

Tor executive director hints at Firefox integration



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Is this how the mainstream finally begins to win back its online privacy?

The Tor (<http://dailydot.com/tags/tor/>) anonymity network may soon expand to hundreds of millions of new users around the world as the software's developers prepare to scale to a "global population."

Several major tech firms are in talks with Tor to include the software in products that can potentially reach over 500 million Internet users around the world. One particular firm wants to include Tor as a "private browsing mode" in a mainstream Web browser, allowing users to easily toggle connectivity to the Tor anonymity network on and off.

"They very much like Tor Browser and would like to ship it to their customer base," Tor executive director Andrew Lewman wrote, explaining the discussions but declining to name the specific company. "Their product is 10-20 percent of the global market, this is of roughly 2.8 billion global Internet users."

That ranges from 280 million people to 560 million. While it stands to reason that not all of those people



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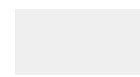
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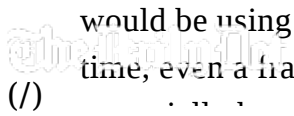
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would be using the “private browsing mode” all the time, even a fraction of these numbers represents a

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