



Stream, download, and game with the world's fastest VPN



Hotspot Shield is the world's fastest VPN, as verified by Top10VPN, providing secure and private access to information for users around the world. Its proprietary Hydra protocol optimizes your VPN to ensure fast, secure connections for gaming, streaming, downloading, P2P, and more. Trusted by millions, Hotspot Shield users can encrypt their internet traffic by connecting to one of its 1800+ VPN servers in 80+ countries — including 35+ cities around the world. Hotspot Shield does not log any data that could be tied to customers, keeping sensitive data protected from hackers and cyber predators.



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Key Product Features

		Free	Premium
		For secure, private browsing	For high-speed browsing + advanced security features
Encryption	AES 256 Encryption	✓	✓
Compatibility	Available across a variety of operating systems	iOS, Android, Mac, Windows	Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, Chrome, Linux, Smart TV, Routers
Zero-Logs Policy	Hotspot Shield does not record VPN browsing activities in any way that can be associated back to users	✓	✓
Device Connections	Number of unique devices users can connect to Hotspot Shield VPN	1	10
Server Count	A dynamic network of servers allows for capacity adjustment based on the volume of users in each location, ensuring performance always meets user demand	800+	800+
Virtual Locations	Americas: 45, Europe: 53, Asia: 33, Middle East: 6	5	137
Data Limits	Unlimited data with Premium plans. Free users may watch ads to surpass the Basic plan's daily limit for iOS and Android.	Unlimited	Unlimited
Fastest VPN Connection	Top10VPN testing found Hotspot Shield is the fastest VPN of 2024 and noted it's the only VPN that consistently maintained a download speed loss of below 2% across servers in six continents	Up to 1 GBPS	Up to 1 GBPS
Internet Kill Switch	Automatically disconnects devices from the internet if there is an interruption to VPN connection	✓	✓
Hydra, IPSec and OpenVPN protocols	Leverages Hydra, a proprietary protocol awarded for reliability and speed, but users can connect to other protocols including IPSec and OpenVPN	✓	✓
SmartVPN Split Tunneling	Split tunneling capability allows users to designate domains and apps that bypass the VPN encryption	✓	✓
IP Leak Protection	Protects users IP address from exposure	✓	✓
P2P / Torrent Support	Allows users to download content from torrents without leaking location	✓	✓
DNS Leak Protection	Block malicious websites and filter out harmful or inappropriate content	✓	✓
Tor Over VPN	Allow access to Tor network while VPN is active	✓	✓
Traffic Obfuscation	Obfuscate traffic to bypass VPN restrictions or local censorship	✓	✓
Malware Protection	Protect user devices from cyberthreats and malware	✓	✓
Security Check with PKI	Ensure a secure and validated connection to our VPN servers	✓	✓
Streaming Mode	Optimized for Netflix, YouTube, Disney+ and more	✗	✓
Gaming Mode	Optimized for Fortnite, Roblox & more	✗	✓
24/7 Customer Support	Get 24/7 live chat and email support from our customer service team	Support center only	✓

A third party audit of Hotspot Shield was completed by Aon in August of 2023. A summary of the report findings is available for [download here](#).

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