

Nos Oignons

Operating large tor relays in France

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I'm part of Nos Oignons

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What is Tor?

♪ baby don't track me, no more ♪



♪ Put your hands in the air ♪

- If you know what Tor is
- If you know how it works
- If you're using it
- If you're running relays
- If you know the difference between tor, Tor, TOR, Thor, Torre, and Torr

<https://nos-oignons.net>

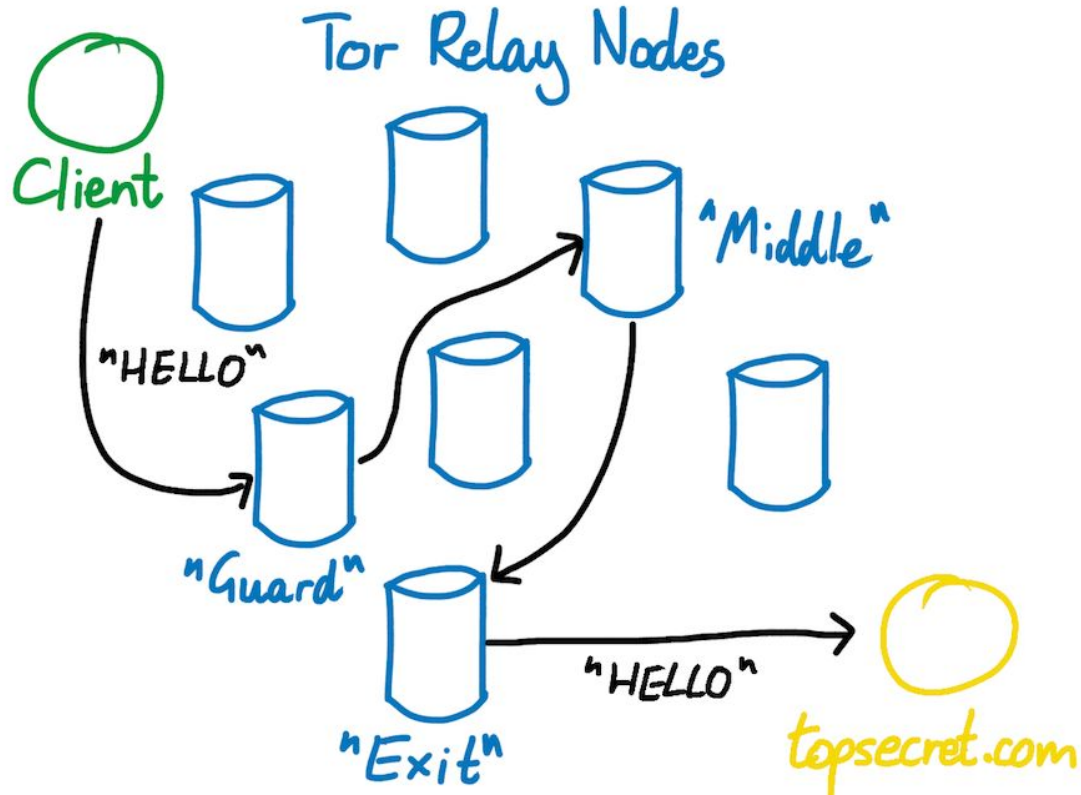
Tor?

- ~1990 — Onion routing
- 1995 — Goldschlag, Reed, and Syverson at the NRL
- ~2000 — Dingledine, Syverson and Mathewson: The Onion Routing
- 2002 — Initial public deployment, open-sauce
- 2006 — The Tor Project, Inc. 501(c)3 nonprofit

Tor?

- 2007 — Bridges
- 2008 — Tor Browser
- 2010 — torservers.net, with a handy *howto*
- ~2012 — Nos oignons
- 2013 — A now famous *tor* user used *tor* to reveal that *tor* is working great™

Tor?



Tor — numbers

- 2.000.000 daily users
- 6500 relays in total
- 3000 guards
- 1000 exit relays
- Less than 50 operators are running 50% for the network
- Half of the exit nodes are in US + DE

We need more *big* and diverse relays!

Social side of Nos Oignons



Legalities

- French non-profit association (*loi 1901*)
- Legally born in 2013
- No president, no VP, no treasurer, ... only an administration council
- Goal: running diverse high-speed tor exit nodes in France

Is it legal?

- Article 12 of the european directive 2000/31/CE of 8 June 2000
- Transposed in the french law by the article L32-3-3 of the Code des Postes et Communications Électroniques.

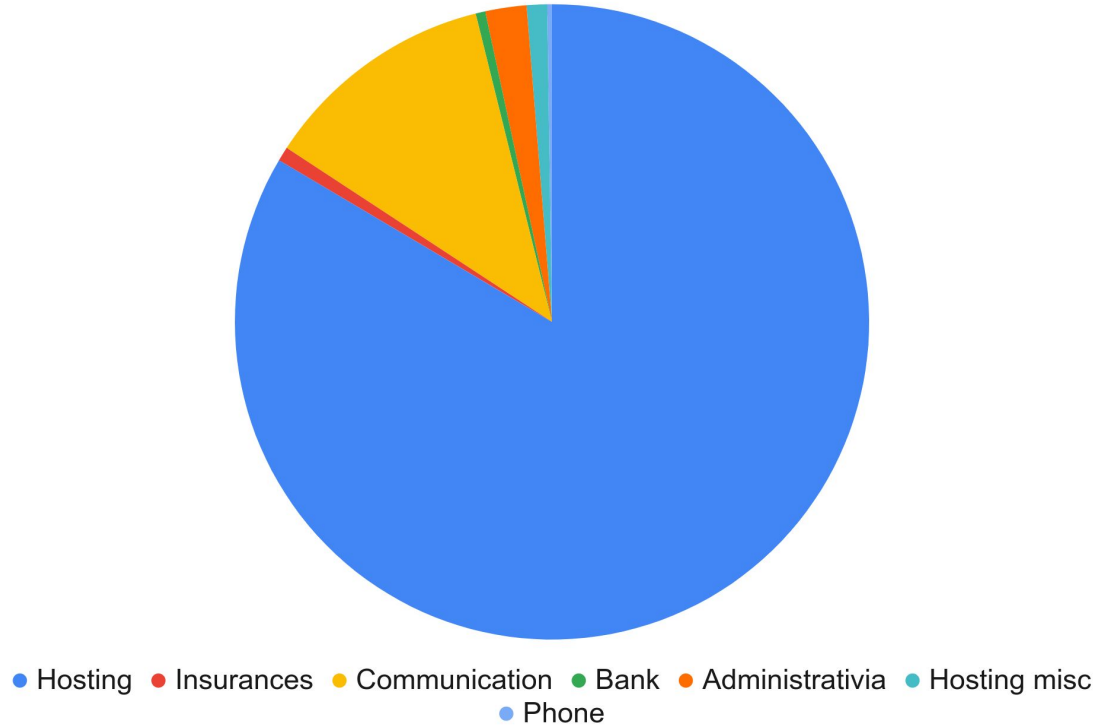
Internal organisation

- **Ethics Committee**
 - Checking that we're not doing stupid things
- **Administration council**
 - Taking decisions, handling the money, bureaucracy wrangler
- **Sysadmin team**
 - Taking care of computers
- **Abuse handling**
 - Replying to abuses
- **Members**
 - People who paid their cotisation
- **Volunteers**
 - Anyone who gives us a hand

Where is the money coming from?

- Donations
 - You and me
 - Associations, foundations, companies, ...
- Memberships
- Donation campaigns
 - By the way, handling goodies is a lot of non-fun
- Friendly hosters
- Stands at conferences/events

Where is the money going?



Money?

- We need around 13.000 EUR per year
- Paypal/Wiring/Cash/Check/HelloAsso/Paymium/...
- Dealing with BTC is terrible, but it's worth it
- SMS MFA with a team of phone-less people is hard

Dealing with people in uniforms

- We've got a lawyer
- We reply to all abuses
- Exonerator is useful
- Things are usually going *smoothly*
- It's important to *support* each other

Technical side of Nos Oignons



Where are our relays?

- Small and friendly hosters:
 - IELO-LIAZO (x2)
 - Gandi
 - Tetaneutral (x2)
 - Globenet
 - Aquilenet
 - (Grenode)

Running and monitoring relays

- ferm for firewall, because iptables is dreadful
- Configuration management via etckeeper
- Unattended-upgrades for updates
- Monitoring via monit
- Versioning with git
- We like Debian

Documentation and communication

- Private wiki: <https://nos-oignons.net/>
- Tracking via [Request Tracker](#) (sysadmin and abuses)
- Public wiki: <https://nos-oignons.net/wiki-admin>
- All our web stuff are powered by [ikiwiki](#)
- Secret material handling via [keyringer](#)
- Encrypted mailing lists via [schleuder](#)
- Public meetings and idling via [IRC](#)
- Makefile and [pandoc](#) for reports
- Accounting via [ledger](#)

And now what?



6 years later

- Nos oignons is still alive
- We're not in jail lol
- We're handling 2% of the tor network exit traffic
- 600 Mbit/s in, 600 Mbit/s out
- We're still slowly growing (~one new relay/year)
- We still need (your) money to stay afloat :p

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