

The Tor Project

<https://torproject.org/>

What is Tor?

- online anonymity software and network
- open source, freely available
- active research environment
- run by The Tor Project, Inc.

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- United States 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the research and development of tools for online anonymity

Key People

- Roger Dingledine, Project Leader
 - Original developer of Tor; now plays pretty much all the roles to keep everything on track.
- Nick Mathewson, Chief Architect
 - One of the three original designers of Tor; does a lot of the ongoing design work.
- Paul Syverson
 - Inventor of Onion Routing, original designer of Tor along with Roger and Nick.
- More at <https://torproject.org/people>

A large, empty stadium with rows of grey seats curving away from the viewer. The seats are arranged in a semi-circular pattern, and the stadium is completely devoid of people. The lighting is somewhat dim, and the overall tone is blue-grey.

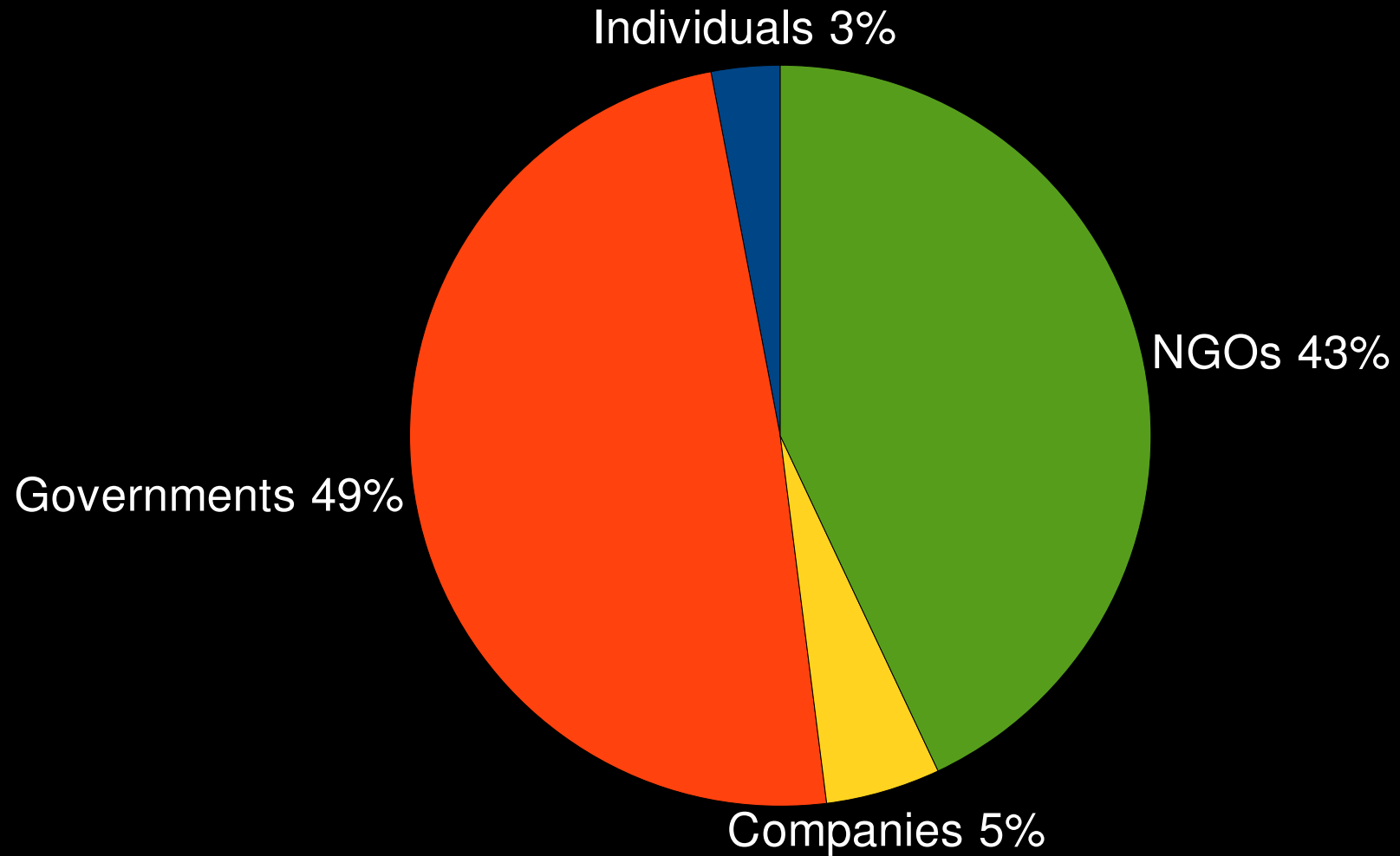
Estimated 300,000
daily Tor users

Who uses Tor?

- Normal people
- Law Enforcement
- Human Rights Activists
- Business Execs
- Militaries
- Abuse Victims
- <https://torproject.org/torusers>



Who funds Tor?



Community

- Active Academic Research
 - Tor-related papers at relevant conferences
 - Leading and fostering anonymity research
- Funding
 - Donations, grants, contracts
- Collaboration with Global Voices, Reporters without Borders, Project Sesawe, Human Rights Watch, Freedom House, KnightPulse, and many others.

3-Year Development Roadmap

- Improve Performance
- Client Safety
- Ease of Use and Understanding
- Core Research & Development

<https://torproject.org/press/> for details

Media Placements

- PBS Frontline
- CBS Evening News
- Forbes
- New York Times
- The Guardian UK
- National Public Radio
- And many more at
<https://torproject.org/tormedia>

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