

A graphic featuring a central blue shield with the word "OSINT" in white. The shield is surrounded by various digital icons: a smartphone, a laptop, a tablet, a server rack, a lightbulb, a headset, and a magnifying glass. The background is dark blue with circuit-like patterns and glowing dots.

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Introduction

Linux telemetry, which involves gathering and sending data from a Linux-based system to an external server or service, raises concerns about **Linux telemetry and privacy**. The purpose of this process is often to monitor system performance, provide diagnostics, enable analytics, or improve system functionality. The collected data may encompass system performance indicators, usage patterns, hardware specifications, error logs, and other relevant information. In this article, we are going to discuss why telemetry can be seen as a potential threat to privacy, even when used for legitimate purposes. We will also explore methods to make the system more secure than before.

Secure OS Installation

Ideally we should consider the **POP!_OS** by **System76** for installation, it is based on Ubuntu but redesigned for privacy and security. However, here we are considering the **Ubuntu 22.04.4** version. We are considering this version of Ubuntu because the versions which begin with an **odd number** or end with the **0.10** are **interim** releases with a short support cycle and we will be needing a version which has the Long Term Support (**LTS**). Hence only versions which begin with an **even number** and end with **0.04** should be considered. We will discuss the steps to make it secure from the installation itself.

Steps:

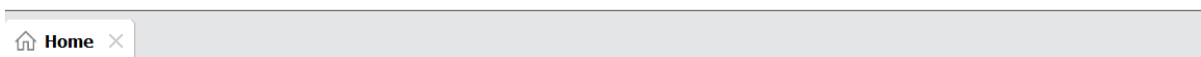
1: Download the ubuntu-22.04.4-desktop-amd64.iso image from the following URL: <https://old-releases.ubuntu.com/releases/22.04/>



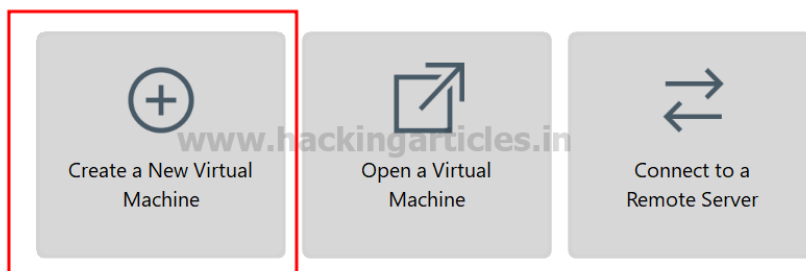


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	SHA256SUMS.gpg	2024-02-22 15:31	833
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	ubuntu-22.04.4-desktop-amd64.iso.torrent	2024-02-22 15:31	374K
	ubuntu-22.04.4-desktop-amd64.iso.zsync	2024-02-22 15:31	11M
	ubuntu-22.04.4-desktop-amd64.list	2024-02-20 19:39	26K
	ubuntu-22.04.4-desktop-amd64.manifest	2024-02-20 19:34	60K
	ubuntu-22.04.4-live-server-amd64.iso	2024-02-16 23:52	2.0G
	ubuntu-22.04.4-live-server-amd64.iso.torrent	2024-02-22 15:24	157K
	ubuntu-22.04.4-live-server-amd64.iso.zsync	2024-02-22 15:24	3.9M
	ubuntu-22.04.4-live-server-amd64.list	2024-02-16 23:52	7.8K
	ubuntu-22.04.4-live-server-amd64.manifest	2024-02-16 19:09	19K

2: Create a new virtual machine in VMware workstation PRO.



WORKSTATION 16 PRO™



3: Select the path of the installer disc.



New Virtual Machine Wizard

Guest Operating System Installation

A virtual machine is like a physical computer; it needs an operating system. How will you install the guest operating system?

Install from:

☐ Installer disc:

DVD RW Drive (E:)

☒ Installer disc image file (iso):

D:\OS Images\Linux OS\ubuntu-22.04-desktop-amd64.

Ubuntu 64-bit 22.04 detected.
This operating system will use Easy Install. [\(What's this?\)](#)

☐ I will install the operating system later.

The virtual machine will be created with a blank hard disk.

4: Enter the Full name, User name, Password and Confirm.



New Virtual Machine Wizard ✕

Easy Install Information
This is used to install Ubuntu 64-bit.

Personalize Linux

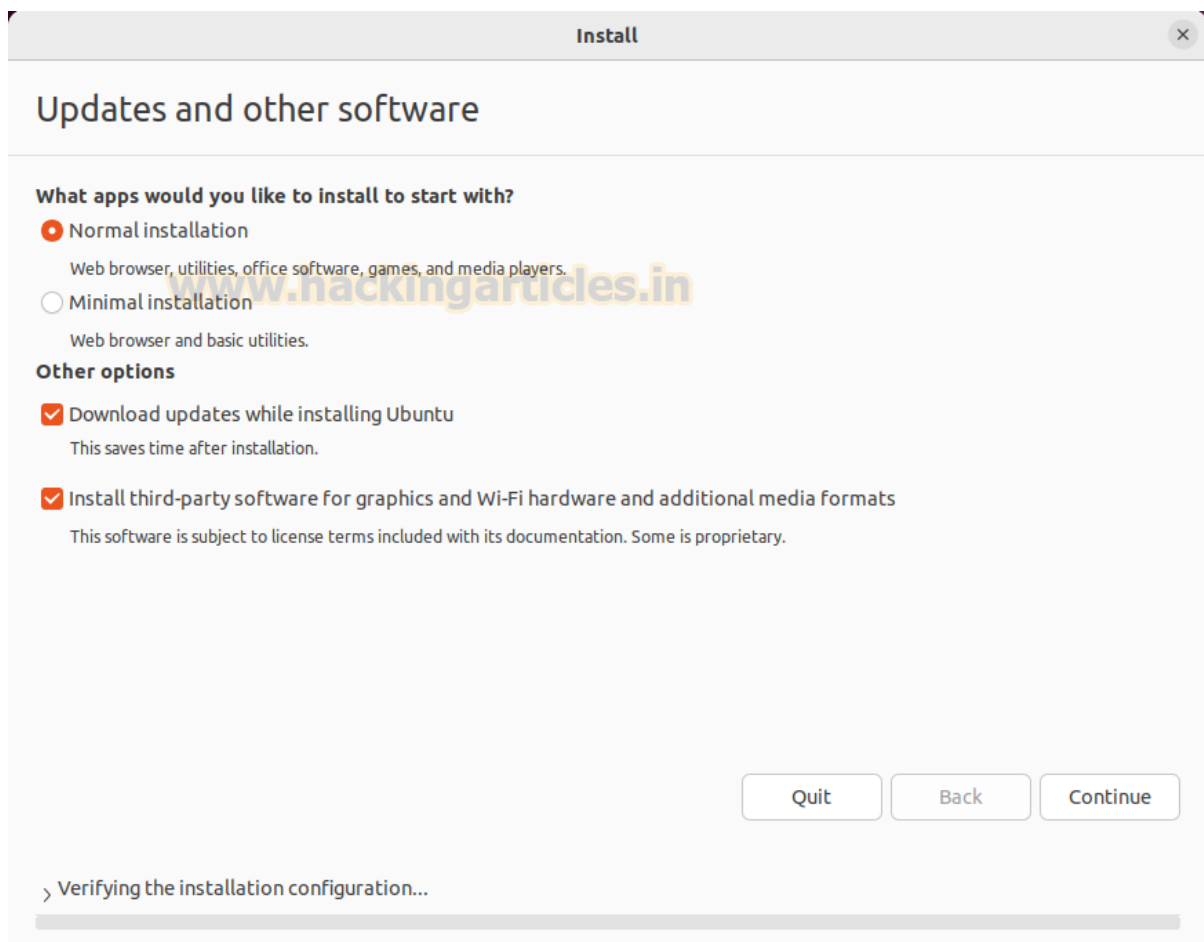
Full name:

User name:

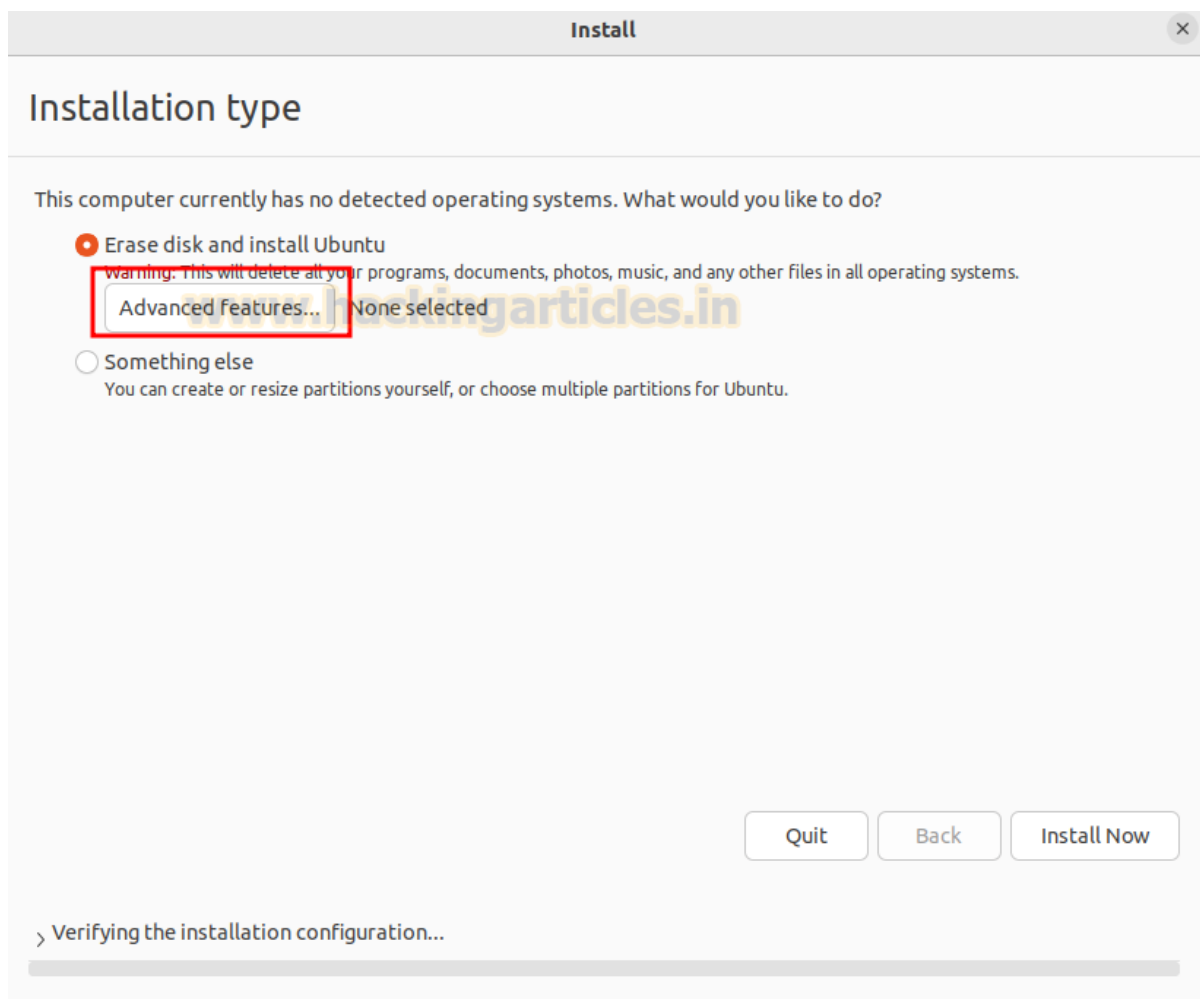
Password:

Confirm:

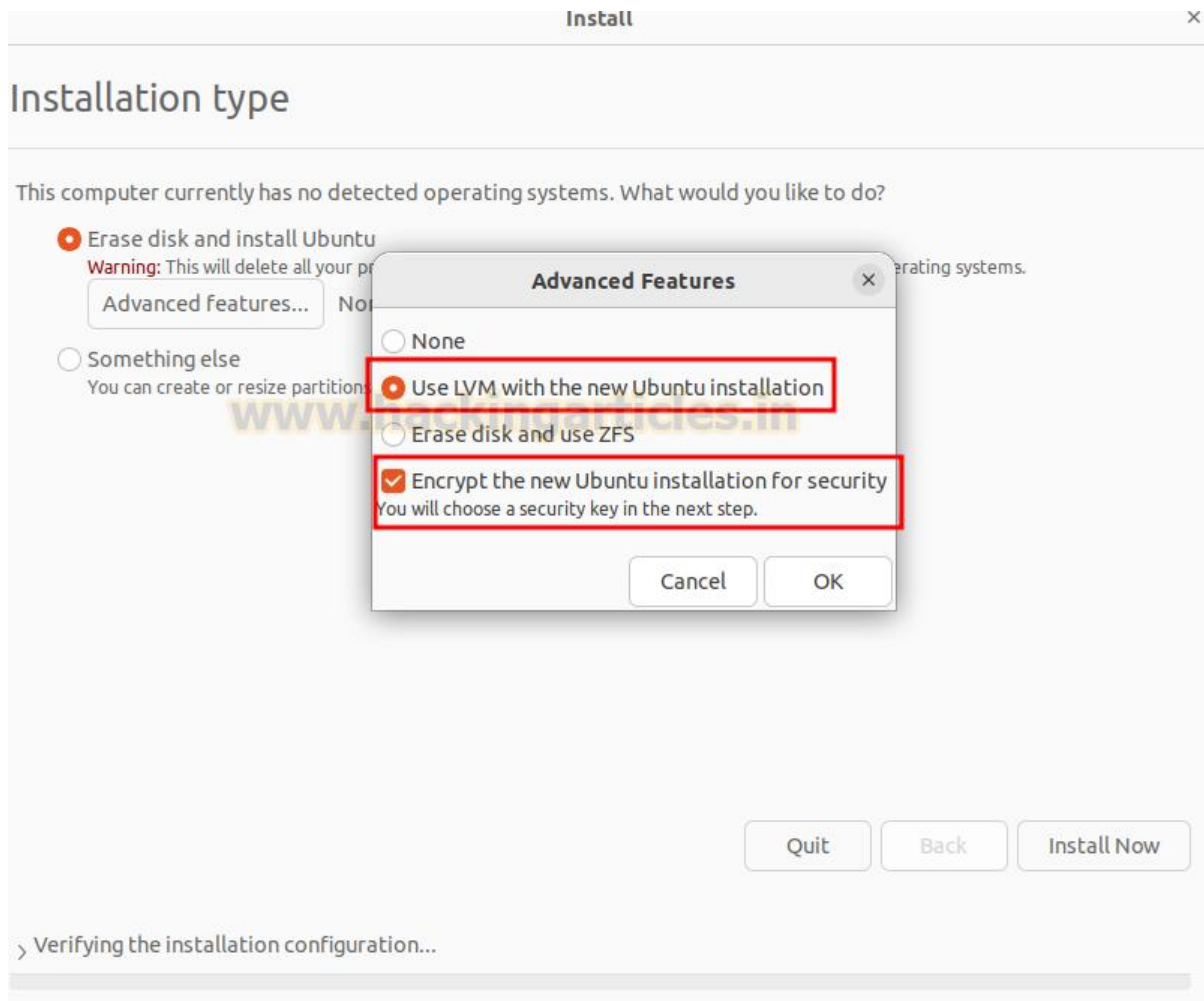
5: Select the Normal installation and select both options in the Other options.



6: Select Erase disk and install Ubuntu, click on Advanced features.



7: Inside Advanced features, use the following options: Use LVM with the new Ubuntu installation and Encrypt the new Ubuntu installation for Security.



8: Enter the Security key and click on Install now.



Install

Choose a security key:

Disk encryption protects your files in case you lose your computer. It requires you to enter a security key each time the computer starts up.
Any files outside of Ubuntu will not be encrypted.

Choose a security key: Good password

Confirm the security key:

☐ Enable recovery key: A recovery key is generated and will be temporarily saved on the live system. You can select an alternate location. Save this file and keep it in a safe place elsewhere before rebooting.

Recovery key:

Confirm recovery key:

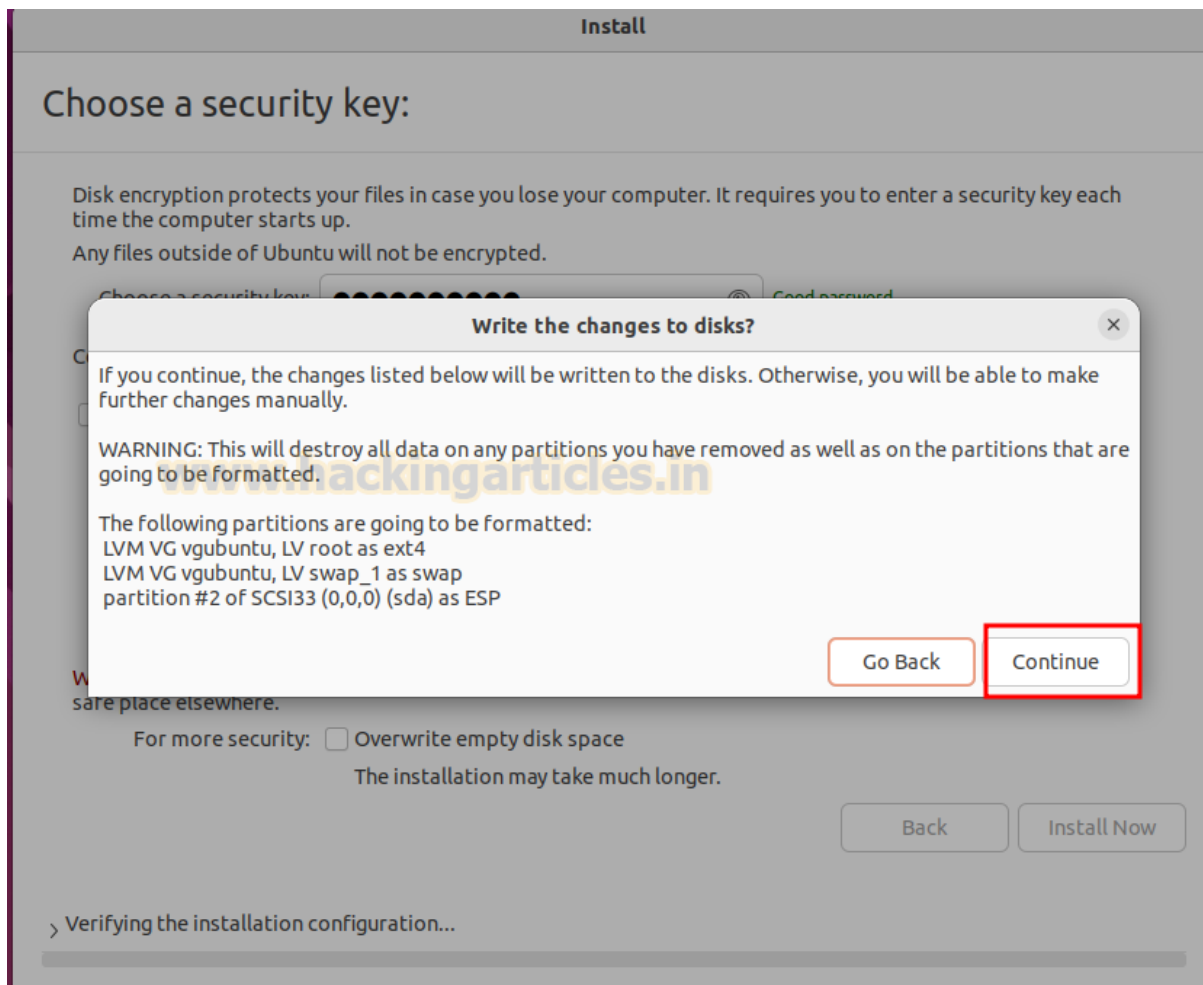
Location:

Warning: If you lose this security key, all data will be lost. If you need to, write down your key and keep it in a safe place elsewhere.

For more security: ☐ Overwrite empty disk space
The installation may take much longer.

> Verifying the installation configuration...

9: Select Continue for the Write the changes to disks? Option.



10: Enter the details in the Who are you? Installation option.

Install

Who are you?

Your name: ✓

Your computer's name: ✓
The name it uses when it talks to other computers.

Pick a username: ✓

Choose a password:  **Short password**

Confirm your password: ✓

☐ Log in automatically

☒ Require my password to log in

☐ Use Active Directory
You'll enter domain and other details in the next step.

[Back](#) [Continue](#)

> Copying files...

Once the installation is complete, you will see an ubuntu login screen like the one shown below.



Removing the packages

After login into the ubuntu machine, we can remove all those packages, which some how transfer the user/system information to an outside source either for improvement, feedback, or diagnostic purpose.

Starting with the **whoopsie** package, it is a crash reporting daemon designed to capture application crashes and send anonymized reports to the Ubuntu servers.

The command to remove its entire content is:

```
sudo apt purge apport apport-symptoms popularity-contest ubuntu-report whoopsie
```



```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt purge apport apport-symptoms popularity-contest ubuntu-report whoopsie
[sudo] password for osint:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Package 'popularity-contest' is not installed, so not removed
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
 chromium-codecs-ffmpeg-extra gdb gstreamer1.0-vaapi i965-va-driver intel-media-va-driver libaacs0 lib
 libcodec2-1.0 libdav1d5 libdebuginfod-common libdebuginfod1 libflashrom1 libflite1 libftdi1-2 libgme6
 librubberband2 libserd-0-0 libshine3 libsnappy1v5 libsord-0-0 libsource-highlight-common libsource-hi
 libvidstab1.1 libx265-199 libxvidcore4 libzim2 libzmq5 libzvbi-common libzvbi0 mesa-va-drivers mesa-
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following packages will be REMOVED:
 apport* apport-gtk* apport-symptoms* ubuntu-report* whoopsie*
```

We will also remove the **motd-news** package, it is responsible for delivering dynamic news messages as part of the **Message of the Day** (MOTD) system.

The command to remove its entire content is:

```
sudo rm /etc/update-motd.d/50-motd-news
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo rm /etc/update-motd.d/50-motd-news
osint@ignite:~$
```

Settings in ubuntu

After removing the packages, we can now proceed with the essential settings in ubuntu, which can help us to be more secure. Here we are going to show it using the terminal and how the same can be done on the GUI.

Disable diagnostics reporting

Apport is a crash reporting tool found in Ubuntu and other Linux-based operating systems. Its primary function is to identify when programs crash, gather detailed information about the error, and create reports that assist in diagnosing and troubleshooting the problem.

Setting the app crash report to false does not give the apport crash pop-up notifications.

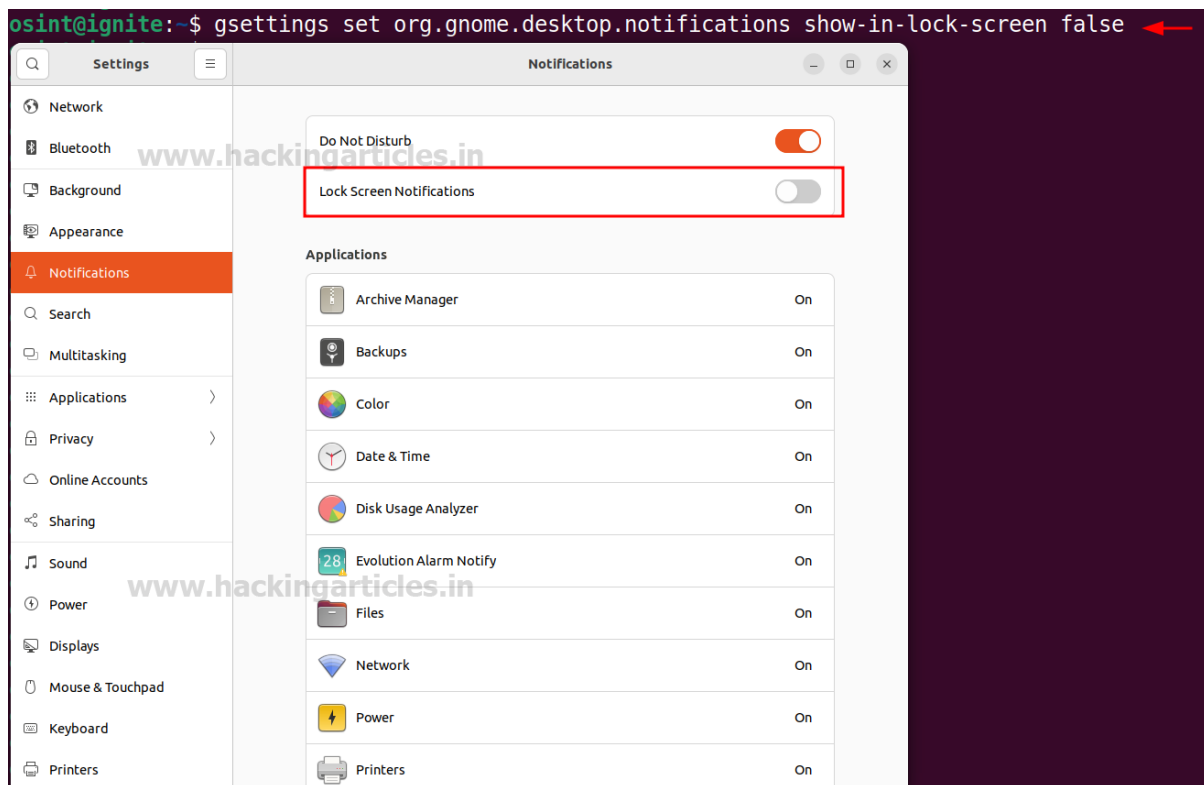
```
gsettings set com.ubuntu.update-notifier show-apport-crashes false
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ gsettings set com.ubuntu.update-notifier show-apport-crashes false
osint@ignite:~$
```

Disable lock screen notifications

Lock screen notifications can disclose various things which might be private to the user. So, we need to disable the lock screen notifications.

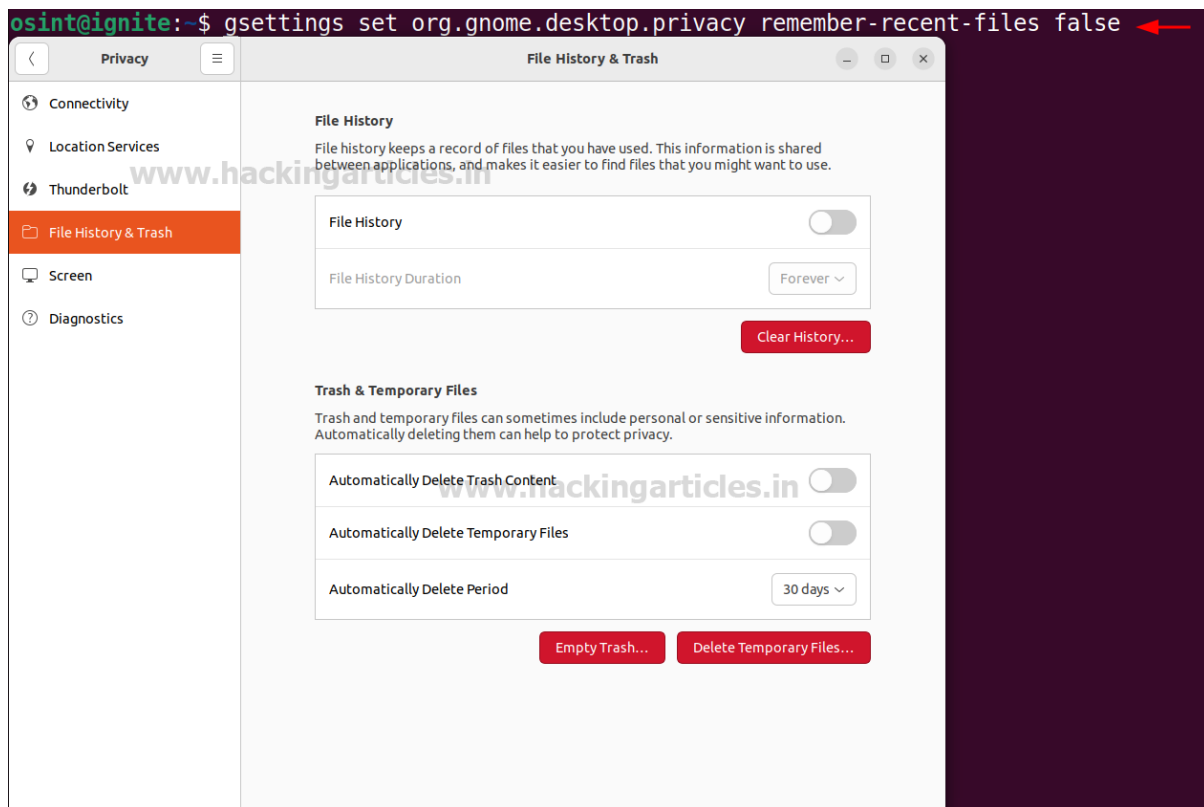
```
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.notifications show-in-lock-screen false
```



Disable tracking of recent files

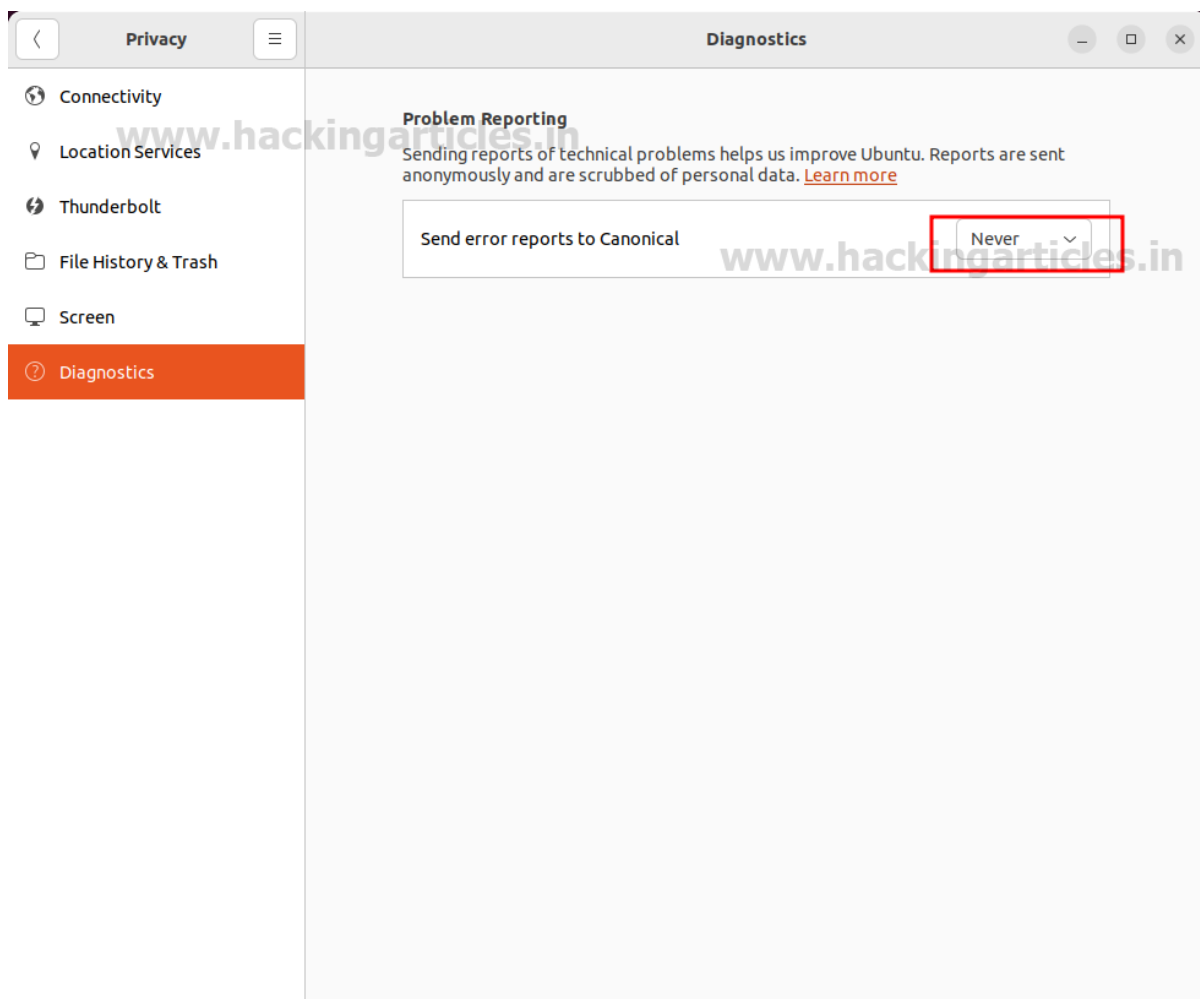
To disable the tracking of recently opened files in the ubuntu machine, we can set the **remember-recent-files** to **false**.

```
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.privacy remember-recent-files false
```



Turning off the problem reporting

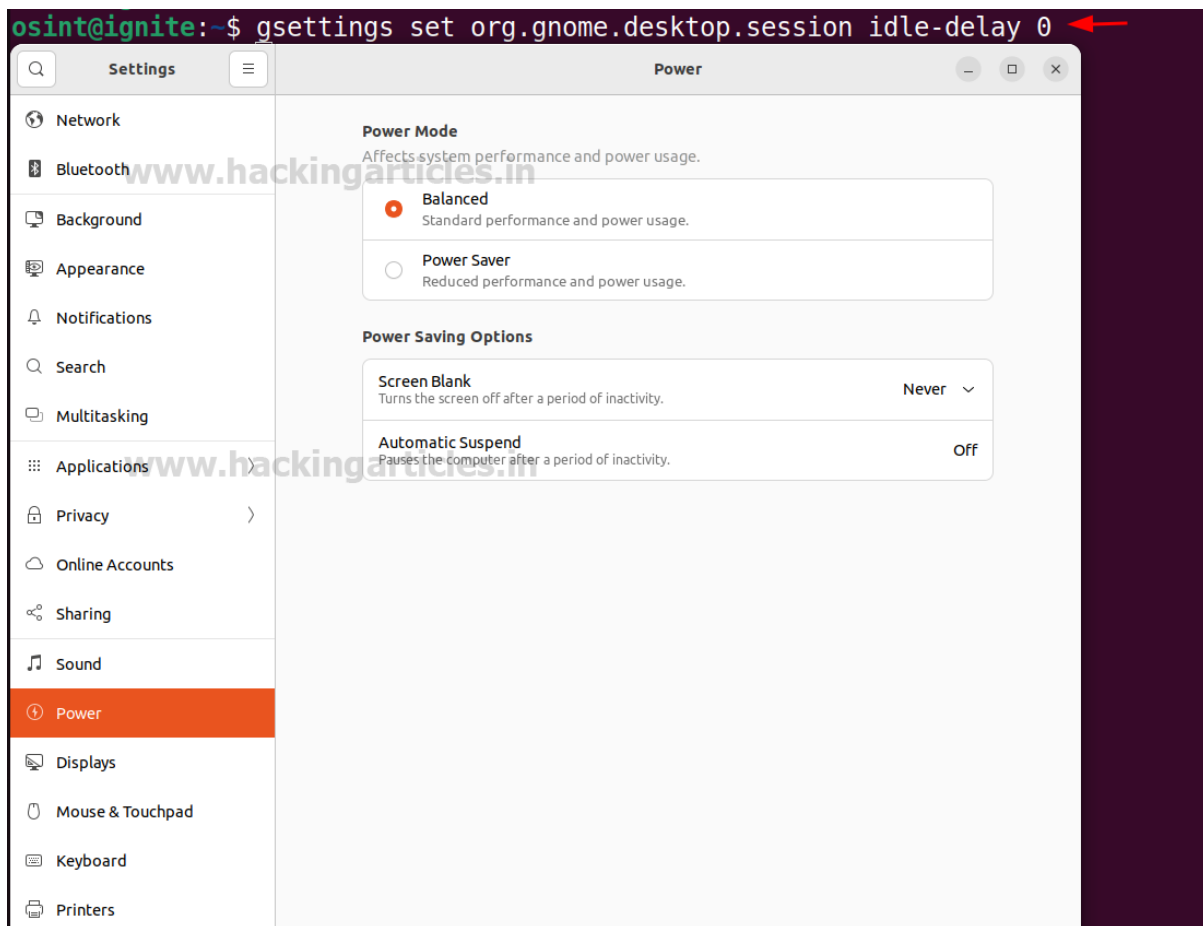
Open the Privacy setting in the GUI and inside Diagnostics set the **Send error reports to Canonical** to **Never**. By doing this no error reports will be shared to the Canonical and a privacy can be maintained.



Turning off the screen blank

To disable the automatic **screen blanking or locking due to inactivity**, first open the Power options. Then, set the **Screen Blank** option to **Never** and **Automatic Suspend** to **Off**. **This way**, the display stays on indefinitely because the inactivity action **never triggers**.

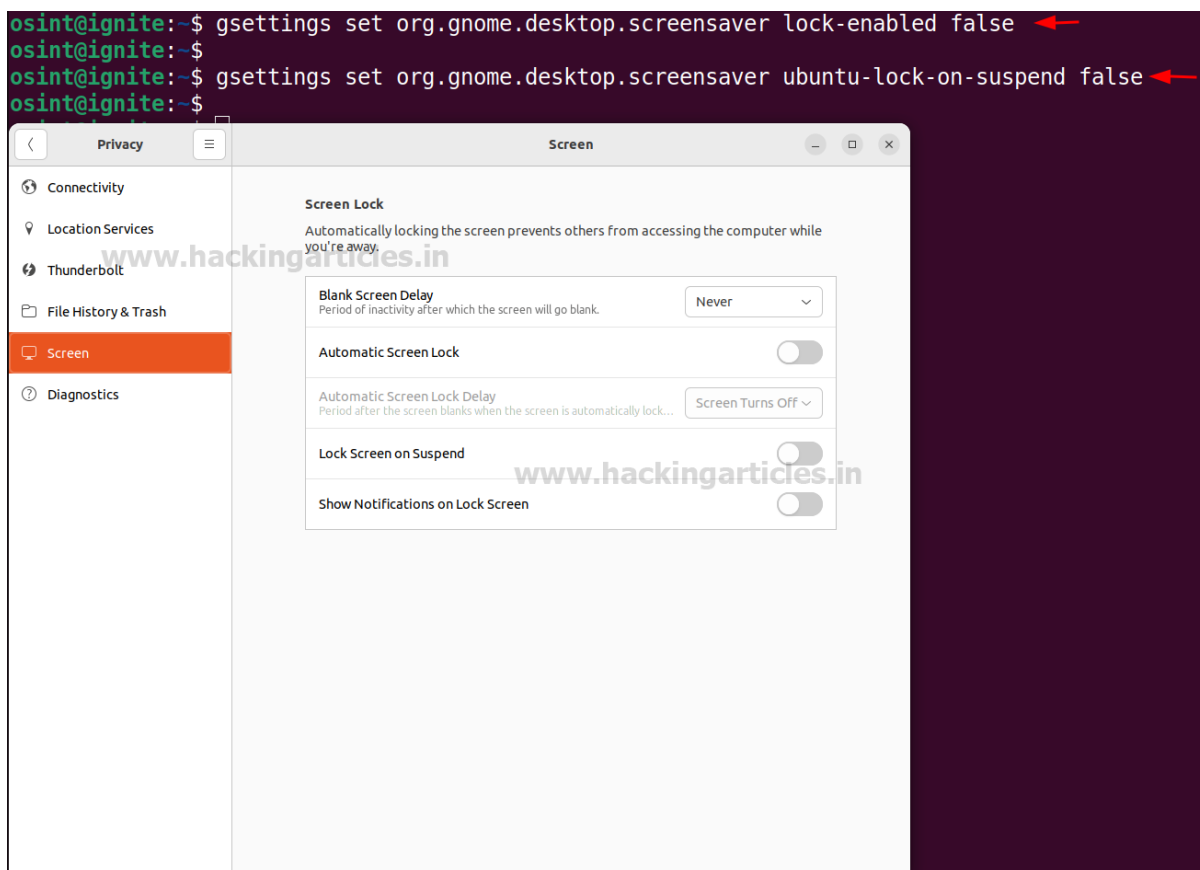
```
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.session idle-delay 0
```



Disable automatic screen locking

To disable the automatic lock when the system remains idle, click the **Privacy** option, then click **Screen** and disable all options.

```
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.screensaver lock-enabled false
gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.screensaver ubuntu-lock-on-suspend false
```



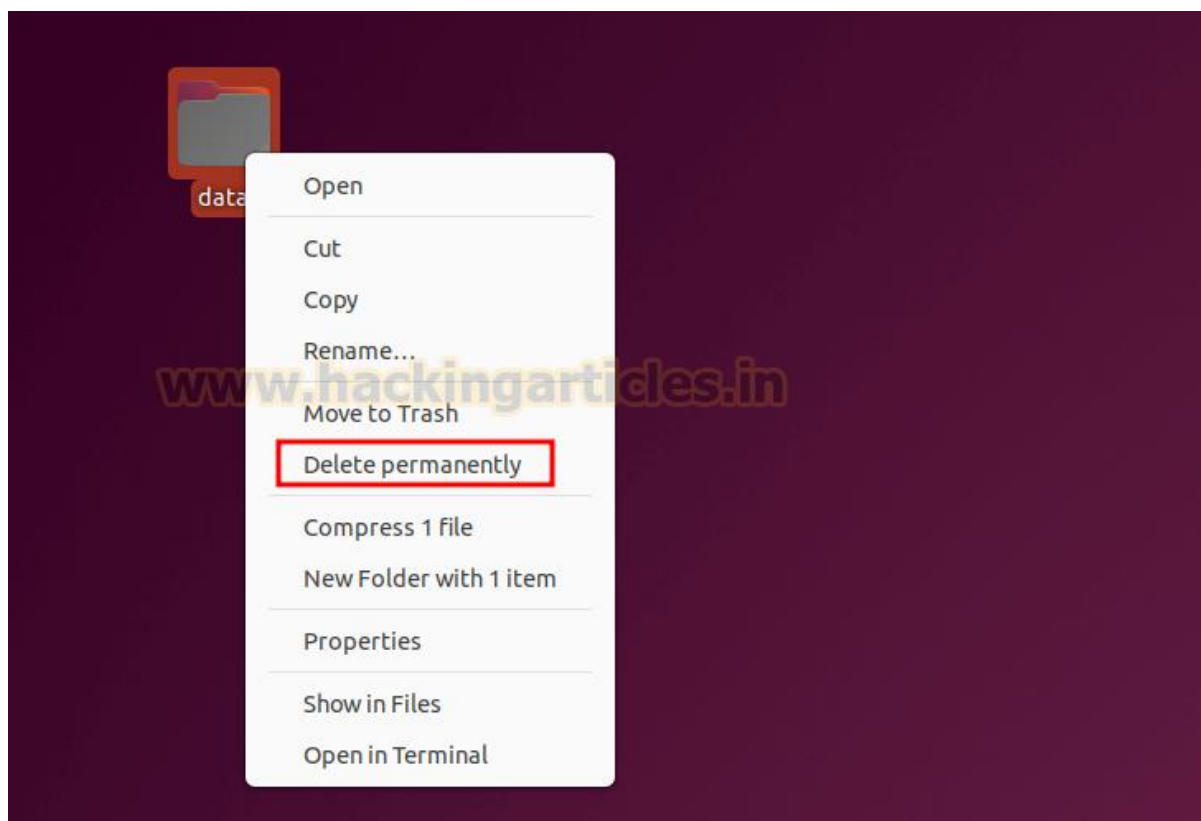
Permanently delete option

If we want to permanently delete an object without moving it to the trash, we can run the following command to get a permanently delete option for every file.

```
gsettings set org.gnome.nautilus.preferences show-delete-permanently true
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ gsettings set org.gnome.nautilus.preferences show-delete-permanently true
osint@ignite:~$
```

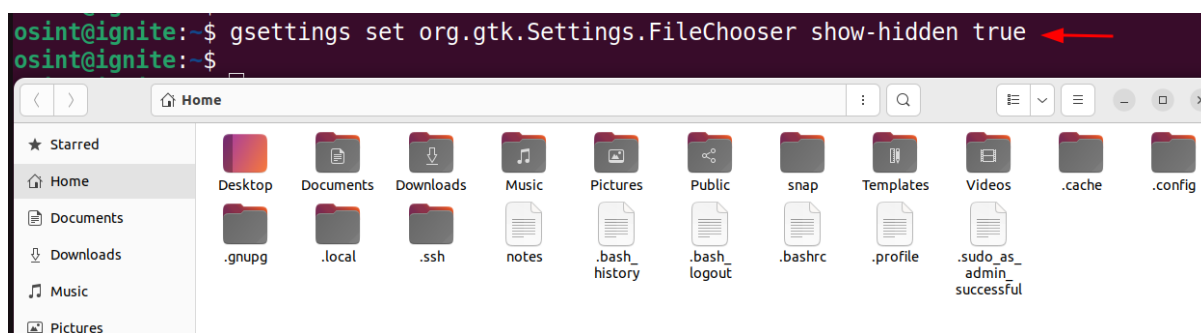
After running the above command, we can now see that we have **Delete permanently** option available for all the files.



Show hidden files

To permanently enable the view hidden files option, we can run the following command:

```
gsettings set org.gnome.nautilus.preferences show-hidden-files true
```



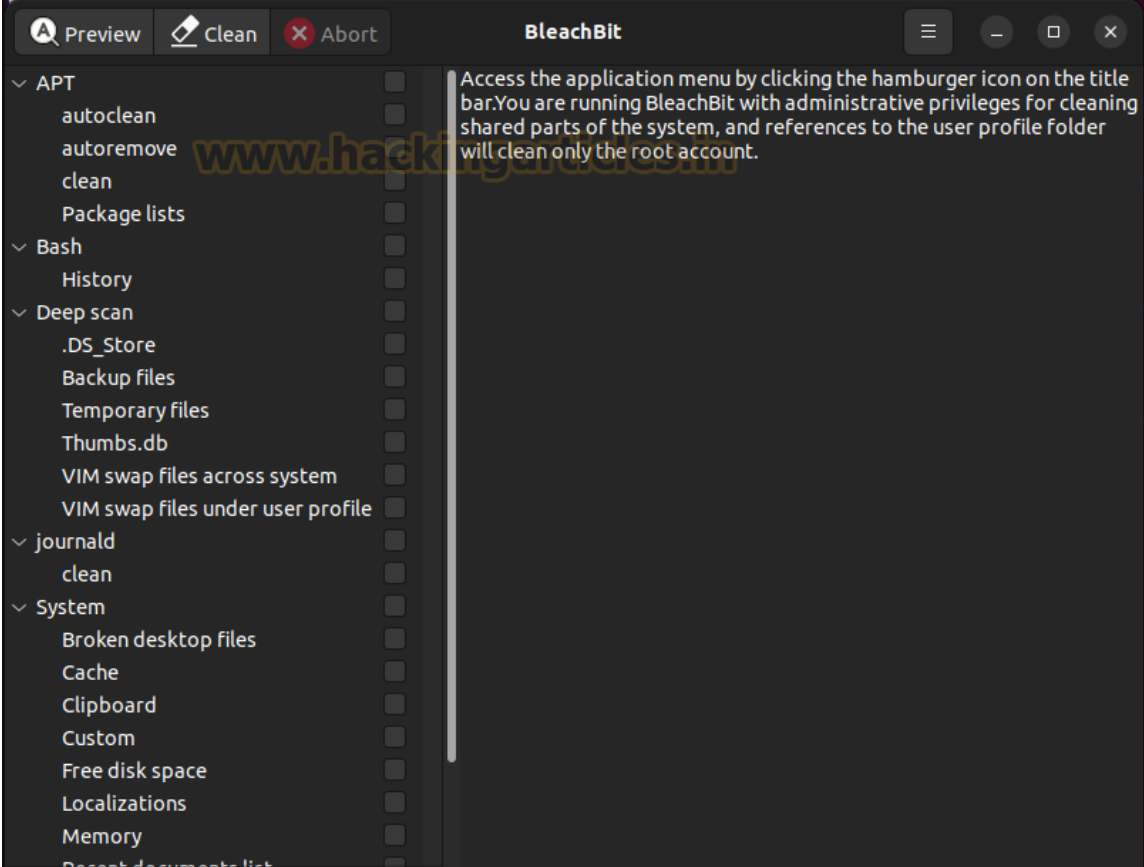
BleachBit

BleachBit is an **open-source application** that functions as a **system cleaner** and **privacy tool**. It **optimizes** disk space and **safeguards user privacy** by eliminating unwanted files and data from your computer.

Installation of BleachBit can be performed using the following command:

```
sudo apt install bleachbit
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install bleachbit
[sudo] password for osint:
Reading package lists... Done
```

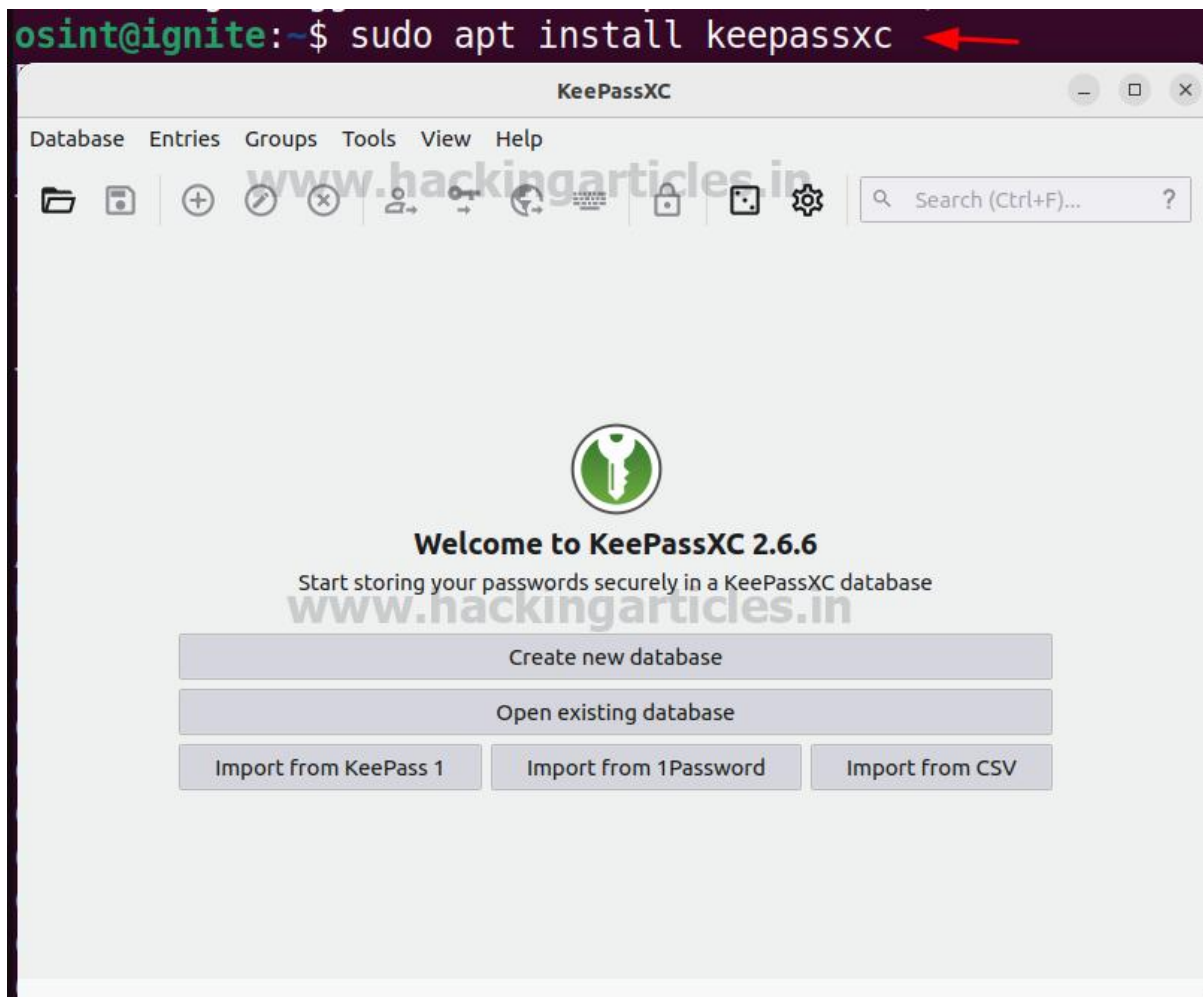


KeePassXC

KeePassXC is an **open-source tool** for **password management**. It helps users **securely store and manage** their passwords and sensitive information. Therefore, it plays a crucial role in maintaining **Linux telemetry and privacy**.

Installation of KeePassXC can be performed using the following command:

```
sudo apt install keepassxc
```



Virus Scanner

In this section, we will install **ClamAV**, an **open-source antivirus** that **scans** for malware and malicious files. The GUI of **ClamAV** is called **ClamTK**, and **to fetch** the latest malware detection updates, we must enable **freshclam**.

```
apt install clamav clamav-daemon
apt install clamtk
sudo systemctl stop clamav-freshclam
sudo systemctl enable clamav-freshclam --now
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install clamav clamav-daemon
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
clamav is already the newest version (0.103.11+dfsg-0ubuntu0.22.04.1).
clamav-daemon is already the newest version (0.103.11+dfsg-0ubuntu0.22.04.1).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not upgraded.
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install clamtk
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
clamtk is already the newest version (6.07-1).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not upgraded.
osint@ignite:~$ sudo systemctl stop clamav-freshclam
osint@ignite:~$
osint@ignite:~$ sudo systemctl enable clamav-freshclam --now
Synchronizing state of clamav-freshclam.service with SysV service script with
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable clamav-freshclam
osint@ignite:~$
```



Metadata removal

Sometimes, when transferring files, **metadata** containing **private information** also transfers along with the file. To prevent this, we will use **MAT2 (Metadata Anonymisation Toolkit 2)** to remove **metadata** from files and enhance **privacy**.

To install the MAT2 tool, we can use the following commands:

```
sudo apt install mat2
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install mat2
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  gir1.2-nautilus-3.0 gir1.2-poppler-0.18 libarchi
Suggested packages:
  libposix-strptime-perl libencode-hanextra-perl l
```

Firefox profilemaker

To download a customized browser setup tailored to your needs, use **Firefox Profilemaker**. It offers a variety of configurations, which you can set and then download as a **profile** or **preference file**. Finally, you can import it into the browser, ensuring **full customization** and enhancing **Linux telemetry and privacy**.

The profile setup can be performed using the following URL:

<https://ffprofile.com/>

Start ●

Annoyances ○

Browser Features ○

Privacy ○

Website Tracking ○

Security ○

Addons ○

Enterprise Policies ○

Finish ○

Contribute & help ○

Annoyances

- ☒ **Disable firefox intro tabs on the first start**
Disable the first run tabs with advertisements for the latest firefox features.
- ☒ **Disable new tab page intro**
Disable the intro to the newtab page on the first run
- Pocket Reading List**
Disable Pocket
- ☒ **Disable Sponsored Top Sites**
Firefox 83 introduced **sponsored top sites**, which are sponsored ads displayed as suggestions in the URL bar.
- ☒ **Disable about:config warning.**
- ☒ **Do not trim URLs in navigation bar**
By default Firefox trims many URLs (hiding the http:// prefix and trailing slash /).
- ☒ **Disable checking if Firefox is the default browser**
- ☒ **Disable reset prompt.**
When Firefox is not used for a while, it displays a prompt asking if the user wants to reset the profile. (see [Bug #955950](#)).
- ☒ **Disable Heartbeat Userrating**
With Firefox 37, Mozilla integrated the **Heartbeat** system to ask users from time to time about their experience with Firefox.
- Content of the new tab page**
Thumbnails of the most visited pages
- Disable autoplay of <video> tags.**
Allow autoplay
Per default, <video> tags are allowed to start automatically. Note: When disabling autoplay, you will have to click pause and play again on some video sites.

● Save ✓ Save & next



Flatpak

Flatpak installs and runs applications within a sandboxed environment. Applications installed via Flatpak run in isolation. This prevents apps from interfering with the system or accessing unauthorized resources, increasing security.

Following are the commands to install the flatpak:

```
sudo apt install flatpak
sudo apt install gnome-software-plugin-flatpak
flatpak remote-add --if-not-exists flathub https://dl.flathub.org/repo/flathub.flatpakrepo
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install flatpak
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
flatpak is already the newest version (1.12.7-1).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not upgraded.
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install gnome-software-plugin-flatpak
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
gnome-software-plugin-flatpak is already the newest version (41.5-2ubuntu2).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not upgraded.
osint@ignite:~$ flatpak remote-add --if-not-exists flathub https://dl.flathub.org/repo/flathub.flatpakrepo

Note that the directories

'/var/lib/flatpak/exports/share'
'/home/osint/.local/share/flatpak/exports/share'

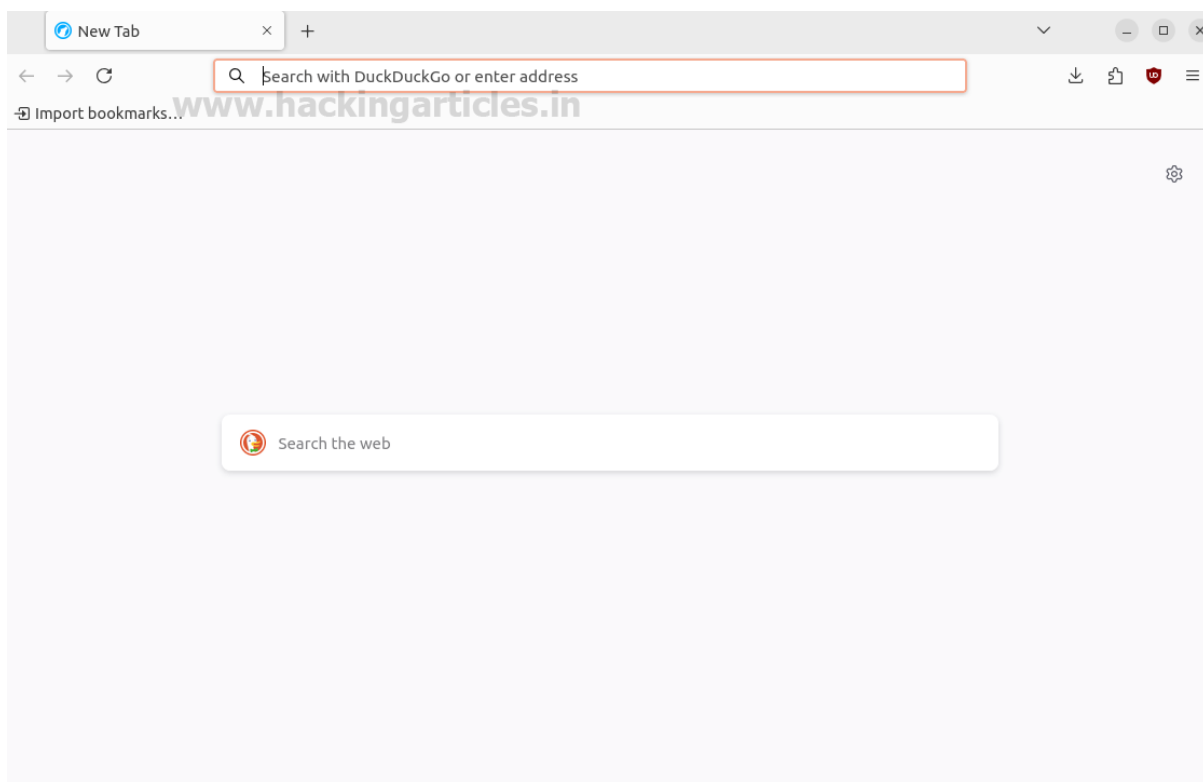
are not in the search path set by the XDG_DATA_DIRS environment variable, so
applications installed by Flatpak may not appear on your desktop until the
session is restarted.
```

LibreWolf

LibreWolf is a web browser focused on privacy; it comes with improved security settings by default. It eliminates **Linux telemetry and privacy** risks, data collection, and tracking features found in standard Firefox, offering a more private browsing experience. By using LibreWolf, users can mitigate issues surrounding **Linux telemetry and privacy** and maintain greater control over their data.

To run the LibreWolf using the flatpak we can use the following command:

```
flatpak run io.gitlab.librewolf-community
```



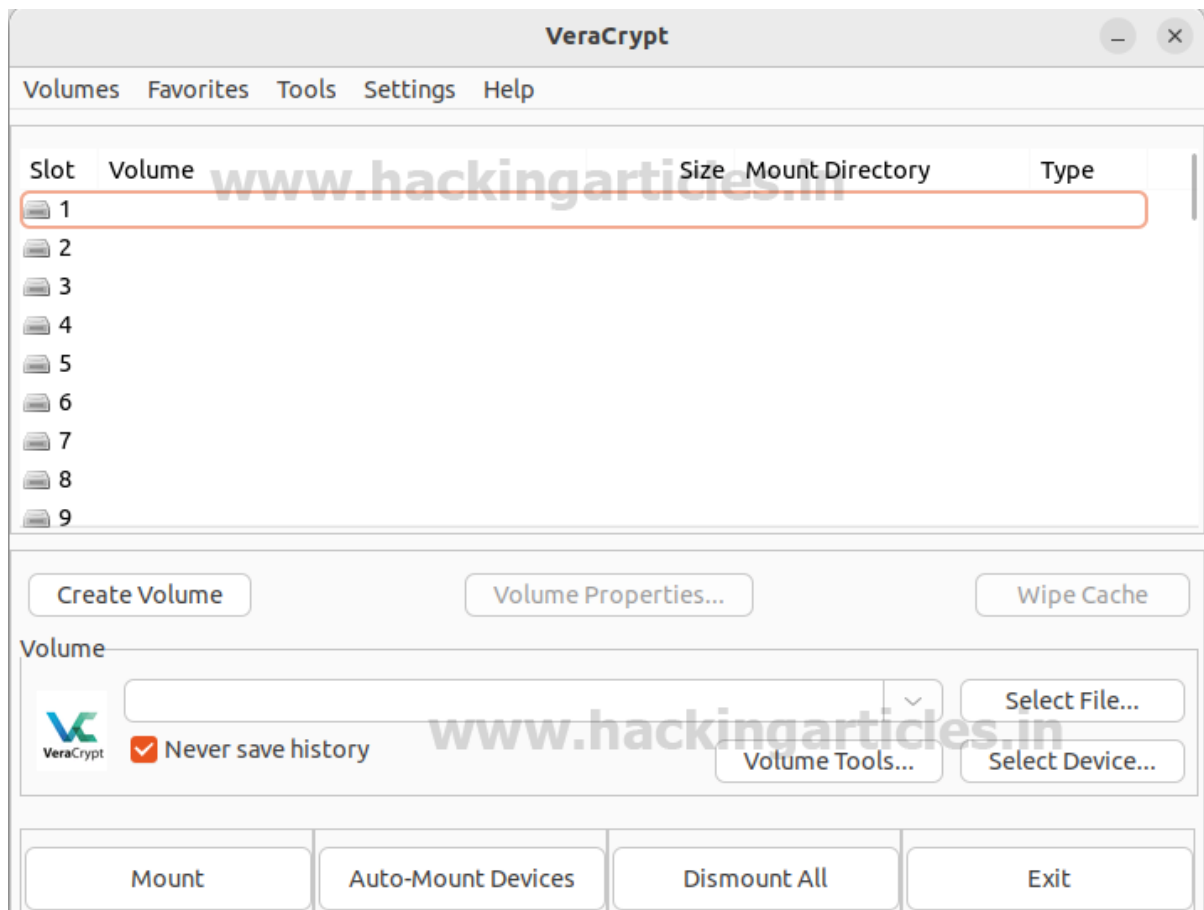
VeraCrypt

To create a virtual encrypted disk or encrypt the entire partition or storage devices, we can use VeraCrypt. To perform its installation, we need to add the **unit193/encryption** repository in the **PPA (Personal Package Archive)** and then update the system and install VeraCrypt.

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:unit193/encryption -y  
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install veracrypt
```

```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:unit193/encryption -y
[sudo] password for osint:
Hit:1 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye InRelease
Hit:2 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye-updates InRelease
Hit:3 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye-backports InRelease
Get:4 http://ppa.launchpad.net/unit193/encryption/ubuntu bullseye InRelease
Get:5 http://ppa.launchpad.net/unit193/encryption/ubuntu bullseye/main amd64 Packages
Fetched 25.7 kB in 2s (12.4 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
osint@ignite:~$
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye InRelease
Hit:2 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye-updates InRelease
Hit:3 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye-backports InRelease
Get:4 http://ppa.launchpad.net/unit193/encryption/ubuntu bullseye InRelease
Get:5 http://ppa.launchpad.net/unit193/encryption/ubuntu bullseye/main amd64 Packages
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
3 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install veracrypt
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libarchive13 libb2 libbrotli1 libbz2-1.0 libcurl4 libffi7 libglib2.0-0 libidn2-0
  libjson-c5 libldap2 libltdl7 libnghttp2-14 libonig2 libpsl5 librtmp1 libssh2-1
  libunistring2 libveracrypt1
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  veracrypt
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
```

After installation we can launch the VeraCrypt.

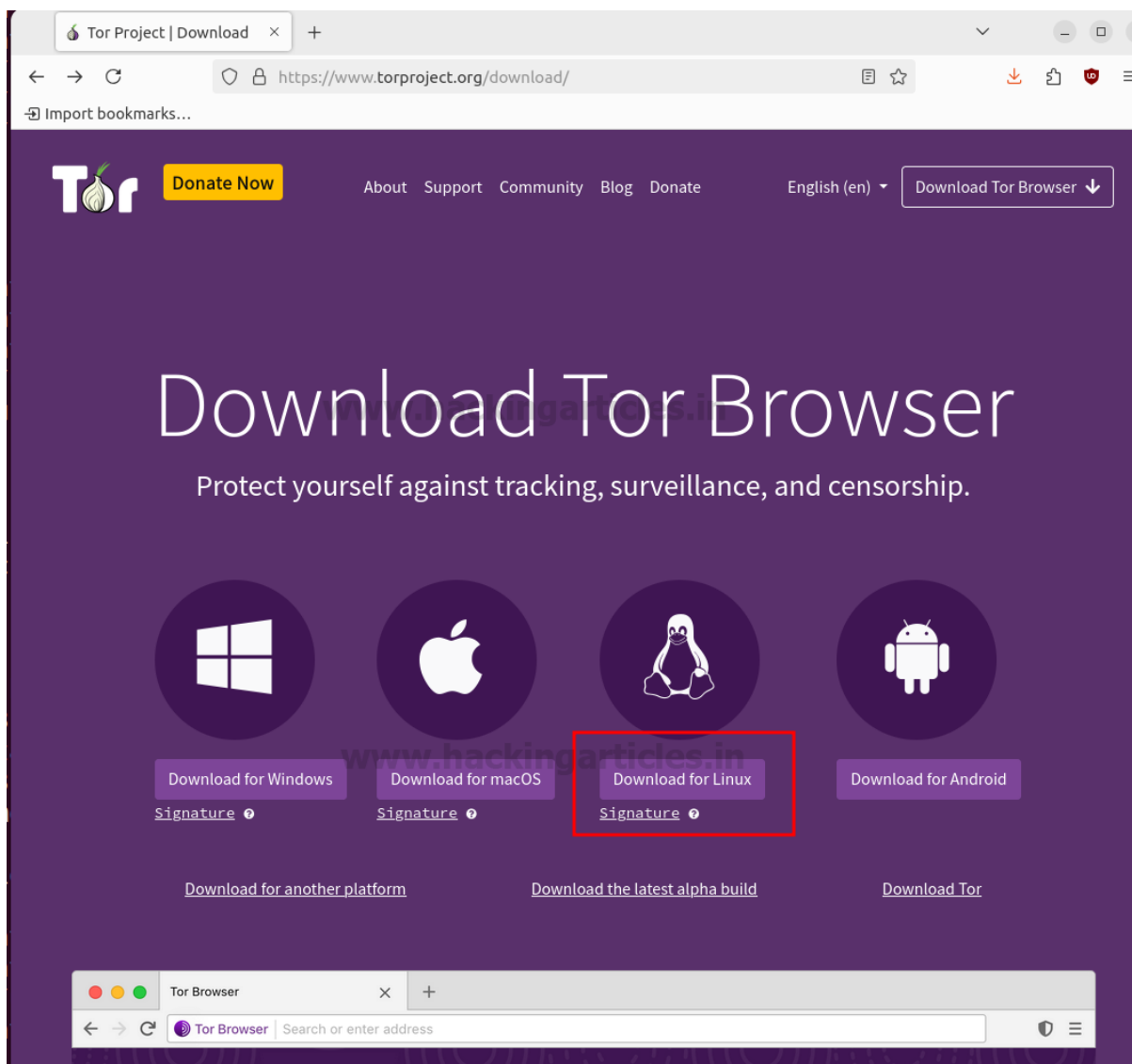


Tor Browser

To maintain complete anonymity, Tor browser is an amazing browser to search for things. It directs the traffic through the Tor network making it difficult to track.

It can be downloaded from the following website:

<https://www.torproject.org/download/>

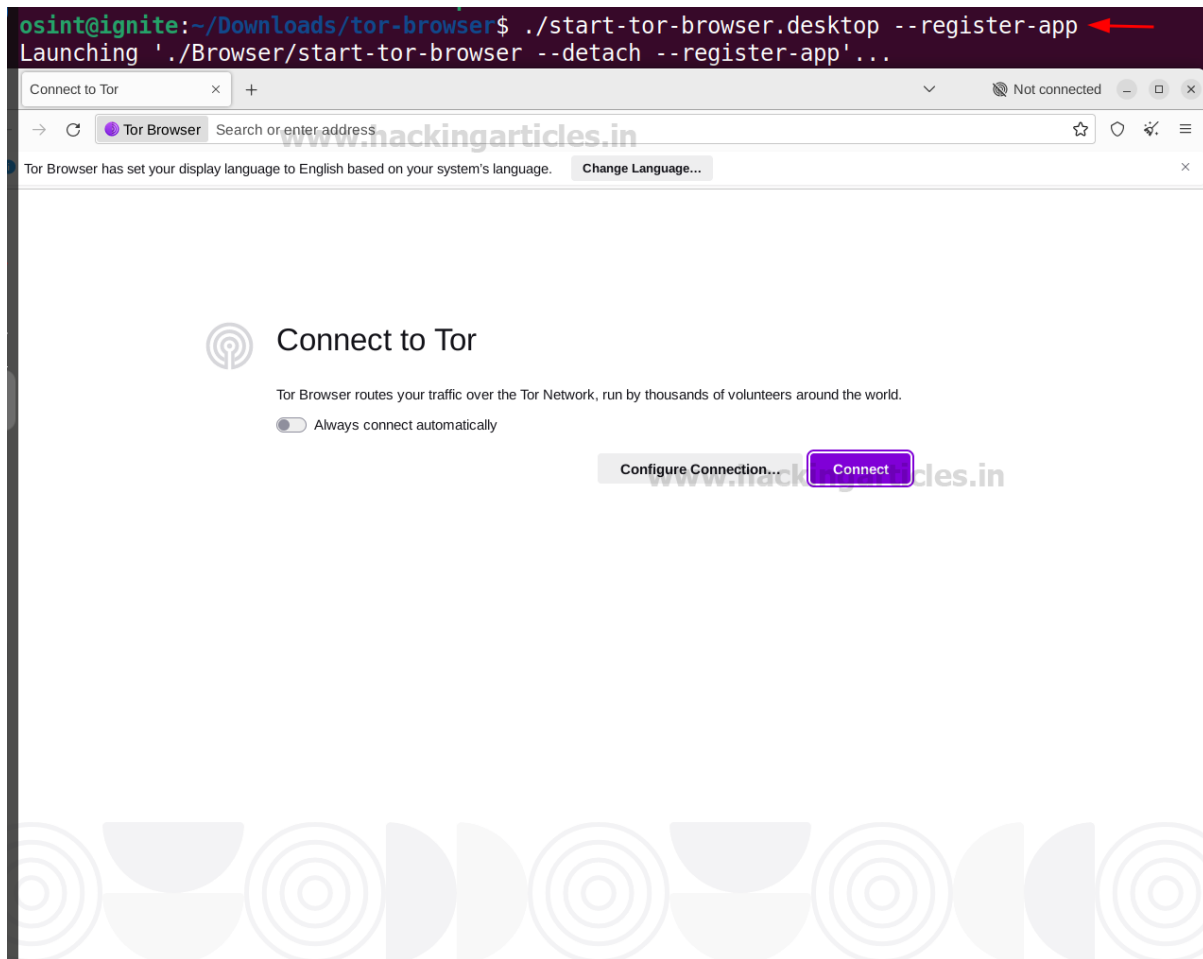


After downloading, extract the file and start the browser. Use the `--register-app` flag to launch the Tor browser from the applications menu.

```
./start-tor-browser.desktop --register-app
```



After successful installation, the browser can be launched from the applications menu.



Proton VPN

Proton VPN is a widely used VPN which gives 3 locations as a free service. It helps to remain anonymous and perform the tasks. It can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://protonvpn.com/support/official-linux-vpn-debian/>

The following are the steps to install the Proton VPN:

```
sudo wget https://repo.protonvpn.com/debian/dists/stable/main/binary-all/protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb
```

```
osint@ignite: $ sudo wget https://repo.protonvpn.com/debian/dists/stable/main/binary-all/protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb
[sudo] password for osint:
--2024-09-01 03:19:28-- https://repo.protonvpn.com/debian/dists/stable/main/binary-all/protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb
Resolving repo.protonvpn.com (repo.protonvpn.com)... 104.26.4.35, 104.26.5.35, 172.67.70.114, ...
Connecting to repo.protonvpn.com (repo.protonvpn.com)|104.26.4.35|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 4566 (4.5K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb'

protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb 100%[=====]
2024-09-01 03:19:29 (106 MB/s) - 'protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb' saved [4566/4566]
```

```
sudo dpkg -i ./protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb && sudo apt update
```



```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo dpkg -i ./protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb && sudo apt update
Selecting previously unselected package protonvpn-stable-release.
(Reading database ... 207688 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb ...
Unpacking protonvpn-stable-release (1.0.4) ...
Setting up protonvpn-stable-release (1.0.4) ...
Hit:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Get:2 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [129 kB]
Get:3 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease [128 kB]
Get:4 https://repo.protonvpn.com/debian stable InRelease [2,967 B]
Get:5 https://repo.protonvpn.com/debian stable/main all Packages [129 kB]
```

```
echo "62a9d849835de8a5664cf95329458bf1966780b15cec420bf707b5f7278b9027 protonvpn-stable-
release_1.0.4_all.deb" | sha256sum --check -
```

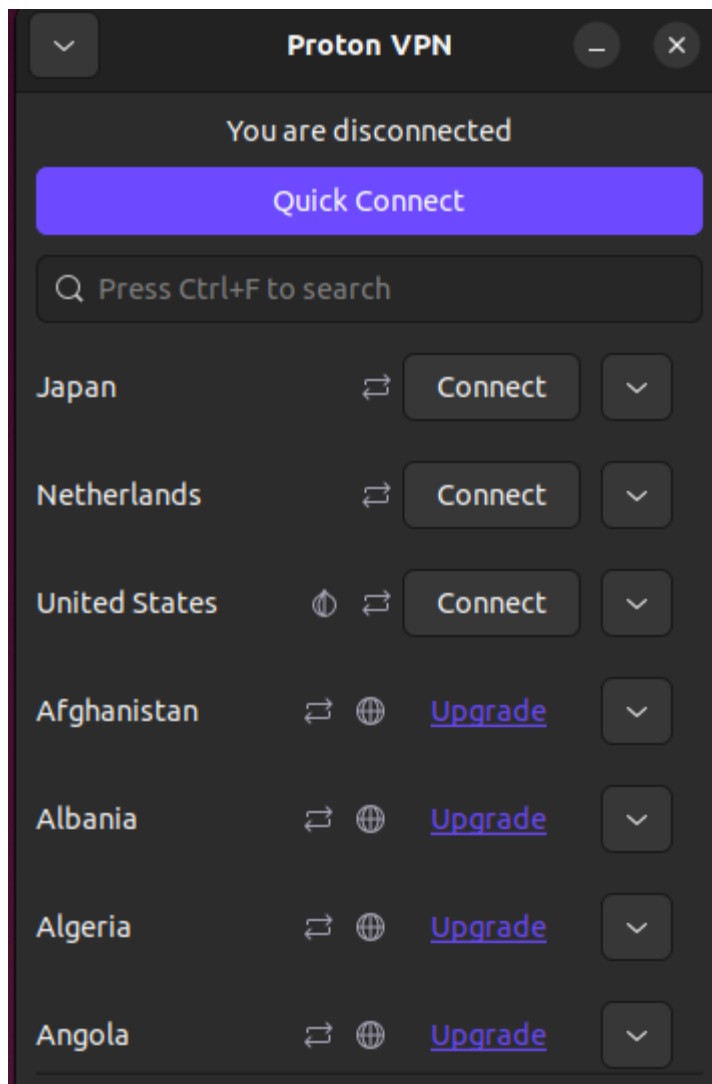
```
osint@ignite:~$ echo "62a9d849835de8a5664cf95329458bf1966780b15cec420bf707b5f7278b9027 protonvpn-stable-release_1.0.4_all.deb" | sha256sum --check -
```

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade
sudo apt install proton-vpn-gnome-desktop
```

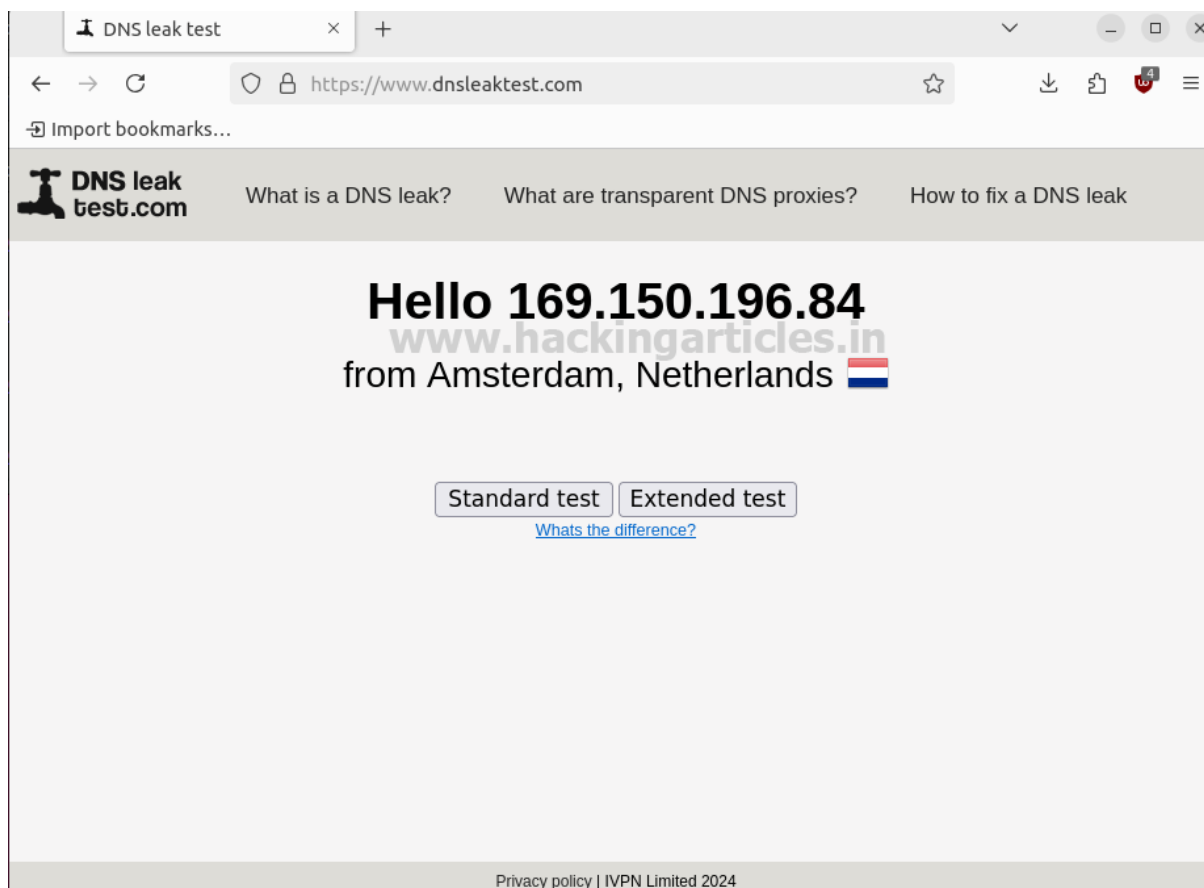
```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade
Hit:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Hit:2 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease
Hit:3 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease
Hit:4 https://repo.protonvpn.com/debian stable InRelease
Hit:5 https://ppa.launchpadcontent.net/unit193/encryption/ubuntu InRelease
Hit:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
All packages are up to date.
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
osint@ignite:~$ sudo apt install proton-vpn-gnome-desktop
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  javascript-common libjs-jquery proton-vpn-gtk-app python-babel
  python3-openssl python3-packaging python3-proton-core python3-p
  python3-proton-vpn-local-agent python3-proton-vpn-logger python
Suggested packages:
  apache2 | lighttpd | httpd gir1.2-ayatanaappindicator3-0.1 pyth
The following NEW packages will be installed:
```

After the installation is complete, we can launch the Proton VPN.





After connecting with the Netherlands location, we can check the public IP.



NextDNS

NextDNS is a cloud-based DNS solution which helps to perform content filtering and many more things. It serves as an alternative to the DNS provided by the ISP. Sometimes, we want to block access to certain websites in our system and check which websites the user visited.

The profile can be setup using the DNS address given at the following link:

<https://my.nextdns.io/2f7664/setup>



My First Profile ▾

Setup

Security

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- This device is using NextDNS with another profile.
Make sure you are using one of the endpoints listed on this page.

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Endpoints

Set up NextDNS with this profile using one of the endpoints below.

ID	1772ce
DNS-over-TLS/QUIC	1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS-over-HTTPS	https://dns.nextdns.io/1772ce
IPv6	2a07:a8c0::17:72ce 2a07:a8c1::17:72ce

Not sure how to use those? Follow the [Setup Guide](#).

Linked IP

If you are unable to set up NextDNS using our apps, DNS-over-TLS, DNS-over-HTTPS or IPv6, then use the DNS servers below and link your IP. This is mostly for use on home networks and not recommended on mobile.

DNS Servers	45.90.28.244 45.90.30.244
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Linked IP

[Link IP](#)[Show advanced options ▾](#)

Setup Guide

Follow the instructions below to set up NextDNS on your device, browser or router.

Android

iOS

Windows

macOS

Linux

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systemd-resolved

Use the following in `/etc/systemd/resolved.conf`:

```
[Resolve]
DNS=45.90.28.0#1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS=2a07:a8c0::1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS=45.90.30.0#1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS=2a07:a8c1::1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNSOverTLS=yes
```

After copying the systemd-resolved addresses, we can add this in the `/etc/systemd/resolved.conf` file.

```
sudo nano /etc/systemd/resolved.conf
cat /etc/systemd/resolved.conf
```





```
osint@ignite:~$ sudo nano /etc/systemd/resolved.conf
osint@ignite:~$ cat /etc/systemd/resolved.conf
# This file is part of systemd.
#
# systemd is free software; you can redistribute it and/or
# terms of the GNU Lesser General Public License as publish
# Software Foundation; either version 2.1 of the License, o
# any later version.
#
# Entries in this file show the compile time defaults. Local
# should be created by either modifying this file, or by cre
# the resolved.conf.d/ subdirectory. The latter is generally
# Defaults can be restored by simply deleting this file and
#
# Use 'systemd-analyze cat-config systemd/resolved.conf' to
#
# See resolved.conf(5) for details.

[Resolve]
# Some examples of DNS servers which may be used for DNS= an
# Cloudflare: 1.1.1.1#cloudflare-dns.com 1.0.0.1#cloudflare-
# Google:      8.8.8.8#dns.google 8.8.4.4#dns.google 2001:486
# Quad9:       9.9.9.9#dns.quad9.net 149.112.112.112#dns.quad
#DNS=
#FallbackDNS=
#Domains=
#DNSSEC=no
#DNSOverTLS=no
#MulticastDNS=no
#LLMNR=no
#Cache=no-negative
#CacheFromLocalhost=no
#DNSStubListener=yes
#DNSStubListenerExtra=
#ReadEtcHosts=yes
#ResolveUnicastSingleLabel=no
[Resolve]
DNS=45.90.28.0#1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS=2a07:a8c0::#1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS=45.90.30.0#1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNS=2a07:a8c1::#1772ce.dns.nextdns.io
DNSOverTLS=yes
osint@ignite:~$
```

After adding the addresses to the configuration file, navigate to Settings in the browser and select DNS over HTTPS. It should be set to Max Protection. Inside Max Protection select the custom DNS and enter the NextDNS URL shown in the DNS over HTTPS.

DNS over HTTPS

Domain Name System (DNS) over HTTPS sends your request for a domain name through an encrypted connection, providing a secure DNS and making it harder for others to see which website you're about to access.

[Learn more](#)

Status: Active [Learn more](#)
Provider: dns.nextdns.io

Manage Exceptions...

Enable DNS over HTTPS using:

☐ **Default Protection**

LibreWolf decides when to use secure DNS to protect your privacy.

☐ **Increased Protection**

You control when to use secure DNS and choose your provider.

☒ **Max Protection**

LibreWolf will always use secure DNS. You'll see a security risk warning before we use your system DNS.

- Only use the provider you select
- Always warn if secure DNS isn't available
- If secure DNS is not available sites will not load or function properly

Choose provider:

Custom

https://dns.nextdns.io/1772ce|

☐ **Off**

Use your default DNS resolver

After the configuration is complete, the NextDNS setup will show a **All good!** status.

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● All good! This device is using NextDNS with this profile.

We can also restrict websites from visiting by adding them in the **Parental Control** list.

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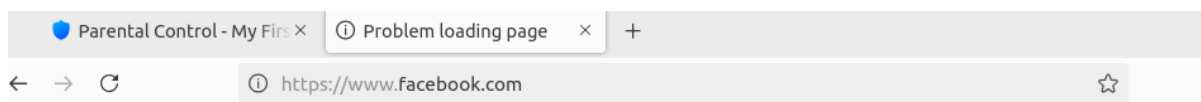
Websites, Apps & Games

Restrict access to specific websites, apps and games.

Facebook

[ADD A WEBSITE, APP OR GAME](#)

The user is no longer able to visit the website.



Unable to connect

An error occurred during a connection to www.facebook.com.

- The site could be temporarily unavailable or too busy. Try again in a few moments.
- If you are unable to load any pages, check your computer's network connection.
- If your computer or network is protected by a firewall or proxy, make sure that LibreWolf is permitted to access the web.

[Try Again](#)

There is also a feature to check the logs, which can help in tracking the websites visited before in the **Logs** option.



NextDNS My First Profile ▾

Setup Security Privacy Parental Control Denylist Allowlist Analytics **Logs**

Settings

All devices ▾

Domain	IP Address	Location	Device
www.facebook.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
scontent.cdninstagram.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
static.cdninstagram.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
www.instagram.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
external-content.duckduckgo.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
links.duckduckgo.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
duckduckgo.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
www.facebook.com	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
my.nextdns.io	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
favicons.nextdns.io	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
api.nextdns.io	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android
my.nextdns.io	157.140.224.11	Frankfurt, Germany	Android

Conclusion

As we become aware of the effects of **Linux telemetry and privacy**, we can make choices that lead to a safer and more private computing environment. By using the above methods and tools, we can safeguard users' **privacy** and significantly reduce our exposure to unwanted data collection, including **Linux telemetry and privacy** concerns.



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