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VPNS 101 with Charly Leetham

VPN 101 - Wrap-Up: Beyond VPNs

Hey, it's Charly, and I just wanted to drop in and say thank you so much for listening to the first series in VPNs 101. I guess it's a series. I plan on doing a few more, and it also depends on what sort of questions I get as a result of that first four episodes.

I will probably do some how-to videos on how to set up various ones, how to use them, how to connect to them, things like that. I'll see where that goes. But let me know what questions weren't answered as part of that. Let me know what questions I raised that I didn't cover, or things that weren't clear.

I do hope, however, that you got something out of that series that helps you make a decision as to what you want or what you might want to consider and which VPN you might want to use.

VPNs Are Only Part of the Picture

Just remember that **VPNs are only good if you have them turned on**. If you have a VPN on your computer and you're not using it, it's not going to protect your privacy.

Also, remember that **you still need to be safe online**. VPNs are only one part of a huge system of protections that you can put in place.

Other Essential Security Measures

Use Good Password Etiquette

Make sure you are using good password practices. Make sure you are running a password manager and you don't have your passwords written down on a sticky note on the screen of your computer. I highly recommend using password managers, especially when you have a Swiss cheese brain like I do.

Enable Two-Factor Authentication

Make sure that you are using two-factor authentication to secure your accounts. Yes, I know it's a pain in the neck. It's absolutely necessary in this day and age.

You will notice that Microsoft is doing things like moving everyone to using passkeys. I actually kind of



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think passkeys are cool. You just need to make sure you are ready for them and that you have them saved. Often if you change your devices, you need to move your passkeys across.

So: two-factor authentication, practice good password hygiene. Make sure if you can use stuff like passkeys.

Regional Differences Matter

Also remember that sometimes the accounts that you have in different countries have different requirements based on the country in which those accounts are open.

So if I'm in Australia, my Google accounts have slightly different terms and conditions to a Google account that I might take out in the US.

I certainly - like my PlayStation, sorry, my Play Store account. If I'm on, I can have my Australian Play Store account and be looking for something and I can't find it. And I can contact my mates in the US and say, "Hey, open up your Play Store account. Can you see this?" "Yeah, we can see it."

So they do block things based on where your account is, not even if I'm in the US. I can be in the US and still not have access to those apps, to that functionality, because my account has been created in Australia.

So just bear all of those things in mind that **VPNs are great for privacy. They're great for ensuring that you can keep your traffic as private as you can, but they aren't the end of the story when it comes to your privacy and security.**

More Resources

I have got a heap of stuff on my podcast about all of these. I encourage you to go and listen to the episodes if you're at all interested in any part of what I've just said.

I also always encourage you to reach out to me and ask questions, ask for help. Come and join my community at CharlyLeetham.com, which is specifically for business owners and interested people who want to get a better handle on their tech, understand their tech a little more without becoming the propeller heads and understanding all the ones and the zeros and all of the bits and pieces that go along with it.

There's so much we can do and understand ourselves before we get down to that level.



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Final Thoughts

Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you for listening to this series. I wanted to just highlight those last little bits about: VPNs aren't the end of it. There's a whole heap more you can be doing to keep yourself secure and safe online.

Thanks guys. If you've got any questions, I'd love to hear from you. Bye!

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But if you want to connect with me, if you want to know more about me, you can visit my website, [AskCharlyLeetham.com](https://askcharlyleetham.com).

You can join my community at [AskCharlyLeetham.locals.com](https://askcharlyleetham.locals.com). It is designed for business owners who want to get a better handle on their tech, understand the tech better without becoming whiz kids and propeller heads and all of that.

There are all of my social - well, some of my social media accounts. I'm also on Rumble. I've got a podcast that goes out every day. If you use the QR code, you will get taken to a page and you'll get all of those links as well.

If you've got any questions, comments, feedback, anything at all, please leave them wherever you're watching or listening to this video. I'd appreciate it if you'd give this series a shout-out. If you give me likes, whatever it is, share it with your friends. Share it with your family.

As I said there, I do have a referral link for NordVPN. It is in the notes for this episode. If you do take a paid plan, you will get some amount free. You'll get extra time tacked on to your term, and I'll get a little bit back as well.

Apart from that, thank you so much for listening. And as I said, if you've got any feedback or questions, I'm here to help you demystify this stuff. See you guys.

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