

# Virtual Private Networks

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Have you been wondering how to protect your privacy when you go online?

Do you want to keep the data you transfer over the internet safe?

Would you like to hide your IP address?

Would you like to be protected when going on a public WiFi?



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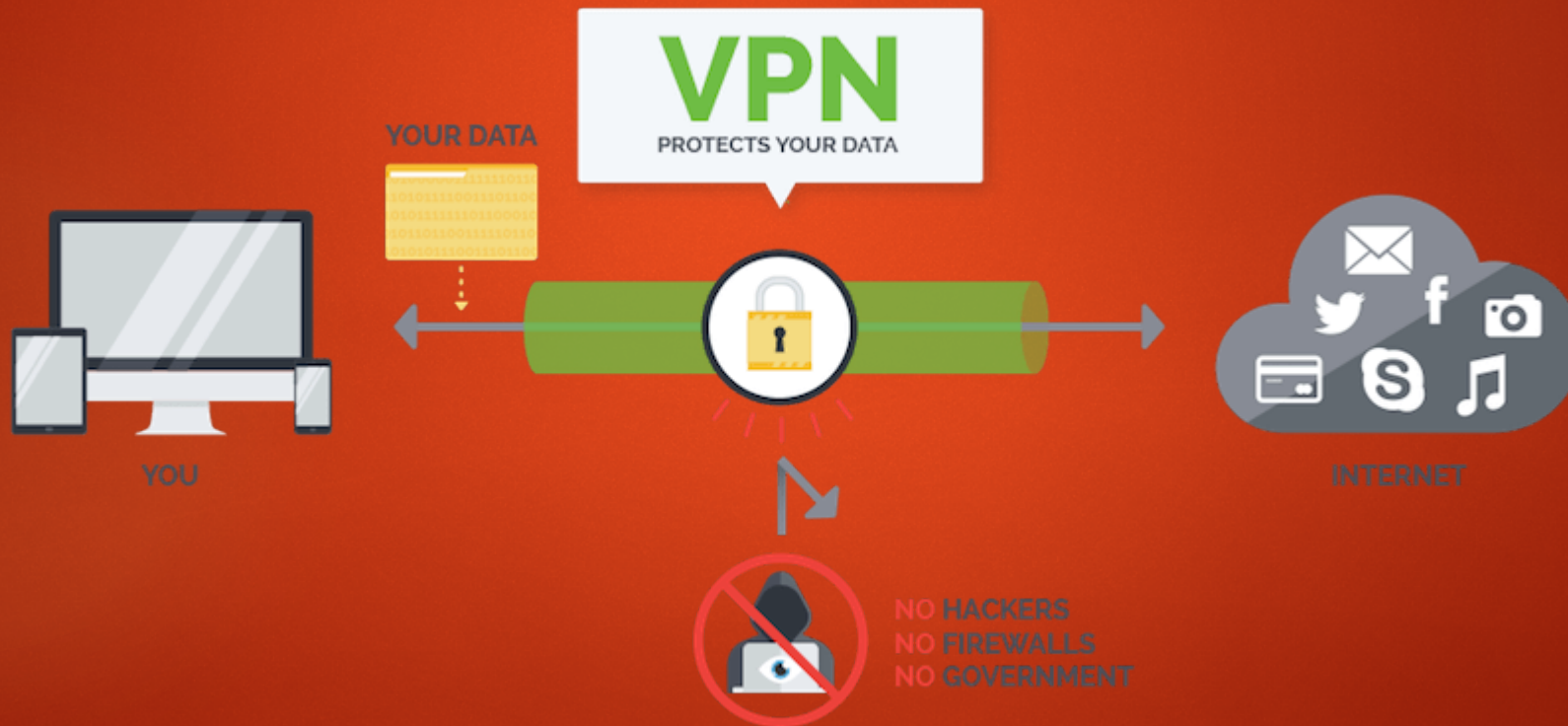
A Virtual Private Network (VPN) may be exactly what you are looking for.

- The demand for VPNs is quickly rising in response to frightening mass surveillance trends (our government at work).
- Internet Service Providers are logging everything you do and where you go while on the internet.
- Hackers are stealing personal data that is being sent over the internet.
- Once collected your data may be sold to the highest bidder.



# What is a Virtual Private Network

A VPN is an encrypted connection between your computer/device and a VPN server. Think of this encrypted connection as a protected "tunnel" through which you can access everything online, while appearing to be in the location of the server you are connected to. This gives you a high level online anonymity, provides you with added security, and allows you to access the entire internet without restrictions.





# Benefits of a Virtual Private Network

- Surf the internet without revealing your real IP address and geo-location.
- Add an extra level of security by encrypting your internet connection.
- Protect yourself from hackers anywhere you go – especially while using public WiFi connections in cafés, hotels, and airports.
- Prevent your Internet Service Provider (ISP), third parties, and governments from spying on your online activities (thanks to encryption).
- Protect your private data, such as bank passwords, credit cards, photos, and other personal information when online.



# Things to consider about VPNs

- Be sure you use a reputable VPN service.
- Avoid free VPN services.
- Thoroughly read the Privacy Policy when considering a VPN service.
- VPNs do not protect you from malicious software and virus software.
- Check out PC Magazine's 2019 [review of VPN services](#).