



Practical Internet Privacy

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Privacy Links

Threat model/Security Plan

EFF, Your Security Plan

<https://ssd.eff.org/module/your-security-plan>

FERPA and protecting student privacy from US Department of Education

<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/>

Privacy threats in intimate relationships

<https://academic.oup.com/cybersecurity/article/6/1/tyaa006/5849222>

Passwords

XKCD on Password Strength

<https://xkcd.com/936/>

Password managers

<http://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-password-managers/>

Everything You Know About 'Secure' Passwords Is Wrong

https://www.tomsguide.com/us/password-advice-wrong_news-25617.html

Two Factor Authentication

<https://twofactorauth.org/>

Internet Traffic

Tor browser bundle

<https://www.torproject.org/projects/torbrowser.html.en>

EFF's Tor Relay Info

<https://www.eff.org/am/pages/what-tor-relay>

What is a VPN?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_private_network

Sensible talk about HTTPS

<http://www.librarian.net/stax/4771/>

Signal, encrypted chat

<https://whispersystems.org/>

Router vulnerability explained simply

<https://thenextweb.com/security/2017/10/17/krack-explained-like->

[youre-five-years-old/](#)

Listening/AI

Gizmodo: The House that Spied on Me

<https://gizmodo.com/the-house-that-spied-on-me-1822429852>

Amazon's Alexa recorded private conversation and sent it to random contact

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/may/24/amazon-alexa-recorded-conversation>

How to stop your smart TV from spying on you

<https://www.wired.com/2017/02/smart-tv-spying-vizio-settlement/>

Turning off voice control

<http://bit.ly/2p4kmKr>

Your smart devices listening to you, explained

<https://www.vox.com/recode/2019/9/20/20875755/smart-devices-listening-human-reviewers-portal-alexa-siri-assistant>

Tracking

Ad Block Plus

<https://adblockplus.org/>

Privacy Badger

<https://www.eff.org/privacybadger>

FB Purity

<http://www.fbpurity.com/>

uBlock Origin

<https://ublockorigin.com/>

DuckDuckGo

<https://duckduckgo.com/>

About privacy and personalized ads

<https://support.google.com/google-ads/answer/2549116>

Your Facebook ad preferences

<https://www.facebook.com/ads/preferences/>

How to get to browser privacy settings

Firefox https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/firefox-options-preferences-and-settings#w_privacy-security-panel

Chrome <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/14225066>

Safari <https://support.apple.com/guide/safari/manage-cookies-and-website-data-sfri11471>

Microsoft Edge <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/adjust-privacy-settings-in-microsoft-edge>

Trust but Verify - Learn More

Washington Post: 15 default privacy settings you should change right now

<https://wapo.st/2Jjjm1J>

ALA Privacy Guidelines

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/privacyconfidentiality/...>

ALA Privacy Checklist (et al.)

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/privacy/checklists>

ALA Choose Privacy Week

<https://chooseprivacyweek.org/>

EFF Surveillance Self-Defense Starter Pack

<https://ssd.eff.org/en>

Consumer Reports: Talking to Kids about Digital

Privacy

<https://www.consumerreports.org/privacy/kids-and-digital-privacy-what-works/>

Further reading

- [New York Times Privacy Project](#)
- [Krebs on Security](#)
- [Schneier on Security](#)
- [EFF Deeplinks blog](#)
- [Decent Security](#)

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