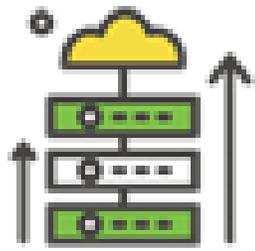
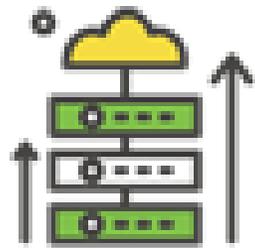
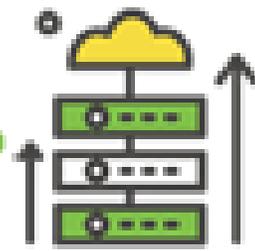
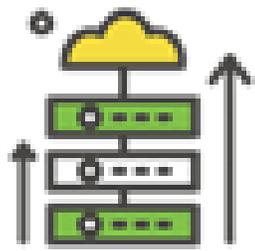
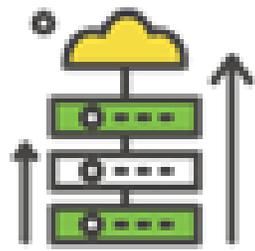
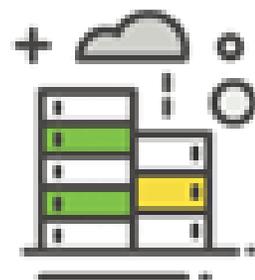
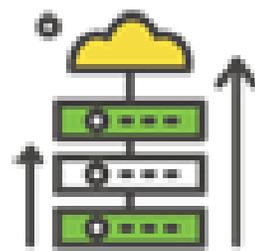
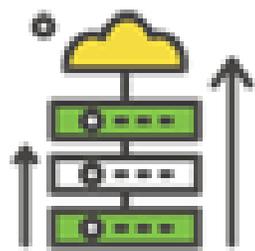
data sources:
Tor Metrics Portal
metrics.torproject.org
World Bank
data.worldbank.org

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(@geoplace) and
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A large satellite dish antenna is the central focus, set against a dark, hazy background of a sunset or sunrise. The dish is mounted on a complex, multi-legged base. In the foreground, there's a dark silhouette of a field or forest. On the right side of the image, several white, parallel lines of varying thicknesses extend diagonally from the top right towards the bottom center, creating a sense of motion or signal transmission.

HOW DOES TOR WORK?



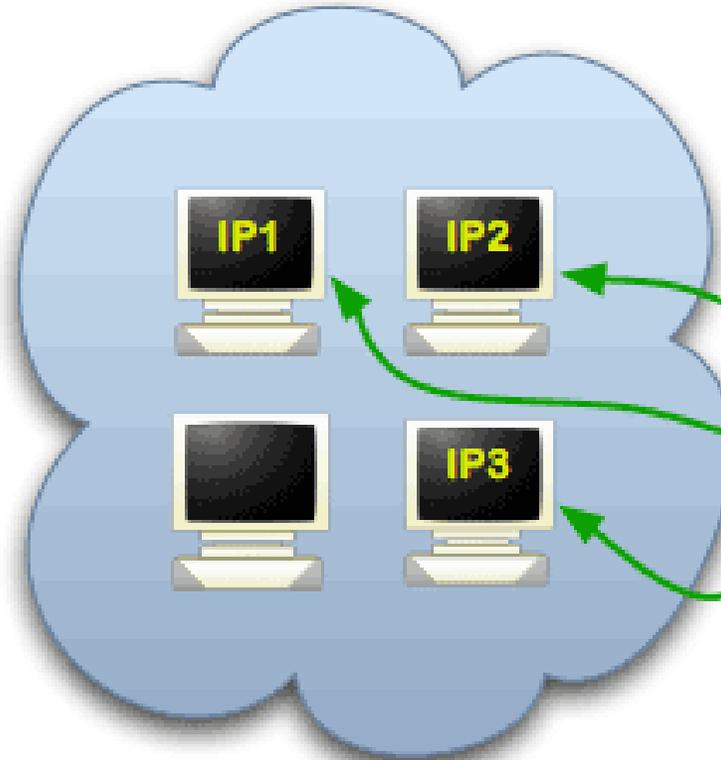


WHAT IF WE NEVER HAD
TO LEAVE TOR?



Onion Services: Step 1

Step 1: Bob picks some introduction points and builds circuits to them.



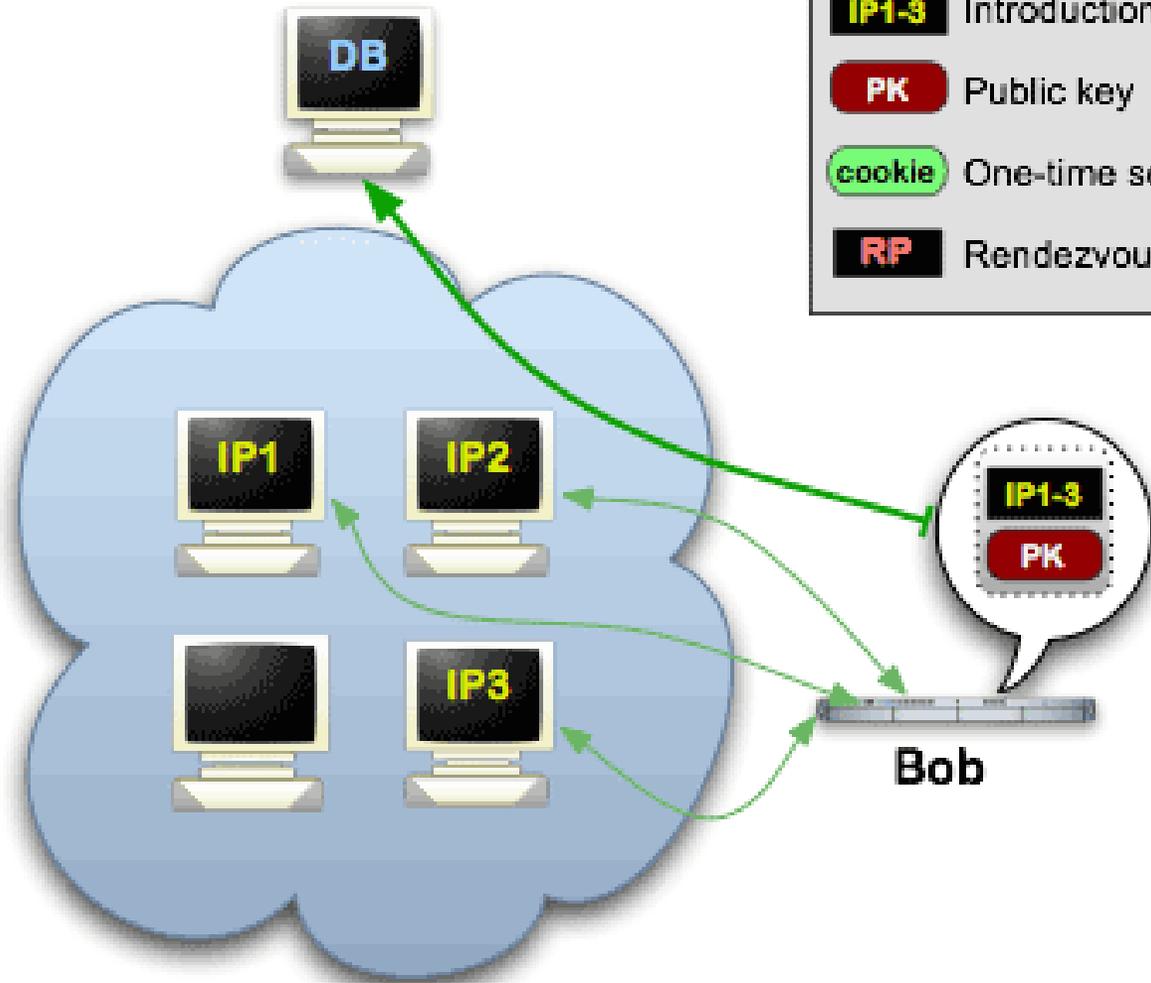
	Tor cloud
	Tor circuit
	Introduction points
	Public key
	One-time secret
	Rendezvous point





Onion Services: Step 2

Step 2: Bob advertises his service -- XYZ.onion -- at the database.

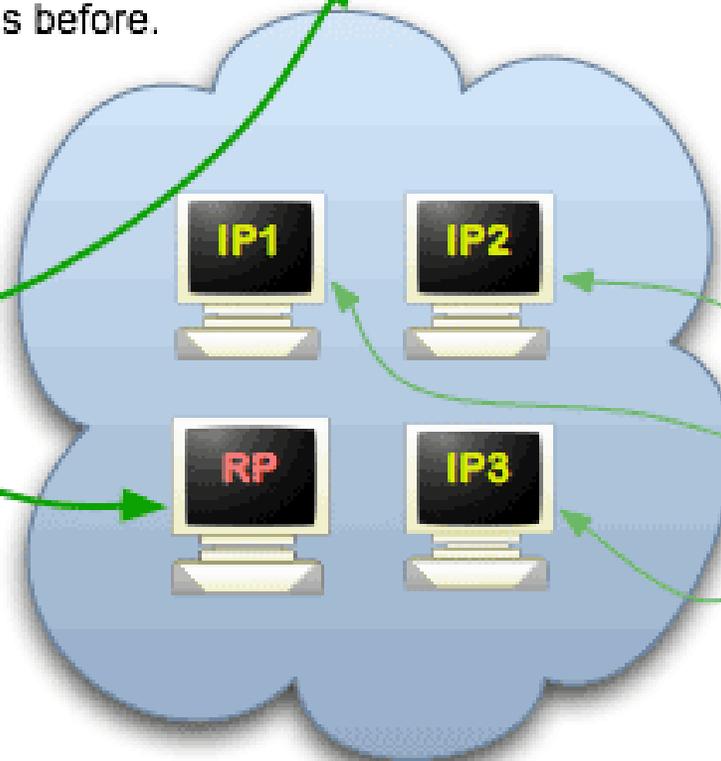


- Tor cloud
- Tor circuit
- Introduction points
- Public key
- One-time secret
- Rendezvous point



Onion Services: Step 3

Step 3: Alice hears that XYZ.onion exists, and she requests more info from the database. She also sets up a rendezvous point, though she could have done this before.



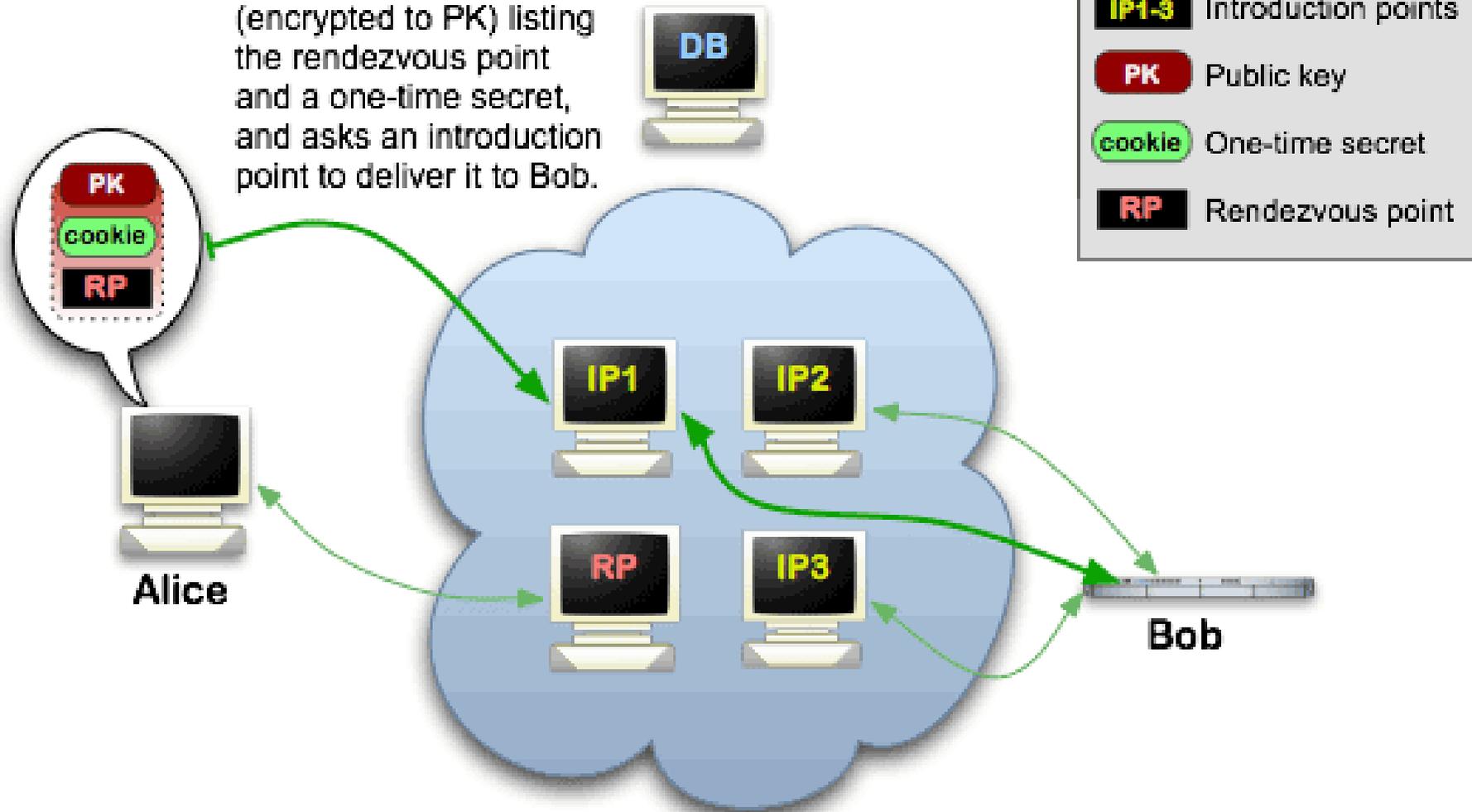
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- Tor circuit
- Introduction points
- Public key
- One-time secret
- Rendezvous point





Onion Services: Step 4

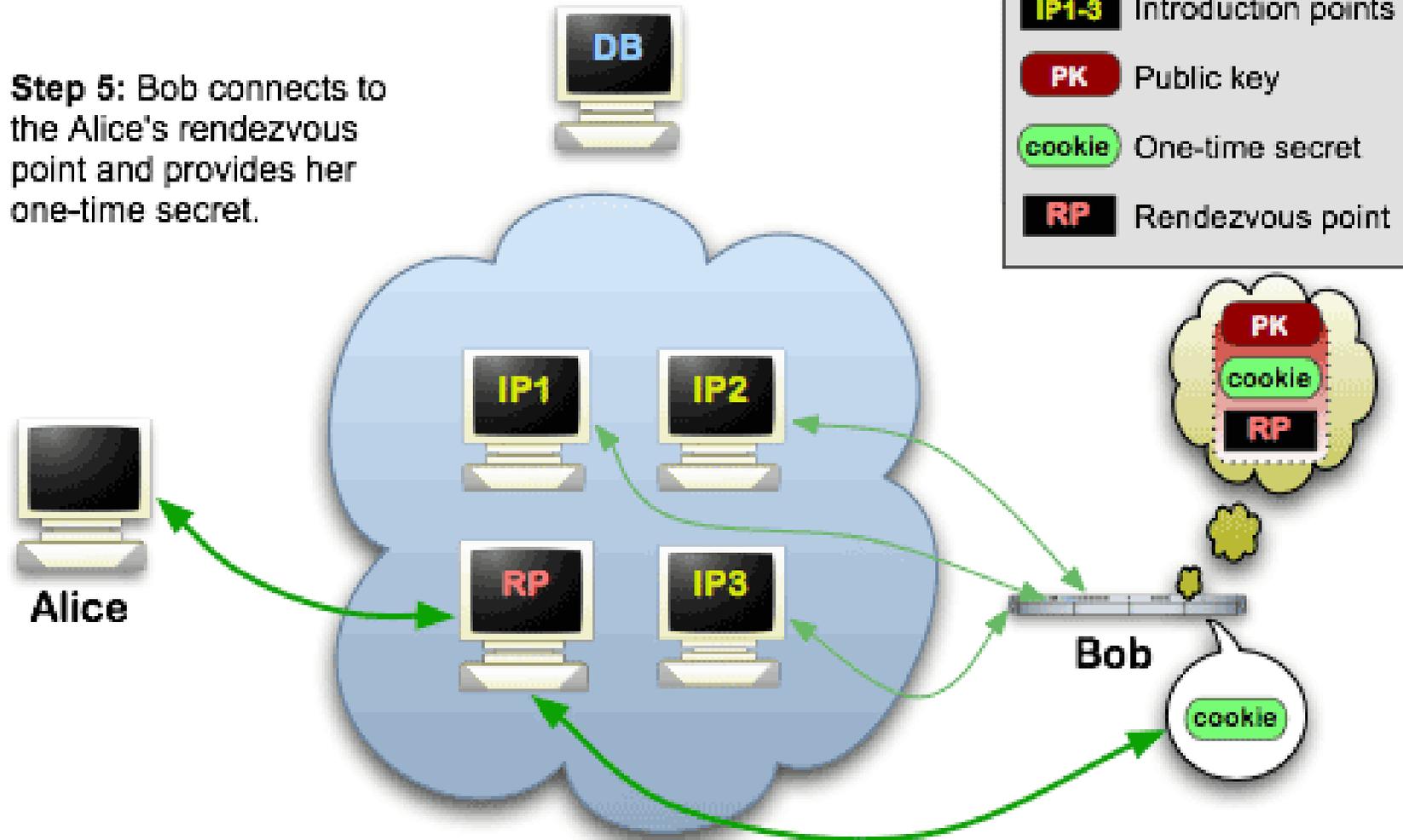
Step 4: Alice writes a message to Bob (encrypted to PK) listing the rendezvous point and a one-time secret, and asks an introduction point to deliver it to Bob.





Onion Services: Step 5

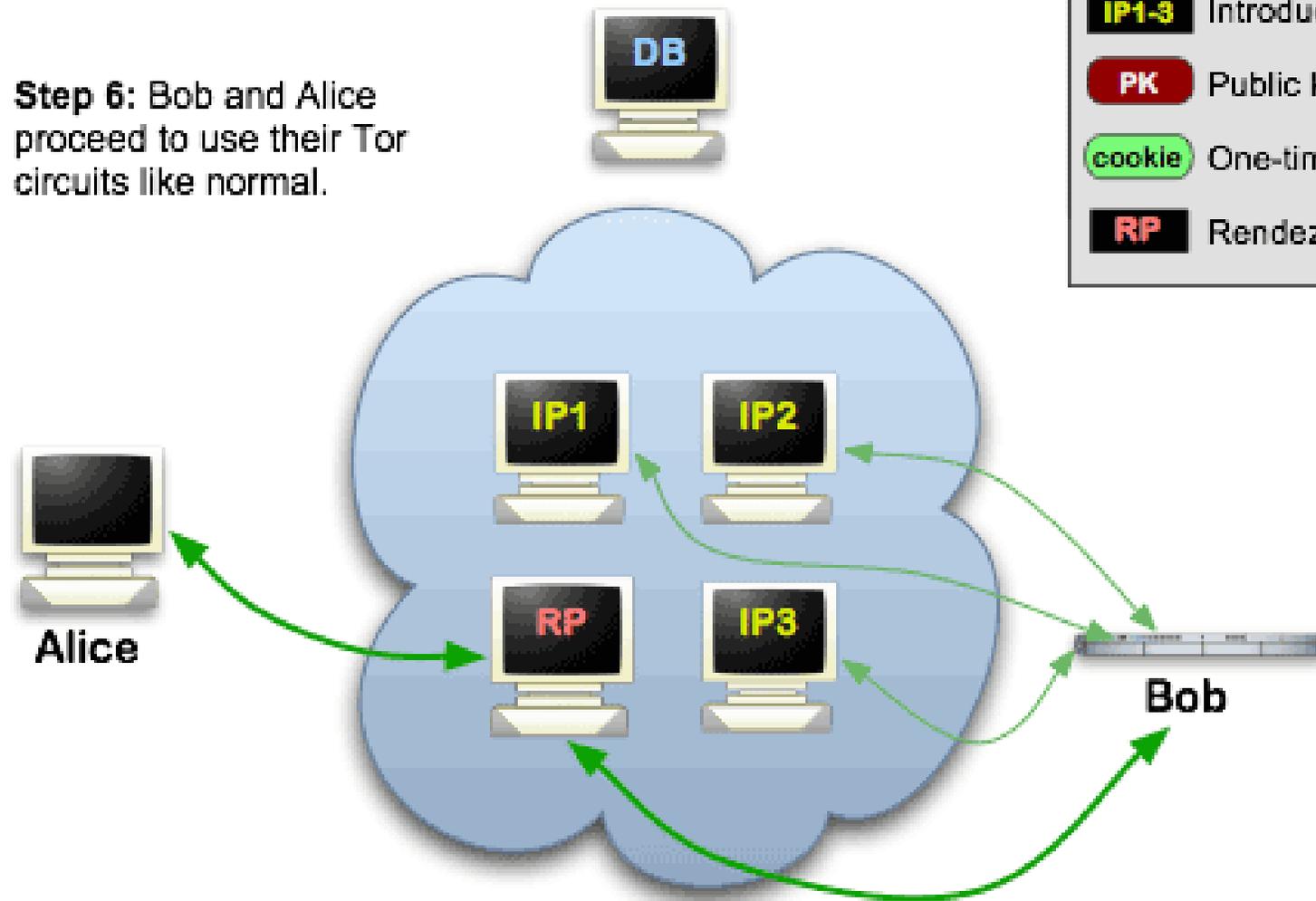
Step 5: Bob connects to the Alice's rendezvous point and provides her one-time secret.





Onion Services: Step 6

Step 6: Bob and Alice proceed to use their Tor circuits like normal.



WHO USES ONION SERVICES?

- ▶ The New York Times <https://www.nytimes3xbfgragh.onion/>
- ▶ The Guardian's secure drop: **33y6fjyhs3phzfjj.onion**
- ▶ **Propublica:** <http://propub3r6espa33w.onion/>
- ▶ **Facebook:** <https://facebookcorewwi.onion/>
- ▶ Protonmail: <https://protonirockerxow.onion/>
- ▶ Riseup: www6ybal4bd7szmgncyruucpgfkqahzddi37ktceo3ah7ngmcopyd.onion
- ▶

DEMO TIME!



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adenner@adenner-VirtualBox: ~

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```
adenner@adenner-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt install apt-transport-https
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  apt-transport-https
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 270 not upgraded.
Need to get 1,692 B of archives.
After this operation, 152 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates/universe amd64 apt-transport-https all 1.6.2 [1,692 B]
Fetched 1,692 B in 8s (217 B/s)
Selecting previously unselected package apt-transport-https.
(Reading database ... 127848 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../apt-transport-https_1.6.2_all.deb ...
Unpacking apt-transport-https (1.6.2) ...
Setting up apt-transport-https (1.6.2) ...
adenner@adenner-VirtualBox:~$
```

<https://www.torproject.org/docs/debian.html.en>



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#deb cdrom:[Ubuntu 18.04 LTS _Bionic Beaver_ - Release amd64 (20180426)]/ bionic main restricted



deb https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org bionic main

# See <http://help.ubuntu.com/community/UpgradeNotes> for how to upgrade to
newer versions of the distribution.

deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic main restricted

deb-src http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic main restricted

## Major bug fix updates produced after the final release of the
distribution.

deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic-updates main restricted

deb-src http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic-updates main restricted

## N.B. software from this repository is ENTIRELY UNSUPPORTED by the Ubuntu
team. Also, please note that software in universe WILL NOT receive any
review or updates from the Ubuntu security team.

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team, and may not be under a free licence. Please satisfy yourself as to
your rights to use the software. Also, please note that software in
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deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic multiverse

deb-src http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic multiverse



deb http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ bionic-updates multiverse

deb-src <http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/> bionic-updates multiverse

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```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# gpg --keyserver keys.gnupg.net --recv A3C4F0F979CAA22CDBA8F512EE8CBC9E886DDD89
```

```
gpg: WARNING: unsafe ownership on homedir '/home/adenner/.gnupg'
```

```
gpg: key EE8CBC9E886DDD89: 1 duplicate signature removed
```

```
gpg: key EE8CBC9E886DDD89: 79 signatures not checked due to missing keys
```

```
gpg: key EE8CBC9E886DDD89: public key "deb.torproject.org archive signing key" imported
```

```
gpg: no ultimately trusted keys found
```

```
gpg: Total number processed: 1
```

```
gpg: imported: 1
```

```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# gpg --export A3C4F0F979CAA22CDBA8F512EE8CBC9E886DDD89 | sudo apt-key add -
```

```
gpg: WARNING: unsafe ownership on homedir '/home/adenner/.gnupg'
```

```
OK
```

```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# sudo apt install tor deb.torproject.org-keyring
```

```
Reading package lists... Done
```

```
Building dependency tree
```

```
Reading state information... Done
```

```
E: Unable to locate package deb.torproject.org-keyring
```

```
E: Couldn't find any package by glob 'deb.torproject.org-keyring'
```

```
E: Couldn't find any package by regex 'deb.torproject.org-keyring'
```

```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# apt update
```

```
Hit:1 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic InRelease
```

```
Hit:2 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates InRelease
```

```
Hit:3 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-security InRelease
```

```
Hit:4 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-backports InRelease
```

```
Get:5 https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org bionic InRelease [4,244 B]
```

```
Get:6 https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org bionic/main i386 Packages [2,098 B]
```

```
Get:7 https://deb.torproject.org/torproject.org bionic/main amd64 Packages [2,098 B]
```

```
Fetched 8,440 B in 3s (3,248 B/s)
```

```
Reading package lists... Done
```

```
Building dependency tree
```

```
Reading state information... Done
```

```
270 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
```

```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:~#
```



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Building dependency tree

Reading state information... Done

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E: Couldn't find any package by regex 'deb.torproject.org-keyring'



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Reading package lists... Done



Building dependency tree

Reading state information... Done

270 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.



root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# sudo apt install tor deb.torproject.org-keyring



Reading package lists... Done

Building dependency tree

Reading state information... Done



The following additional packages will be installed:

tor-geoipdb torsocks

Suggested packages:

mixmaster torbrowser-launcher socat tor-arm apparmor-utils obfs4proxy



The following NEW packages will be installed:

deb.torproject.org-keyring tor tor-geoipdb torsocks

0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 270 not upgraded.

Need to get 2,207 kB of archives.

After this operation, 11.3 MB of additional disk space will be used.

Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y





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root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# sudo apt install openssh-server

Reading package lists... Done

Building dependency tree

Reading state information... Done

The following additional packages will be installed:

ncurses-term openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id

Suggested packages:

molly-guard monkeysphere rssh ssh-askpass

The following NEW packages will be installed:

ncurses-term openssh-server openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id

0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 270 not upgraded.

Need to get 637 kB of archives.

After this operation, 5,316 kB of additional disk space will be used.

Do you want to continue? [Y/n]



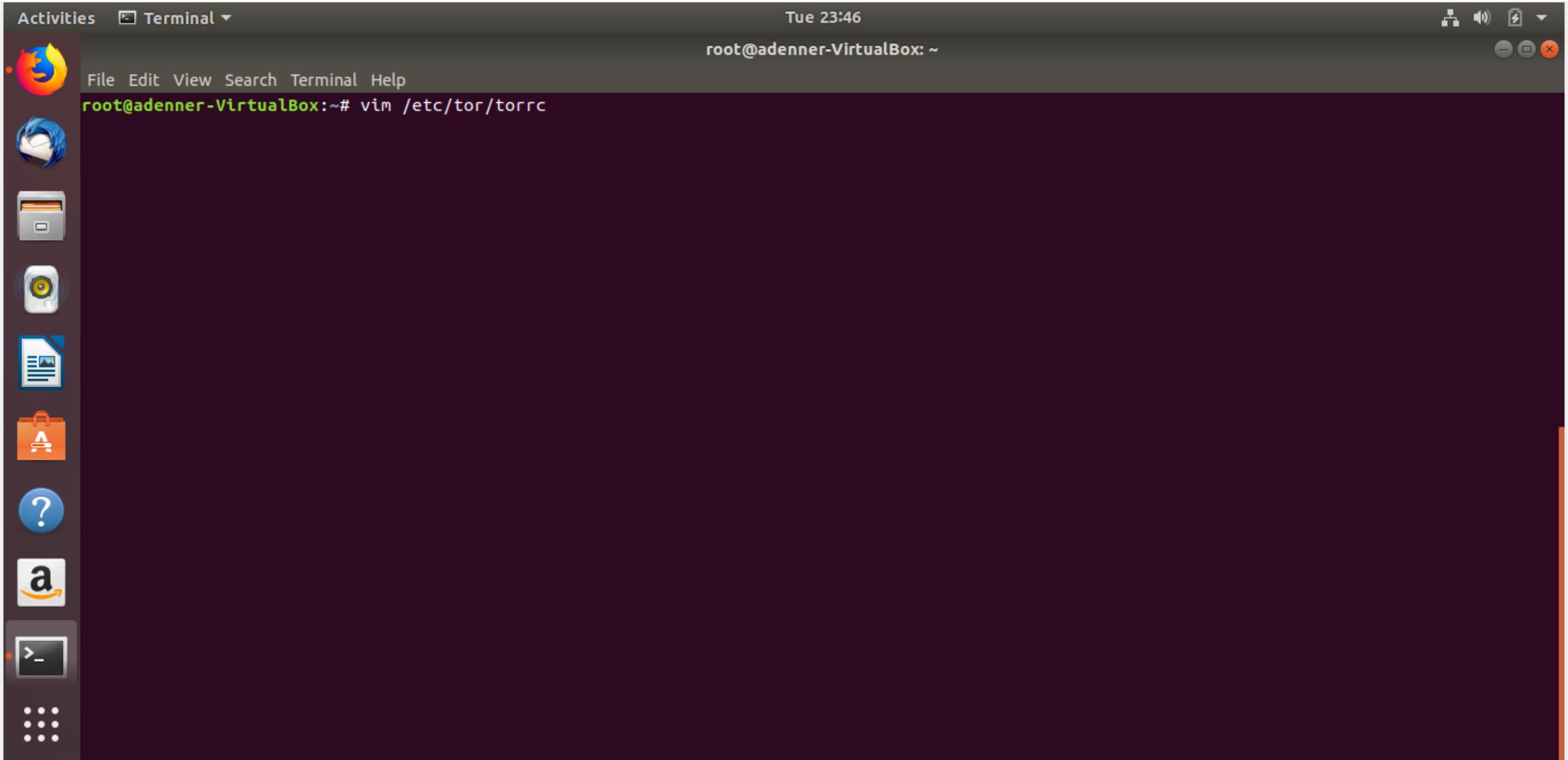
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```
Preparing to unpack .../openssh-sftp-server_1%3a7.6p1-4_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking openssh-sftp-server (1:7.6p1-4) ...
Selecting previously unselected package openssh-server.
Preparing to unpack .../openssh-server_1%3a7.6p1-4_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking openssh-server (1:7.6p1-4) ...
Selecting previously unselected package ssh-import-id.
Preparing to unpack .../ssh-import-id_5.7-0ubuntu1.1_all.deb ...
Unpacking ssh-import-id (5.7-0ubuntu1.1) ...
Setting up ncurses-term (6.1-1ubuntu1.18.04) ...
Processing triggers for ufw (0.35-5) ...
Processing triggers for ureadahead (0.100.0-20) ...
Setting up openssh-sftp-server (1:7.6p1-4) ...
Processing triggers for systemd (237-3ubuntu10) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.8.3-2) ...
Setting up ssh-import-id (5.7-0ubuntu1.1) ...
Setting up openssh-server (1:7.6p1-4) ...

Creating config file /etc/ssh/sshd_config with new version
Creating SSH2 RSA key; this may take some time ...
2048 SHA256:NkY84/6z2LUSZvHR1f6jtmI7Pni9+8oYPnY6pw8vyMs root@adenner-VirtualBox (RSA)
Creating SSH2 ECDSA key; this may take some time ...
256 SHA256:uM7eyQJiAT0007rJrzjg9VWPVA9Xe1gk/p5McMGP/DI root@adenner-VirtualBox (ECDSA)
Creating SSH2 ED25519 key; this may take some time ...
256 SHA256:pHUyo50Vy0Ik4KQu0FF36cVZ8Vwb1l0mlpYV2gVGJeY root@adenner-VirtualBox (ED25519)
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/ssh.service → /lib/systemd/system/ssh.service.
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/ssh.service → /lib/systemd/system/ssh.service.
Processing triggers for ureadahead (0.100.0-20) ...
Processing triggers for systemd (237-3ubuntu10) ...
Processing triggers for ufw (0.35-5) ...
root@adenner-VirtualBox:~#
```

Activities Terminal Tue 23:46 root@adenner-VirtualBox: ~

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root@adenner-VirtualBox:~# vim /etc/tor/torrc





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```
## see the FAQ entry if you want Tor to run as an NT service.
```

```
#RunAsDaemon 1
```

```
## The directory for keeping all the keys/etc. By default, we store  
## things in $HOME/.tor on Unix, and in Application Data\tor on Windows.
```

```
#DataDirectory /var/lib/tor
```

```
## The port on which Tor will listen for local connections from Tor  
## controller applications, as documented in control-spec.txt.
```

```
#ControlPort 9051
```

```
## If you enable the controlport, be sure to enable one of these  
## authentication methods, to prevent attackers from accessing it.
```

```
#HashedControlPassword 16:872860B76453A77D60CA2BB8C1A7042072093276A3D701AD684053EC4C
```

```
#CookieAuthentication 1
```

```
##### This section is just for location-hidden services ###
```

```
## Once you have configured a hidden service, you can look at the  
## contents of the file ".../hidden_service/hostname" for the address  
## to tell people.
```

```
##
```

```
## HiddenServicePort x y:z says to redirect requests on port x to the  
## address y:z.
```

```
HiddenServiceDir /var/lib/tor/hidden_service/
```

```
HiddenServicePort 22 127.0.0.1:22
```

```
#HiddenServiceDir /var/lib/tor/other_hidden_service/
```

```
#HiddenServicePort 80 127.0.0.1:80
```

```
#HiddenServicePort 22 127.0.0.1:22
```

```
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```

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28%



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```
## authentication methods, to prevent attackers from accessing it.  
#HashedControlPassword 16:872860B76453A77D60CA2BB8C1A7042072093276A3D701AD684053EC4C  
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## address y:z.
```

```
HiddenServiceDir /var/lib/tor/hidden_service/  
HiddenServicePort 22 127.0.0.1:22  
HiddenServiceAuthorizeClient stealth hidden_service
```

```
#HiddenServiceDir /var/lib/tor/other_hidden_service/  
#HiddenServicePort 80 127.0.0.1:80  
#HiddenServicePort 22 127.0.0.1:22
```

```
##### This section is just for relays #####
```

```
#  
## See https://www.torproject.org/docs/tor-doc-relay for details.
```

```
## Required: what port to advertise for incoming Tor connections.
```

```
#ORPort 9001
```

```
## If you want to listen on a port other than the one advertised in  
## ORPort (e.g. to advertise 443 but bind to 9090), you can do it as  
## follows. You'll need to do ipchains or other port forwarding  
## yourself to make this work.
```

```
:wq
```



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root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service# cat hostname

ot3r7zet7vkf5mt2.onion



root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service# vim /etc/tor/torrc

root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service# sudo /etc/init.d/tor restart

[ok] Restarting tor (via systemctl): tor.service.



root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service# cat hostname

fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion AL3vrp68h88yq8GYu/NbKB # client: hidden_service

root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service#



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HidServAuth fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion AL3vrp68h88yq8GYu/NbKB

```
## Configuration file for a typical Tor user
## Last updated 9 October 2013 for Tor 0.2.5.2-alpha.
## (may or may not work for much older or much newer versions of Tor.)
##
## Lines that begin with "## " try to explain what's going on. Lines
## that begin with just "#" are disabled commands: you can enable them
## by removing the "#" symbol.
##
## See 'man tor', or https://www.torproject.org/docs/tor-manual.html,
## for more options you can use in this file.
##
## Tor will look for this file in various places based on your platform:
## https://www.torproject.org/docs/faq#torrc
##
## Tor opens a socks proxy on port 9050 by default -- even if you don't
## configure one below. Set "SocksPort 0" if you plan to run Tor only
## as a relay, and not make any local application connections yourself.
##SocksPort 9050 # Default: Bind to localhost:9050 for local connections.
##SocksPort 192.168.0.1:9100 # Bind to this address:port too.
##
## Entry policies to allow/deny SOCKS requests based on IP address.
## First entry that matches wins. If no SocksPolicy is set, we accept
## all (and only) requests that reach a SocksPort. Untrusted users who
## can access your SocksPort may be able to learn about the connections
## you make.
##SocksPolicy accept 192.168.0.0/16
##SocksPolicy reject *
##
## Logs go to stdout at level "notice" unless redirected by something
:wq
```



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```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service# cat hostname
fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion AL3vrp68h88yq8GYu/NbKB # client: hidden_service
```

```
root@adenner-VirtualBox:/var/lib/tor/hidden_service# exit
exit
```



```
adenner@adenner-VirtualBox:~$ torify ssh adenner@fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion
The authenticity of host 'fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion (127.42.42.0)' can't be established.
```

```
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:uM7eyQJiAT0007rJrzjg9VWPVA9Xe1gk/p5McMGP/DI.
```

```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
```

```
Warning: Permanently added 'fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
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adenner@fk7ch4weby5urxo2.onion's password:
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Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-20-generic x86_64)
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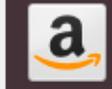
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* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:   https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:      https://ubuntu.com/advantage
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* Canonical Livepatch is available for installation.
- Reduce system reboots and improve kernel security. Activate at:
https://ubuntu.com/livepatch
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268 packages can be updated.
108 updates are security updates.
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The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
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Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
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adenner@adenner-VirtualBox:~$
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- ▶ <https://www.torproject.org/docs/onion-services.html.en>
- ▶ <https://svn.torproject.org/svn/projects/design-paper/tor-design.pdf>
- ▶ Tor onion services: more useful than you think
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHmxCeLpveA>
- ▶ <https://medium.com/@tzhenghao/how-to-ssh-over-tor-onion-service-c6d06194147>

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