

## How the Mysterious Dark Net is Going Mainstream

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### Before you watch

Match the words and expressions in **bold** (1-8) to their definitions (A-G):

1. The web browser Tor uses a **fiendishly** clever encryption system.
2. You can find **whistle-blower** websites on the dark net.
3. People on the **fringes** are the engine of the dark net.
4. **Escrow** payments have been implemented to secure the transactions.
5. **Laundering** systems prevent the buyers from being tracked.
6. The dark net operators are the **harbingers** of the future of the Internet.
7. The dark net users range from a **den** of dealers to a now much larger audience.
8. Dark net websites' **T's and C's** are very detailed.

- A. Making (illegally obtained money) appear lawfully obtained or legitimate, especially by transferring it through legitimate accounts or businesses.
- B. Rules that one must agree to abide by in order to use a service.
- C. A person who exposes any kind of information or activity that is deemed illegal, unethical, or not correct within an organization that is either private or public
- D. Money, property, a deed, or a bond put into the custody of a third party for delivery to a grantee only after the fulfilment of the conditions specified.
- E. Extremely.
- F. One that indicates or foreshadows what is to come; a forerunner.
- G. Those members of a group or political party holding extreme or marginal views.
- H. A hidden or squalid dwelling place.

**As you watch**

Answer the following questions.

1. What is the extension of the Url of dark net's websites ?

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2. Around how many sites operate on the dark net ?

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3. Give four kinds of content you can find on the dark net.

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4. What is the name of the currency used to buy goods on the dark net ?

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5. How many pieces of feedback have been reviewed by Jamie Bartlett ?

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6. Among them, what proportion was a five out of five rating ?

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7. How much money did the, now closed, drug selling website presented by the speaker generate?

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8. What solution was found to avoid bitcoin transactions to be recorded ?

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9. What are the four different phases of the evolution of the Internet according to the speaker ?

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10. Name two websites using both distributed computing and encryption ?

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## Grammar

Complete the following sentences using the right tense.

Example : (get sick) If you had not drunk water, you...

*If you had not drunk water, you would not have gotten sick*

1. (arrive in time) If I had not woken up so late, I...

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2. (be in my position) You would understand if you...

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3. (pass to the next grade) If you had studied more, you...

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4. (follow the instructions) It would have worked if you...

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5. (not - spend one year in New Zealand) I wouldn't be fluent now if I...

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6. (be very thankful) If you would do me that favour, I...

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7. (have a dog) If my apartment was bigger, I...

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8. (go out more) If it rained less, I...

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9. (not - let you go there) If I had known what you were plotting, I...

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10. (be given the chance) I would be working in America if I...

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## Discussion

1. Have you heard of the dark net before ? If yes, in which context ?
2. Have you ever browsed the dark net or used the Tor browser ?
3. What do you know about bitcoins ? (security, usage, etc)
4. Do you think providing an easier access to illegal services through the dark net going mainstream is a fair price for online freedom ?
5. Would you rather browse the dark net or the usual Internet ? Why ?