

How to Setup a Virtual Private Network (2022)

A step-by-step guide to install and configure NordVPN.

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Introduction

A VPN (a virtual private network) is one of the best tools you (and your business) can use to help protect yourself on the internet. It can help you keep your data safe from hackers. How? Creating a secure connection between your computer and a server run by your VPN provider hides your online activity from anyone who might be monitoring your Internet connection. Your internet traffic is encrypted so no one will be able to see what sites you're visiting or what files you're transferring.

If you're not very familiar with technology, it can seem daunting to have to purchase and then set up a VPN. Have no fear! That's why I'm here. To teach you how to set up your new VPN very easily so it can do what it does best – protect you and your data.



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What is a virtual private network?

A virtual private network, or VPN, is a tool that keeps you safe online. It encrypts your data and sends it through a secure connection to another location. This way, even if someone intercepts your data, they won't be able to read it.

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1. Privacy

The encryption provided by most VPNs means you can browse without worrying about others spying on your activity or intercepting any data sent over an insecure connection. The best providers offer no logging policies—meaning they don't keep any records of what users do online—and strong 2048-bit encryption so that no one can hack into your connection (including government agencies).

2. Security

A VPN provider will encrypt all traffic between your device and the internet; this includes all data sent between websites or apps on your phone or computer and web pages accessed while browsing on public WiFi networks at coffee shops, restaurants, airports, etc.



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3. Bypass Restrictions

If you want to access content that is restricted by your local laws or blocked in your region. For example, if you're traveling abroad, you might want access to US-based streaming services like Netflix—but they won't work on some hotel Wi-Fi networks without a VPN. That's where a VPN comes in! You can use them to get around censorship laws or geo-blocks on content such as movies and TV shows by connecting through a server in another country.



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Setting Up a Virtual Private Network: A Step-by-Step Guide

Now that we've gone over the basics of what a VPN is, how it works, and why you should buy one, let's get down to the good stuff; installing it and seeing what this baby can do! If you haven't yet purchased a VPN, I'm going to suggest my all-time favorite one! It's called NordVPN, and it's the best VPN available today.

Why? It's simple to set up and configure.

It's affordable (did I mention my link has a special 68% off discount and three months free!?!) And, they offer a 30-day money-back guarantee, so if for some crazy reason you don't like it (which I highly doubt will happen), you can quickly return it and get every penny back.

If you want to give it a shot, go ahead and click the button below and grab that discount I was telling you about. We'll start at step one, purchasing NordVPN.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ 51% of US and UK users rely on VPNs to protect their privacy on public Wi-Fi networks.
 - ✓ The VPN market is currently worth \$30.05 billion.
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1. Purchase and Download NordVPN

Purchase NordVPN by clicking the buy now button above or right here. After purchasing NordVPN, you'll download it from their downloads page. (Make sure to select the Windows download if you have a Windows computer and the Mac download if you own a Mac.)

2. Step 2: Install NordVPN

Go to your downloads folder and locate the NordVPNInstall file. Double-click it.

If you want to install it into a different folder than the default folder selected, go ahead and do so at this point in the installation (the popup box will prompt you to choose a folder to install NordVPN into). After selecting a folder (or leaving it as is), click "next."



Optional:

When it's done installing, it will show two empty checkboxes that say "Launch NordVPN" and "Install NordPass." NordPass comes free with NordVPN which is an exceptional deal! NordPass is on my list as one of my all-time essential security must-haves for keeping yourself safe online. I highly recommend taking advantage of this fantastic feature and installing this password manager to keep yourself even more protected on the internet and on your devices.

3. Choose your location (*optional*)

There's not much you need to do as far as changing settings is concerned. That's one of the great things about NordVPN. They make it super easy for anyone to install and start using ASAP.

After it's installed and you check the checkbox for it the program to open, a screen that shows a map of the United States (or whichever country you're located in) will appear. This shows where you're connected to. To change countries, for example, to select Ireland as our location, simply select the dropdown menu and click on Ireland. It's that easy.



4. Configure Settings

To set up NordVPN after installation, there's not a whole lot that needs to be done, to be honest! It's pretty much all set to go after installing it. However, there is one important setting I like to configure for convenience. That would be the auto-connect to VPN setting so that every time I log on to my computer, I don't have to manually connect to my VPN, it'll automatically connect for me.

To configure the auto-connect setting, you simply select the Settings tab at the bottom left-hand corner of the VPN screen. Next, select the first option, General Settings. Then toggle the very first option on the list. Voila! You've set your VPN to auto-connect.



Key Takeaways

Now that we've discussed all the basics of what a VPN is and how it works, and we went over the simple instructions for purchasing, downloading, and installing the best VPN, NordVPN, it's time to summarize what we've learned!

What we learned:

- ✓ Having a VPN is essential to your online security
- ✓ It encrypts your data so even if it's intercepted it can't be read
- ✓ Setting up and configuring a VPN is super easy!
- ✓ NordVPN is the best VPN



Have Questions?

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Morgan is available to answer any and all questions you may have. Call or email her today, she would love to hear from you!

