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GUIDE:
PSEUDO ANONYMOUS GOOGLE ACCOUNT

Guide: Pseudo-anonymous Google account.

Pre-requisites:

1. Burner GSM Phone: Use a temporary GSM phone to receive SMS validation codes.
2. Anonymous and Secure Email: Utilize a secure email service provider such as Tutanota.
3. Password Manager: Employ a password manager for securely storing and managing passwords.
4. VPN (Virtual Private Network): Use a VPN to secure your internet connection.

Step 1. Get ready:

Get your desktop ready, do not attempt this from an Android device (note 5).

- Have your VPN active.
- Have a notepad open.
- Now move on to step 2.

Step 2. Sign up:

1. Record the following information in your notepad: date, time, and VPN location (note 3).
2. Navigate to Google's sign-up page at https://accounts.google.com/SignUp?hl=en.
3. Enter a dummy first name.
4. Enter a dummy last name.
5. Choose "I prefer to use my email" and enter your Tutanota email.
6. Create a strong password, more than 24 characters long.
7. Store it in your password manager, clipboard, or notepad.
8. Enter a birthdate: January 1, 1980, or any date more than 18 years ago.
9. Select "Rather not say" for gender.
10. Enter your burner GSM cell phone number.
11. Leave the location as is, even if it differs from your VPN or burner GSM phone location.
12. Google will send a validation code to your phone via SMS: validate.
13. Google will send an email verification to your Tutanota email: validate.
14. Add the date, time, and VPN location to your notepad.
15. Save your notepad.
16. Save all information in your password vault manager.

Step 3. Remove number from account:

1. In the upper right corner, navigate to "My account".
2. Click on "Your personal info" in the Personal info & privacy box.
3. Locate the "Phone" field and click on it.
4. Click on the edit icon (pen) next to the phone number.
5. You will be prompted to enter your password again for verification.
6. Click on the edit icon (pen) once more.
7. Select "Remove phone number" and confirm the action.
8. Google will send you a security email which you can ignore.
9. Now, this cell phone number is available for activating another Google account.

Step 4. Deactivate tracking features:

1. Do the Privacy Checkup. Deactivate everything.
2. Shared endorsement.
3. Ads settings.

Step 5. Deactivate Google and Tutanota:

Once you have finished using this Google account, you can deactivate it by going to My Account -> Account Preferences -> Delete your account or services.

Additionally, deactivate your associated Tutanota account to prevent social engineering attacks.

Notes:

1. Nowadays, Google frequently requests a phone number. Remember, to Google, users are the product. To safeguard your privacy and circumvent Google's algorithms, it's advisable to change your Google account regularly and avoid linking it to your phone number. Managing multiple devices becomes simpler with separate Google accounts. When using burner phones, it may be necessary to create a corresponding burner Google account. Android phones also require a Google account for accessing the Play Store.

2. Disposable email services are not reliable as they typically expire within 48 hours. This poses challenges when using VPNs, as Google often blocks access for security reasons and sends verification codes to your recovery email address. We recommend using Tutanota because it withstands state-sponsored threats and does not require a GSM number. Supporting them by opting for a premium account, even for burner emails, is beneficial.

3. When setting up your credentials, ensure to create a strong password, preferably generated by a password manager. Remember all account sign-up details, as Google may request them during account recovery processes.

4. Using VPN services helps conceal your IP address, safeguarding your location and identity. Numerous reliable services are available online; Protonmail (https://protonvpn.com/about) is a highly recommended option.

5. Activating from an Android device often necessitates a Gmail email, which compromises privacy. Moreover, installing a VPN from Google Play may not align with privacy goals and can complicate tasks like creating strong passwords.

