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That being said, signing up for free VPN services — especially those dedicated to mobile apps — can be a risky business. Know that all "free" services are making money off of you somehow, whether it be from advertisements or something less innocuous. We've scoured the web for reviews, testimonials, and statistics on which are the best VPN choices. Then, we tried out the services for ourselves, taking notes on ease-of-use and testing network speeds. Keeping all of these factors in mind, these are the services that stood out.

### PRIVATE INTERNET ACCESS

If the happy family on the homepage isn't enough to convince you, maybe the fact that it's one of the most reliable VPN services on the market is. Private Internet Accessdoes everything you could want from a good VPN. It hides your IP address, protects your information, and scrambles your browsing activity using a variety of encryption methods.

#### TORGUARD

With a name like TorGuard, the software better offer strong protection. The software's hallmarks lie in its ability to connect to a melange of services for different activities, with four different packages available based on various needs. The VPN service will run you \$10 each month, but there's a cheaper proxy service if all you need to do is hide your IP address from the world.

#### NORDVPN

With double, 2048-bit SSL encryption, it's easy to see that NordVPN values your privacy. But the company has also worked hard to build up its server network to include more than 5,200 server locations in 62 countries around the world. The service also comes with a variety of security tools for encrypted chat and proxy extensions, and you can use up to six devices simultaneously, which is higher than many companies are willing to go.

#### EXPRESSVPN

ExpressVPN's "#1 Trusted Leader in VPN" claim may be a bit difficult to prove, but the service offers a compelling list of features nonetheless. It also constantly tries to make

consistent improvements in speed and simultaneous streaming capabilities, and with support for all major platforms (Windows, MacOS, Android, etc.), you won't need to worry about compatibility. ExpressVPN shows up on a number of "best VPN" lists, and so its relatively high prices are justified.

#### Psiphon 3

Psiphon is a VPN (Virtual Private Network) service that redirects user's IP address to a different IP address when it reaches its end point. Psiphon is used to access uncensored and banned addresses and also for protecting IP address from malicious services. Psiphon is an open source tool and all parent IP addresses are circumvented through thousands of proxies that are set up within the network.

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